

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

Morning Workshop Session

Chairman Dan Christopher called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners present: Dan Christopher and Lori Zoller. Commissioner Jacob Anderson is absent.

Workshop Session Agenda

10:00 AM – Public Works/Road Department Update

Attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Interim County Engineer Seth Scarola, HR and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Hunter provided an update on consent agenda items.

Interim Engineer Scarola provided an update on the 2023 Construction Programs and Road Designs

Director Hunter provided an update on East and West End Maintenance Projects, upcoming facilities work and events, Oregon Trail Rally, Dallesport Community Center Painting, Maryhill Memorial Hill Climb, Klickitat Mill Site fence and Hand Sanitizer disposal.

Chairman Christopher inquired about the Rally Race reports of speeding and commented on Landfill dollars going towards purchase of Annex 4.

Director Hunter commented on replacing the door motor in the jail sally port.

10:30 AM – Miscellaneous Reports/Comments: Code Compliance Officer Jorge Sendejas

Attendance: Code Compliance Officer Jorge Sendejas, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Officer Sendejas provided an update on the open code cases, closed code cases and the cases that are in the process of coming into compliance. Mr. Sendejas commented on the training that he attended and future training.

KC Sheridan requested and received permission to advertise for a Plans Examiner Steps 1-3, in the Building Department.

10:40 AM – Executive Session

At 10:40 AM Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be convening into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes in regards to the Solid Waste Contract Update, in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) to review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs. At 10:55 AM it was announced that the executive session will be extended for another fifteen (15) minutes. At 11:10 AM it was announced the executive session will be extended for another fifteen (15) minutes. At 11:25 AM it was announced that the executive session will be extended for another five (5) minutes. 11:30 AM it was announced that the executive session will be extended for another five (5) minutes. The Board reconvened from executive session at 11:30 AM. No actions were taken.

Motion (M/Zoller, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously). To recess for lunch at 11:30 AM.

Commissioner's Business Meeting

Chairman Dan Christopher reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Christopher and Commissioner Zoller were present, Commissioner Anderson was in Washington DC and joined via Zoom at 1:02 PM.

Agenda:

Approved (M/Zoller, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Business Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Anderson joined the meeting via Zoom at 1:02 PM.

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Approved (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2023, May 8, 2023 Dallesport Wastewater Public Hearing and May 9, 2023 as presented.

Citizen Comment:

Keith Arndt, resident of Murdock, provided a history about how Resolution No. 01514 came about and commented on the gratitude he has for the County.

Voucher Certification and Payment Approvals:

Approved Warrants (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):

Accounts Payable: (#321917- 321996) ; for a total amount of \$154,575.83.
for the date ending May 22, 2023.

There were no Payroll warrants requiring approval.

Chairman Christopher commented on Commissioner Zoller going to Skagit County to offer a \$1.50 discount for waste removal. A discussion followed.

Passed (M/Zoller, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): to approve the \$1.50 discount for Skagit County in the contract negotiations for solid waste removal.

1:25 PM Consent Agenda:

***Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** The Consent Agenda with nine (9) items.

- 1) *Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant Natural Resources Project Coordinator position at Grade 70, Steps 1-3, with the Natural Resource/Economic Development Department.
- 2) *Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a vacant Clerical Administrative Assistant III position at Grade 36, Steps 1-3, within the Public Health Department.
- 3) *Amendment No. 5 to Agreement C05720 between Klickitat County (Planning Department) and DCG/Watershed (formerly The Watershed Company) (C10723) for the purpose of adding \$15,000 to Task 4, amending the schedule and contact information.
- 4) *Resolution No. 05623 in the matter of establishing outdoor burning restrictions within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County burn ban zone two, effective Monday, June 5, 2023.
- 5) *Request for concurrence to award bid to Olympic Roofing for the Klickitat County Jail Re-Roofing Project as bid in the amount of \$435,375.00 including tax.
- 6) *Local Agency A&E Standard Consultant 2023-2024 Supplemental Agreement (C10823) No. 4 between Klickitat County Public Works and Traho Architects, P.S., to provide on-call Architectural Design Services.

