

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, April 20, 2021**

Topic	Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition
	Call to Order/Roll Call
Morning Workshop Session – Tuesday, April 20, 2022	Chairman David M. Sauter called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter, Jacob L. Anderson, and Dan Christopher.
	Workshop Session Agenda
Public Works/Road Department Update	<p>10:00 AM – Public Works Department Update:</p> <p>Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter, in the Chambers, various county employees and residents via zoom.</p> <p>Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey reported on the small works contract for the Klickitat County Jail Control Equipment Room HVAC Project, noting the importance of the system to prevent overheating.</p> <p>Director Kelsey stated the strippers are having trouble getting their paint and the project is on hold until then, followed by a discussion about the availability of products for the upcoming road projects.</p> <p>Director Kelsey reported on the Courtney Road Safety Project, followed by the east and west end crews projects.</p> <p>An update was given on the construction of the new County Services Building, followed by a discussion of the furniture and layout plans in the staff offices, conference rooms, lobbies, and the Commissioner’s offices.</p> <p>Director Kelsey advised the south Courthouse entrance will be closed starting next week, followed by a report on what entrances will be closed at what time throughout the year, noting the American Disabilities Act entrance will be on the west side of the building through the basement.</p> <p>Director Kelsey advised he will appear in a bench trial next week in the West District Court for a guard rail accident trial.</p> <p>Director Kelsey advised there is an opening for Klickitat County on the Regional Transportation Council Board, the Board will have a discussion and follow up with a recommendation.</p> <p>Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter reported on the Title 12 Standards Committee Meeting being held this Thursday, noting they are starting with the lighter matters in the beginning.</p>
Economic Development/Natural Resource Department Update	<p>10:30 AM -- Department Update/Comment</p> <p>Attendance: Economic Development/Natural Resource Director Dave McClure, Economic Development Specialist Richard Foster, various county employees and residents via zoom.</p>

Economic Development/Natural Resource Director Dave McClure advised of the add-on this afternoon's agenda regarding the Landowner Acknowledgement Form, with an addendum regarding property ownership for the Klickitat Mill property, Parcel No. 04-13-2300-0008/00. Director McClure stated the Mid-Columbia Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group wants to apply for a Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant which involves all property owners signing a form acknowledging awareness of the grant application noting, the County will have until the final grant application deadline of June 28th to resolve the ownership question.

Treasurer Greg Gallagher reported the property has a treasurer's deed from back in December 2000 when the property became tax title; the property has been held in tax title and the County has been doing what they believe is best for the citizens, noting some taxes are due to the districts in the area. Treasurer Gallagher advised of the steps his office has been taken to find the original paperwork and will follow up.

The Board was in support of signing the agreement this afternoon.

Director McClure advised the Department of Ecology is being sued regarding the critical habitat for the monarch butterfly; followed by a brief discussion of endangered species in the area. Natural Resource Specialist Whitney Reynier will follow up with conservation ideas.

An update was given on the Economic Development Department and the tourism funds that can be utilized for smaller events around the County, followed by an update on the small business grants for Klickitat County businesses, Director McClure stated over 400 businesses received funds. Economic Specialist Richard Foster reported on the small business paycheck protection program, noting the businesses that impacted were greatly appreciative.

Specialist Foster reported on business served by area and the number of jobs retained.

Director McClure reported on the business training and workforce training, Specialist Foster reported on businesses who will be utilizing the workforce training.

An airport update followed regarding leases that will be on the consent agenda next week for an Airport Hangar at the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport.

Director McClure reviewed the Goldendale Chamber of Commerce funding contract on this afternoon's consent agenda, noting they are extending the end date, and last year there was an increase of \$10,000 to help get the word out about the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Director McClure provided a brief staff update, followed by Chairman Sauter's inquiry if there is any follow-up on the Glenwood Fire District funding assistance until their levy passes to cover the payment for their tender truck, Specialist Foster will provide a follow-up.

Lunch Recess

The Board recessed for lunch at 11:26 AM.

