

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, August 10, 2021**

Topic	Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition
	Call to Order/Roll Call
Morning Workshop Session – Tuesday, August 10, 2021	Chairman David M. Sauter called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter and Jacob L. Anderson. Dan Christopher was away.
	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, Department of Emergency Management Director Jeff King in the Chambers, various county employees and residents via zoom.</p> <p>Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey reported on the Annual Striping Contract; the Old Mountain Road re-construction; the grant-funded Edge Lines; grant-funded Signs and Guideposts; the West Darland Road Paving Project; the Roosevelt Grade Road Paving Project, followed by a report on the Courtney Road Safety Project.</p> <p>Director Kelsey reported the new Klickitat County Service Building is approximately 85% paid off; the alley work on Court Street continues with forming curbs, gutters, sidewalks, building subgrade, and excavation for concrete gutter in the alley. Director Kelsey stated the some of the floorings have been installed with the remaining floor delayed until more of the trade work is complete.</p> <p>Director Kelsey reported they will continue to relocated Annex 5 after the Klickitat County Fair is over, and the City staff are preparing the County’s request to vacate a portion of South Grant Street for the City Council’s consideration and vote.</p> <p>Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter reported the east entrance to the Courthouse is open now and the south entrance is closed for demolition, followed by a report on the Satus Pass Radio site.</p> <p>Director Kelsey reported he is repairing the sinkholes in the Pioneer Center Parking Lot and he will continue to look into the structure of the lot, followed by a report on the Cooling units at the Pioneer Center and the East District Court Room in Goldendale.</p> <p>A report was given on the upcoming Title 12 Standard meeting and the Hood River Bridge replacement meeting Director Kelsey attended yesterday.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson requested and received an update on the lease agreement for the Satus Pass Radio Site from Deputy Director Hunter, followed by a brief discussion regarding repainting the Pioneer Center.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter advised the citizens in the Murdock area are requesting some speed limits in the area be reduced</p>

<p>Emergency Management Department Update</p>	<p>10:30 AM - Department Update/Report</p> <p>Attendance: Emergency Management Director Jeff King, Human Resources/Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Human Resource Manager KC Sheridan, Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via zoom.</p> <p>Emergency Management Director Jeff King updated the Board on performance functionality and failures of the radio system and upcoming scheduled maintenance, followed by an update on the Radio Site Leases.</p> <p>DEM Director King reported on the Klickitat site upgrades; the 9-1-1 Call taking and Public Safety Radio Dispatching for June 2021. DEM Director King requested and received verbal approval to advertise for a full-time Communication Officer.</p> <p>DEM Director King reported on training/operations; Mass Casualty Incident Plan Project; the Klickitat County Fire District Use Agreement Renewals; the deactivation of the Klickitat County Emergency Operations Center has returned to Level III – Monitoring, noting the County and the Cities have rescinded their declarations of emergency.</p> <p>DEM Director King reported on the wildfires in the area, noting the lightning storm we had on August 5, which started 11 confirmed wildfires.</p> <p>DEM Director King stated the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System and staff training is on hold till a new Emergency Management Program Coordinator is onboard, noting an employee has started in the position last week.</p>
<p>Lunch Recess</p>	<p>The Board recessed for lunch at 11:02 AM.</p>
	<p>Call to Order/Roll Call:</p>
<p>Regular Meeting for Tuesday, August 10, 2021</p>	<p>Chairman Sauter reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman David M. Sauter and Commissioner Jacob Anderson were present. Commissioner Dan Christopher was away.</p>
	<p>Agenda:</p>
<p>Business Agenda</p>	<p>Approved (M/Anderson, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously): The Business Agenda as presented.</p>
	<p>Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes</p>
<p>Approval of Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>* Approved (M/Anderson, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously): the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for August 03, 2021, as presented.</p>
	<p>Citizen Comment:</p>
<p>Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per individual</p>	<p>Goldendale resident Cynthia Arndt requested information regarding the hotel leasing and rapid housing assistance grant, inquiring how this program is different than the previous homeless programs that are available. Chairman Sauter advised there will be a discussion later in the afternoon about this grant. Ms. Arndt stated her concern with the program reaching out to outside people that are not citizens of the County to fill the available rooms</p>

Resident Gabrielle Gilbert stated she had an outstanding experience traveling through the Mt. Adams Transportation system and requested the Commissioner's increase the transportation budget for Klickitat County, noting the Senior Service Center and the Transportation Services are valuable resources.

Goldendale resident Victor Baca addressed the rapid rehousing grant and inquired if there will be an outreach done to allow the homeless population to know about these services. Mr. Baca also inquired about the security for the residents at a hotel if there are to be mixed populations of people using the service.

Lynn Mason stated liked having the 7 minute comment time and reducing the time reduces the input of the citizens.

Chairman Sauter stated it is very important for citizens to have access to the Board and by lessening the time it allows more citizens to speak, by allowing 7 minutes it only allowed 3 citizens. Chairman Sauter stated as time allows the Board will discuss adding a second comment period, noting he is open to find balance and stay accessible to the citizens.