This supplement extends Contract (C06119) from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, allowing Traho to complete work in progress. This contract increases the maximum payable amount from \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

- 7) *Request for concurrence to award bid to Panther Industrial Painting, LLC for the Rock Creek, Old 8 Bridge (No. 311) as bid in the amount of 268,969.
- 8) *Notice of Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 1:30 pm at which time any person may appear and be heard for or against the proposed Franchise Agreement between Klickitat County and Avista Utilities.
- 9) *Small Works Contract (C10923) with Oliver's Floor Covering for the "Klickitat County Annex 4 Floor Covering" to authorize Public Works Director to execute any change orders for this project due to unforeseen conditions up to 10% of the contract (\$3,664.96) for an aggregate of \$40,314.51.

Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:

Public Meeting: To consider approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2023-02, Parcel No's 02-13-1665-0001/00 and 02-13-1652-0002/00 in the Murdock/Dallesport vicinity; Applicants: McDermott Family Trust & Odom Family Trust.

Assistant Planner Rebecca Hail read the staff report for BLA2023-02 and stated that all conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): to approve BLA2023-02

Public Meeting: To consider approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2022-16, Parcel No's 03-12-0609-0702/00 and 03-12-0613-1503/00 in the Lyle vicinity; Applicant: Debra Stenberg.

Assistant Planner Rebecca Hail read the staff report for BLA2022-16 and stated that all conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met.

Passed (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): to approve BLA2022-16

Public Meeting: To consider approval of Short Plat No. SPL2022-26, Parcel No. 05-15-3100-0004/00 in the Goldendale vicinity; Applicants Sheriley and James Pence.

Assistant Planner Rebecca Hail read the staff report for SPL2022-26 and stated that all conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met.

Passed (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): to approve SPL2022-26

HR Manager KC Sheridan requested and received verbal approval to post internally for the Public Health Environmental Health Technician.

New Business:

Washington Gorge Action Programs Executive Director Leslie Naramore: Request for a supplemental budget and contract amendment in support of the Youth Center.

Director Naramore explained what the White Salmon Youth Center provides and stated that they received funding in the amount of \$16,660 and requested if they could receive additional funding in hopes of achieving a total of \$20,000 or if there was any additional funding available.

The Board discussed the cumulative reserve fund and budget reduction.

Director Naramore commented on the different funding that the Youth Center receives.

A discussion followed in regards to funding and the budget. The Board agreed to postpone discussion to a workshop to consult with Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil.

Ms. Naramore provided an update on the Klickitat County Childcare Committee.

Miscellaneous Reports:

Mid-Columbia Housing Authority/Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation Executive Director Joel Madsen: Assisted Living update.

Director Joel Madsen provided an update on the status of the Assisted Living Facility project.

A discussion followed in regards to congressionally directed spending and funding.

Associate Planner Lori Anderson gave a brief history of the Conditional Use Permit and either having to amend the Conditional Use Permit or start a new one.

Senior Services Director Sharon Carter inquired if Mr. Madsen could do a news article stating that funding is still needed.

(2:36 PM) Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was recessed until 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 25, 2023 for a Town Hall Meeting.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Christopher convened the town hall style meeting at 11:00 AM. All three (3) Commissioners were present. Workshop attendance: Public Health Director Erinn Quinn, Behavioral Health Consultant Chris De Villeneuve, Emergency Management Director Jeff King, HR Manager KC Sheridan, Chief Probation Officer Courtney Cooke, KVH CEO Leslie Hiebert, Skyline CEO Robb Kimmes, Northshore Medical Group Administrator Cindy Robertson, Danial Smith from Community Health of Washington, Social Worker Reed Christianson, Mental Healthcare providers Amber Jackson, Luann Whitmer and James Tuning, Retired Dr. Vern Harpole, Kay Alton from Culture Seed, Darlene Williamson, various elected officials, healthcare providers, employees and members of the public in person and on Zoom.

Town hall style meeting for the purpose of discussing and talking questions about Comprehensive Health leaving Klickitat County.

The Board held a meeting to discuss and help answer questions regarding Comprehensive Health leaving the County. Public Health Director Erinn Quinn provided a brief overview of the creation and implementation of the County's Behavioral Health Program, which began last November. Director Quinn noted that the program has had 111 clients in crisis since November. Behavioral Health Consultant Chris De Villeneuve explained the process of patient assessments, referrals, transportation and laws in Washington State that determine how patients are treated. Mr. De Villeneuve indicated that the County is still in the development process and will not see patients in office until the remodel has been completed.