	Call to Order/Roll Call:
Regular Meeting for Tuesday, April 20, 2021	Chairman Sauter reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM; Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter, Jacob L. Anderson, and Dan Christopher.
	Agenda:
Business Agenda	Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): the Business Agenda with one (1) add-on under new business.
	Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes
Approval of Meeting Minutes	No minutes requiring approval at this time.
	Citizen Comment:
Comments will be limited to seven (7) minutes per individual	<p>County resident Rocil Demmick inquired about the fees that the applicants pay for projects and the appeal fee costs that citizens pay for projects being disputed in Klickitat County; Ms. Demmick expressed interest in the Citizens Advisory Committee, inquiring if there is a committee constructed to oversee the Lund Hill Solar Project and how to go about being appointed to the committee. Ms. Demmick inquired about the Public Hearing's for the State Environmental Policy Act mitigation draft Environmental Impact Study for the Lund Hill Project.</p> <p>Goldendale citizen Kenneth McCune stated the price of lumber will add \$28,000 to the new construction of a house and advised of the newer company called Auscrete Corporation in the Goldendale area owned by John Sprovieri; Mr. Sprovieri manufacturers energy efficient, specialty concrete, site-built affordable housing.</p> <p>Resident Sheri Bousquet requested how the citizens ask the County to update and firm up how the processes work. Chairman Sauter stated many statutes are set out in RCW's and are prescriptive; the Board follows the laws outlined by statute. Ms. Bousquet stated she would like to know the process to change the Conditional Use Permit Application Processes, stating she would like to be involved and have a voice to be able to change the process. Ms. Bousquet thanked the Commissioner's for getting back to her regarding emails sent last week about</p> <p>Snowden Community Council President Roger Gadway discussed SDS's timberland sale and his concern about timber land being sold for development.</p> <p>Greg Wagner, a member of C.E.A.S.E requested follow-up questions about the number of employees that will be employed by the solar farms and the tax revenue that will be generated by the solar farms in Klickitat County.</p> <p>Human Resource Manager KC Sheridan requested and received verbal approval to proceed with the advertising process of a Legal Administrative Assistant in the Clerk's Office.</p> <p>Sheri Bousquet stated she agrees with Mr. Gadway in reviewing the zoning requests in the County.</p>

	Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:
<p>Public Meeting: To consider approval of Short Plat SPL 2020-16, Parcel No. 03-12-0400-0005/00, located in the Appleton vicinity; Applicant: Jason Thompson.</p>	<p>* Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Final approval of Short Plat SPL 2020-16, Parcel No. 03-12-0400-0005/00, located in the Appleton vicinity; Applicant: Jason Thompson.</p> <p>Attendance: Assistant Planner Denice Lee, Associate Planner Lori Anderson in the chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter opened the public meeting to consider approval of Short Plat SPL 2020-16, Parcel No. 03-12-0400-0005/00, and he requested a staff review.</p> <p>Assistant Planner Denice Lee stated that before the Board today is to consider approval of Short Plat SPL 2020-1610; a proposal to create 2 lots from parcel 03-12-0400-0005/00. The proposed short plat is located in the Appleton vicinity.</p> <p>Ms. Lee advised that an administrative review of this short plat has been completed. Signatures have been obtained from the Road, Health, and Planning Departments, and the Treasurer's Office. All conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson requested details regarding the original year of construction, noting there are two homes on the property. Assistant Planner Lee stated the houses predate the 1969 platting ordinance and 1979 zoning ordinance therefore were grandfathered in, noting this brings them into compliance.</p>
<p>Public Meeting: To consider approval of Short Plat SPL 2021-04, Parcel No. 04-16-1100-0013/00, which is located in the Goldendale vicinity; Applicant: Tina Dew.</p>	<p>* Granted (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Final approval of Short Plat SPL 2021-04, parcel No's 04-16-1100-0013/00; granting final approval, Applicant: Tina Dew.</p> <p>Attendance: Assistant Planner Denice Lee, Associate Planner Lori Anderson in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter opened the public meeting to consider approval of Short Plat SPL 2021-04, Parcel Nos. 04-16-1100-0013/00, and requested a staff review.</p> <p>Assistant Planner Denice Lee stated Short Plat No. SPL 2021-04 is a proposal to create 3 lots from parcel 04-16-1100- 0013/00. The proposed Short Plat is located in the Goldendale vicinity.</p> <p>Ms. Lee advised that an administrative review of this short plat has been completed. Signatures have been obtained from the Road, Health, and Planning Departments, and the Treasurer's Office. All conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met.</p>
	Unfinished Business:
<p>Continued/Public Meeting: To consider the Planning Commission's</p>	<p>Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): That the Commissioner's hold a public hearing regarding the rezoning request, the venue location will be discussed and announced.</p>


<p>recommendation of approval of Rezone 2020-01; A rezone of 80 acres from Forest Resource (FR) to General Rural (GR) in the Trout Lake vicinity; Applicant: Dean Enterprises LLC.</p>	<p>Attendance: Associate Planner Lori Anderson in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Associate Planner Lori Anderson stated the information for the Dean Enterprise Rezone Request, ZON-2017-01, which was a proposal to rezone 22.09 acres from Rural Residential 2 and Forest Resource to General Rural and was approved by the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners on August 22, 2017; the Dean Enterprise Rezone ZON 2005-03, which was a proposal to rezone 40 acres from Forest Resource to General Rural (West 20 acres) and Rural Residential 2, (East 20 acres), and was approved by the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners on May 23, 2006; Clayton Ohnemus Inc. Rezone ZON 2017-04, which was a proposal to rezone 22.6 acres from Resource Lands to Rural Residential 2 and was denied by the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners on February 13, 2018, as well the Draft 2010, Trout Lake Comprehensive Plan Update have been provided.</p> <p>Associate Planner Anderson noted there were three (3) comments received for the record.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson stated one of the comments made in the Ohnemus rezone that is relevant to this rezone is, was the criteria for a rezone being met, and was the need for a rezone justified.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter stated rezones are a special circumstance, such as a need, a correction, or a major change in circumstance; noting the sub-area plans need to be updated versus spot zoning changes. Husum / BZ is on the third rezone attempt and litigation has stopped the progression.</p> <p>Commissioner Christopher stated this is considered spot zoning and due to the detriment and fire danger he is opposed to the proposal, noting he would like to have more fire preparation, with roads in and out before he would be able to approve the developments in the remote areas.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter requested Scott Richmond of Dean Enterprises' advice on the fire access into the property.</p> <p>Mr. Richmond stated they have done a shaded fire break on Cheese Cave Road and was advised that fire control is more of a short plat issue versus a rezoning issue. Mr. Richmond stated some roads can be extended and plans to address those concerns in the short plat process.</p> <p>Commissioner Christopher stated they do not take going against the Planning Department's recommendation lightly; a motion followed.</p>
	<p>Miscellaneous Reports/Comments:</p>
<p>Lyle Community Council Chairwomen Julie Larson: Update on the communities efforts to acquire access to</p>	<p>Attendance: Lyle Community Council Chairwoman Julie Larson, Lyle Community Council member Vern Harpole, various county employees, and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Lyle Community Council Chairwoman Julie Larson reported on the functions of the Lyle Community Meetings.</p>