Rociel Demmick inquired about how to learn about the State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council Process and inquired if there will be a public hearing process similar to the County? Ms. Demmick stated who will be the point of contact for inquiries about the solar projects, stating several of the residents were not on the site map that the solar project company presented last week. Ms. Demmick inquired what the barrier is between getting the daycare into Klickitat County, is it the daycare facility site?

Chairman Sauter stated he will provide Ms. Demmick with the daycare information that was provided by the Klickitat County daycare committee.

White Salmon resident Lisa Evans stated she believed the School Boards were in charge of not enforcing the mask mandate, Commissioner Anderson provided information to her prior to the meeting regarding the State's Superintendent of Public Instruction that no School Boards are allowed to decide to enforce masks or not; the school will not receive any State or Federal funding when not enforcing the mask mandates. Ms. Evans inquired if the commissioners believe this is an overreach of the state's power into the County?

Commissioner Anderson stated the County is a subdivision of the State and it is the legislature that vests the specific powers that the county operates within.

Shari Bousquet inquired if the Commissioners have viewed the Under-Canvass Hearing video, the Commissioner's stated they have not. Ms. Bousquet advised the Commissioners to watch the video. Ms. Bousquet reviewed the County employees' responses, as well as the requirements that Ms. Bousquet stated, were not being followed.

Delmer Eldred from Goldendale stated that the Under-Canvass project should be reviewed, Mr. Eldred stated the project is for people who live in a city to come and unwind. Mr. Eldred requested the Commissioner's host town hall meetings. Mr. Eldred expressed his concern with the solar projects in the area.

	<p>The Board advised they do host town hall meetings for topics that are currently happening in the County.</p>
	<p>Unfinished Business:</p>
<p>Verbal approval to move the Code Compliance Officer position from the Building Inspection and Code Compliance Department to be a standalone department directly under the Board of Commissioners</p>	<p>Attendance: Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley, Human Resource Manager KC Sheridan, four (4) members of the public in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via zoom.</p> <p>Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave reviewed the new job description written for the Code Compliance Officer, noting the changes to the job description made by the Commissioners, followed by a request and verbal approval to proceed with the submission of the required paperwork for approval on next weeks Consent Agenda.</p> <p>Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley reported on changes in the Building Department’s budget as the result of moving the Code Compliance Officer into the Commissioner’s Office.</p> <p>Director Van Cleave requested and received permission to proceed with advertising the Long Range Planner position with the advertising company Prothman.</p>
<p>Follow-up discussion regarding the Hotel Leasing and Rapid Re-Housing Funding Opportunity through the Department of Commerce.</p>	<p>Attendance: Human Resource Manager KC Sheridan, four (4) residents in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via zoom.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson reported on last week's discussion regarding the Hotel Leasing and Rapid Re-Housing Funding Opportunity.</p> <p>An inquiry was asked regarding what is the homeless population in Klickitat County, followed by actual statistics provided by Public Health Director Erinn Quinn.</p> <p>Approved (M/Anderson, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously): to opt-out of receiving the Hotel Leasing and Rapid Re-Housing Funding Opportunity through the Department of Commerce, moving the funds to the Washington Gorge Action Programs.</p>
	<p>Consent Agenda:</p>
	<p>Approved (M/Anderson, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously): the Consent Agenda with four (4) items.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1) Personnel Authorization to advertise for a Chief of Operations and 9-1-1 Coordinator position at Grade 69, Steps 1-5, depending on qualifications within the Department of Emergency Management. * 2) Contract (C16021) between Geo-Comm, Inc. and Klickitat County (Department of Emergency Management) for the purpose of Geo-Comm, Inc developing an Address Point Layer for the Department of Emergency’s mapping system as required by the State Military 9-1-1 Grant to be completed by FY22; at the cost of \$4,934.25 which is reimbursable under the State Military 9-1-1 Grant. * 3) Memorandum from the Planning Department scheduling a public meeting to be held Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 1:30 PM, to consider approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA 2021-03, Parcel No.’s 03-12-0353-0020/00 and 03-12-0353-0021/00 within the Lyle vicinity. Applicant: Clare Higgins. <p>And</p>

	<p>Memorandum from the Planning Department scheduling a public meeting to be held Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 1:30 PM, to consider approval of Short Plat SPL 2020-14, Parcel No. 03-13-2800-0002/00 within the High Prairie vicinity. Applicants: Robin and Jody Rains.</p> <p>And</p> <p>Memorandum from the Planning Department scheduling a public meeting to be held Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 1:30 PM, to consider approval of Short Plat SPL 2020-21, Parcel No. 05-15-2500-0009/00 within the Goldendale vicinity. Applicants: Judith Lackstrom/Carl and Karen Conroy.</p> <p>* 4) Resolution No. 08421 in the matter of reappointing Scott Andrews to the Klickitat County Water Conservancy Board to serve an additional six (6) year term, effective August 1, 2021, and expiring August 1, 2027.</p>
	<p>Payment Approvals:</p>
<p>Voucher Certification and Approval</p>	<p>* