

**Klickitat County  
Board of Commissioners  
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, May 30, 2023**

**Morning Workshop Session**

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

**Workshop Session Agenda**

**10:00 AM – Public Works/Road Department Update**

Attendance: Interim Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, 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, the 2023 Road Construction program and road design, maintenance projects and upcoming facilities work and events. Director Hunter commented on the Show and Tell at Trout Lake School, the Ekone Park Grant, the Alley in Klickitat (Durkee Rd), and provided an EFSEC follow-up. A discussion followed in regards to EFSEC.

**10:25 AM – Emergency Management Department Update**

Attendance: Emergency Management Director Jeff King, Chief of Operations Filiberto Ontiveros, Interim Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Director King provided an update on Consent Agenda items and Public Safety radio systems and projects.

Chief of Operations Ontiveros provided an update on 911 call taking & Public Safety radio dispatching.

Director King provided an update on the Emergency Management Program, the Klickitat County Outdoor Burn Ban zone dates and the All-hazards small Unmanned Aerial System (sUAS) team.

Chief of Operations Ontiveros announced that the June Employee of the month is Communications Officer, Melina Geary.

**11:00 AM -**

Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session with Steve DiJulio in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (1)(d) for twenty (20) minutes to review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs. Issues of a “general” nature will be discussed in open session. It was announced at 11:20 AM that the executive session would be extended ten (10) minutes. The Board reconvened from executive session at 11:30 AM. No actions were taken.

**Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. 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. All three (3) Commissioners were present.

**Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes**

**Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2023 as presented.

**Citizen Comment:**

Attendance: Lyle resident Paul Letterer, Goldendale resident Kathy Moco and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom  
Paul Letterer, resident of Lyle, commented on subdivisions and water consumption.

Sheri Bousquet, resident of Husum, commenting on the Planning Commissioner meeting and the moratorium on large scale solar ordinances.

Kathy Moco, resident of Goldendale, commented on the Memorial Day celebration at the Centerville and Goldendale Cemeteries and the Stonehenge Memorial.

Chairman Christopher responded to comments from Mr. Letterer, Ms. Bousquet and Ms. Moco.

Commissioner Zoller responded to comments from Mr. Letterer, Ms. Moco and Ms. Bousquet.

Commissioner Anderson responded to comments from Mr. Letterer, Ms. Bousquet and Ms. Moco.

Lisa Evans, resident of White Salmon, commented about candidate filing week and that the three governor candidates will be at the Society Hotel on Saturday.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Approved (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with 4 items.

- 1) Letter concurring with the Klickitat County Emergency Medical Services District's nomination of Charles C. Virts to Director Position No. 5, representing District No. 1.
- 2) Amendment No. 1 to the Consolidated Operation grant agreement PTD0264-01 between Washington State Department of Transportation and Klickitat County Senior Services agreement to increase funding from WSDOT by \$86,460 for the Dial-a-ride service for the 2021-2023 biennium.
- 3) Department of Social and Health Services and Klickitat County Agreement on General Terms and Conditions for work to be performed under any program between the County and DSHS for the period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2029.
- 4) 2022 Title VI, Non-Discrimination Accomplishments and Goals Report, Letter of Intent and Standard Assurances. Recipients of WSDOT federal funding must submit a Title VI, Non-Discrimination Accomplishments and Goals Report identifying changes and actions taken to comply with federal regulations. The report must include a Letter of Intent to Comply with WSDOT Title VI Plan and annual submittal of the Title VI Standard Non-Discrimination Assurances signed by the Chairman of the Board.

**Voucher Certification and Payment Approvals:**

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

Accounts Payable: (#322034 - 322108; for a net of \$217,826.32.

Payroll Warrants: (#237942 –238206), County Benefit Warrants #321997 – 322005, Electronic Transfer #1000, of \$1,132,031.88.

For a combined total of \$1,349,858.20 for the date ending May 30, 2023.

Chairman Christopher commented on the Coroner position being elected or appointed.

**Department Report/Update: Natural Resources/Economic Development Department update.**

Attendance: Natural Resources/Economic Development Director Dave McClure, Economic Development Specialist Richard Foster, Lorena Lowell and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Lorena Lowell with the Washington Small Business Development Center provided a brief review on the Goldendale Chamber of Commerce outreach, workshops and active clients.

Economic Development Specialist Richard Foster provided an update on the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport loan packet, MCEDD, Workforce Development, the Klickitat County Childcare Committee meetings, the Job Fair, Broadband, the Klickitat Mill Site and affordable housing issues. Richard explained that the City of Bingen is pursuing a CERB Loan/grant for their water project and they are requesting a letter of support from the County.

Director Dave McClure provided an update on Affordable Housing Funding and Programs for Peaceful Living. Director McClure provided an update on Economic Development projects and Natural Resource grant programs and projects. The Board discussed using Butler Creek for an instream water storage project.

Commissioner Anderson thanked Director McClure for his 16 years of dedicated service to the County.

**Unfinished Business:**

2:26 PM – Chief Probation Officer Courtney Cooke and the Board continued the discussion in regards to making the Litter Crew Supervisor a full time position with additional job duties. Commissioner Zoller and Commissioner Anderson gave verbal approval to change the job classification and add the additional 5 hours to the Litter Crew Supervisor position.

HR Director Rob Van Cleave reminded everyone about Marty Hudson’s retirement.

3:00 PM - Continuance of Public Hearing/Continued/Closed to further public comment to reconsider approval of Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and Shoreline Conditional Use Permit No. SH2022-03; Pitt Site Trailhead project. Associate Planner Denice Lee provided a brief update on the proposal conditions that have been added. The Board continued their discussion on the conditions of the project. Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad explained that once a Board decision has been made, the final decision will be made by the Department of Ecology. A discussion followed in regards to adding conditions for a Traffic Study and a Crosswalk. Associate Planner Denice Lee updated the conditions and presented them to the Board. Chairman Christopher confirmed that he signed SH2022-03 with conditions.

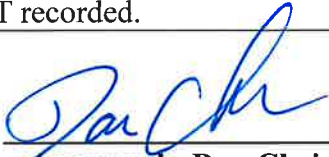
Commissioner Anderson informed the Board that he will be meeting with Shane Milbourn to discuss the Broadband Internet Access project and provided an update on his trip to Washington DC and the Oregon Legislature issues.

Motion to Adjourn (M/Anderson, S/Zoller.) The Board discussed making a motion to announce that more than one commissioner may be attending the Lincoln Day Dinner.

**Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** A Friendly Amendment noting that two or more of the Commissioners may be present at the Lincoln Day Dinner.

**(3:36 PM) Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. There is no scheduled workshop on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

\*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 05-30-2023 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



6-13-2023

Date