<p>the Lyle Sandbar/River and presentation of a proclamation committing to work with all entities and interest parties to bring this about for the safety and enjoyment of their community and Klickitat County.</p>	<p>Ms. Larson stated a subcommittee was appointed to take on the task of acquiring access to the Lyle Sandbar/River.</p> <p>Lyle Community Council member Vern Harpole reported on the process and entities that are involved in gaining access to the Lyle Sandbar. Mr. Harpole stated this is a two-phase process and the first phase is to propose an emergency pedestrian crosswalk.</p> <p>Mr. Harpole stated he would be requesting the County be a sponsor and get the legislators involved for funding and support.</p> <p>A brief discussion was held regarding tribal involvement. Ms. Larson stated she has reached out to a tribal staff member and he would like to speak more about recreational water users and their activities on the water that impact native fishing; Ms. Larson stated they would be requesting an Economic Impact Study from the Natural Resource/Economic Development Department as well as a Board liaison, Chairman Sauter stated he will be involved with the Committee.</p> <p>Clerk of the Board Lee Snell stated she will formalize the request with a resolution and it will be on the agenda in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>Veterans Advisory Board update</p>	<p>Attendance: Veterans Advisory Board Members Bill Caldwell, Jerry Smith, Cindy Furlong, Frank Hewey in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Veterans Advisory Board Member Bill Caldwell did introductions and provided an overview of each of the members' roles.</p> <p>Mr. Caldwell reported on the meetings and stated the Veterans Boards is to advise indigent veterans and stated the committee held five (5) meetings last year.</p> <p>The Advisory Board thanked the Clerk of the Board, Lee Snell for her service to the Board and the assistance she has provided.</p> <p>The Commissioners thanked the Veteran's Advisory Board for their service and their commitment.</p>
	<p>New Business:</p>
	<p>* Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Landowner Acknowledgement Form, with an addendum regarding property ownership for the Klickitat Mill property, Parcel No. 04-13-2300-0008/00, for the Chairman's signature. The Mid-Columbia Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group wants to apply for a Salmon Recovery Funding Board Grant; all property owners must sign a form acknowledging awareness of the grant application. The County will have until the final grant application deadline of June 28th to resolve the ownership question.</p>
	<p>Consent Agenda:</p>
	<p>* Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): the Consent Agenda with fourteen (14) items. Before the motion, the Board held a brief discussion and</p>

	<p>thanked the volunteer members of the Skamania and Klickitat County Disabilities Board.</p>
*	<p>1) Letter and Resolution No. 04721 in the matter of awarding the bid for designation of the county legal newspaper for advertising of legal notices, delinquent tax lists, and notices pursuant to statute to The Goldendale Sentinel, Goldendale, WA for the contract period of one year, commencing on July 1, 2021, and terminating on June 30, 2022.</p>
*	<p>2) Amendment No. 1 to the Service Agreement (C06921) between Klickitat County (Planning Department) and The Watershed Company for the purpose of amending the scope of services, amending the schedule, and reallocating the sub-phase budgets.</p>
*	<p>3) Resolution No. 04821 in the matter of establishing the County ban on outdoor burning within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County as requested by Klickitat County Fire District #2, #9, and #10. The requested County Burn Ban would be from May 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021, for Klickitat County Burn Ban Zone One.</p>
*	<p>4) Purchase correction from Axon from the Sheriff's Office for the purchase from Close Quarters (CQ) TASER7 to TASER7, to allow the use of both standoff and close-quarter TASER cartridges. The CQ TASER7 will only use Close Quarter cartridges. This change will increase the distance. The TASER7 can reach 25 feet with narrower accuracy. The original total was \$78,973.80 with estimated tax, the new total is an increase of \$5,224.50 for a new total of \$84,198.30.</p>
*	<p>5) 2021, Interlocal Agreement (C07021) for mental and behavioral health support between Klickitat County (Public Health Department) and Public Hospital District No. 2, Skyline Hospital for the purpose of allowing funding for a Behavioral Health Specialist to work with students in Glenwood, Trout Lake, and Klickitat School.</p>
*	<p>6) Agreement (C07121) for Incarceration of City Prisoners between The City of Bingen and Klickitat County (Sheriff's Office) for the purpose of allowing users of the Klickitat County Jail facilities as defined in the agreement for a yearly amount of \$7,000, pursuant to RCW 70.48.130, the County shall provide routine and regular health care checkups on the Contract Agency inmates.</p>
*	<p>7) Resolution No. 04921 in the matter of re-offering certain real property as surplus & sale by public auction. 430 Glenwood Avenue, Lyle WA 98635 did not receive the minimum required bid for the \$79,480; the Treasurer, Prosecuting Attorney, and Sheriff discussed lowering the minimum bid to the assessed land value to allow the auction process to determine the value through competitive bidding.</p>
*	<p>8) Resolution No. 05021 in the matter of loaning Fund 307 Capital Major Projects dollars for the flow during the construction of the Administration Building from Fund 125 Cumulative Reserve. The County has been using a short-term note with Cashmere Valley Bank that will expire in April 2021.</p>
*	<p>9) Solid Waste Management Community Litter Cleanup Program (C07221) Agreement No. SWMCLCP-1921-KICoSW-00002 between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Klickitat County (Solid Waste Department) for the purpose of increasing the matching funds.</p>
*	<p>10) A software purchase request from the Public Health Department for twenty-one (21) licenses; State and Federal agencies require multiple passwords, up to fifteen (15) is an average but with COVID-19 the number of programs has grown. The total purchase price is \$1,625.40, including sales tax.</p>