Patient family member Darlene Williamson expressed concerns that no one has been helping, there is no follow up after patients are released. Mr. De Villeneuve addressed Ms. Williamson's concerns, indicating that there are challenges getting access to care and it is going to take time. Mr. De Villeneuve stated their goal is to get urgent care up and running, which should be available this fall. Patients should be able to access treatment within 30 minutes.

Discussion followed regarding funding needed to recruit and retain qualified behavioral healthcare providers. Several people commented on the importance of having good providers, providing follow-up care and the need to improve children's mental health services, which has been lacking. Several healthcare professionals praised the County for stepping up and developing a Behavioral Health program.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously). To recess for lunch at 12:02 PM.

Workshop Session Agenda:

Chairman Christopher convened the workshop session at 1:15 PM. All three (3) Commissioners were present. Workshop Attendance: Natural Resource/Economic Development Director McClure, Aspect Consulting CEO Tim Flynn and Senior Associate Data Scientist/Operations Mike Scrafford, Director of Ecology's Office of Columbia River Tom Tebb, Benton County Sustainable Development Manager Adam Fyall, Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad, Building Director Lynn Ward, Economic Development Specialist Richard Foster,

Switzler Reservoir Water Storage Project Update:

Director Tebb advised that Ecology's Office of Columbia River (OCR) has been responsible for providing grant funding for various water projects on the Columbia River and he provided an overview of legislative mandates that OCR is required to follow. Director Tebb also provided a map of completed and ongoing projects on the Columbia River.

Director McClure noted that Klickitat County, Benton County, and the Department of Ecology's Office of the Columbia River have been partners in the project for the last 20 years. The project would create new economic opportunities from mitigated water right permits on the Columbia River and would create a sustainable water supply. Director McClure confirmed that no County funds, other than staff time have been used to fund the project.

Mr. Flynn stated that the Switzler Canyon (Reservoir) would have a peak storage capacity of approximately 44,000 acre-feet. Water would be delivered to the Reservoir from the Columbia River during periods when water is available, which is limited during dry water years and some months during average water years. Water would be released from the Reservoir as mitigation to offset new water uses during periods when new water use is otherwise not available in the Columbia River because of low flows. The Reservoir would occupy the majority of Switzler Canyon, within the McNary Dam pool in Benton County.

Senior Associate Data Scientist/Operations Mike Scrafford indicated the project may not be constructed for another 10 or 20 years and the estimated project cost is between \$400,000,000-500,000,000 million dollars. This project would make available meaningful volumes of water for instream and out-of-stream uses in the McNary Dam Pool on the Columbia River, both upstream and downstream of the Reservoir. The estimated capacity of the Reservoir would be 31,000 to 44,000 acre-feet of new water for both instream and out-of-stream uses.

Mr. Scrafford explained the economic evaluation of the project and SEPA scoping process to evaluate the environmental impacts. Further discussion and questions followed.

Discussion and review of proposed amendments to Klickitat County Code Title 15 & 16:

Building Director Ward advised that she received an emergency notice from the State Building Code Council (SBCC) regarding a delay in adoption of the 2021 codes for 120 days, which will push out the County's adoption of all building codes until after October 29th. Director Ward indicated the delay was partly due to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals' decision in California Restaurant Association v. City of Berkeley concerning the City's ban on new natural gas hookups in buildings.

Director Ward provided a brief overview of some of the proposed code updates in Title 15, which will address industrial solar and cover storage and battery handling. The language in Title 16 was made more clear and easier to understand. Discussion followed regarding other proposed changes which would add considerable costs to building new homes.

Board follow up and pending issues discussions:

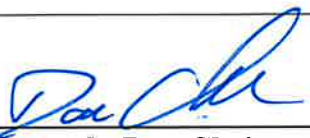
The Board had a discussion regarding the travel policy, requirements for preauthorization, and reimbursement.

At 2:36 PM Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) to review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs.

At 2:51 PM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. Chairman Christopher reconvened the regular meeting at 2:56 PM.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:57 PM.

*Reference Document on File. The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file 05-23-2023 BoCC Zoom meeting. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend. Meetings are recorded, Workshops are NOT recorded.



Approved: Dan Christopher
Chairman of the Board



6.6.2023

Date