	<p>* * * *</p>	<p>11) Joint Resolution No. 05121 of the Boards of County Commissioners for Klickitat and Skamania relating to the appointment of board members for three (3) year term beginning April 1, 2021, until April 1, 2024, to the Klickitat – Skamania Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board.</p> <p>12) Small Works Contract (C07321) between All Seasons Heating and Air Conditioning and the Klickitat County (Public Works Department) for the Klickitat County Jail Control Equipment Room HVAC Project 2021, as bid in the amount of \$7,789.06 and authorize the Public Works Director to execute any change orders for this project due to unforeseen conditions up to 10% of the contract (\$778.91) for an aggregate of \$8,567.97, including tax.</p> <p>13) A purchase request from the Auditor's Office for equipment that will provide the ability to view election processes from the Auditor's lobby via video conferencing. The total purchase price is \$11,971.58 of which \$11,000.50 has been provided through the Civic and Tech Life Private Grant.</p> <p>14) Independent Contractors Agreement (C07421) Amendment No. 2 between Klickitat County (Economic Development Department) and the Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce to extend the period of performance from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2021, and increase but not to exceed the budget by \$15,000 to a total of \$40,000.</p>
<p>Pay Estimate</p>	<p>Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): Pay estimate No. 12 to Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company in the amount of \$1,289,974.09; excluding retainage in the amount of \$57,710.43 and including 7.5% sales tax in the amount of \$96,748.06, for a payment amount of \$1,329,011.72, for the County Services Building Project, Contract No. C03120.</p>	
<p>Voucher Certification and Approval</p>	<p>Payment Approvals:</p> <p>* Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Accounts Payable: (#305089 – 305157) \$1,456,425.92 for the date ending April 19, 2021.</p> <p>There were no Payroll warrants requiring approval.</p>	
<p>Prosecuting Attorney's Update</p>	<p>Elected Official Report/Update:</p> <p>Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnell advised that trials are proceeding and a ruling was just announced on the Blake decision that the Washington Supreme Court won't reconsider ruling decriminalizing simple drug possession.</p> <p>Prosecuting Attorney Quesnel reported Ex-officer Derek Chauvin was found guilty of all three charges in the murder of George Floyd. Commissioner Christopher inquired about the staffing level in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and with the backlog of work would the Prosecutor Quesnel need additional staff.</p> <p>An update was given on the court system and the procedures that can accommodate the backlog of trials.</p>	

Issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners	Board Pending: The Board discussed restitution issues that could arise from the Blake decision; Clerk of the Board Lee Snell advised if the Court trials get busy and their budget gets large the Board will be advised of those changes. Chairman Sauter provided a brief update on the Legislative Steering Committee topics, advising of the unfunded mandates and potential litigation that will follow.
Adjournment	Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 PM.
	* Reference Document on File Please Note: The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file BOCC-Meeting 4-20-21.


Approved: David M. Sauter
Chairman of the Board



May 11, 2021
Date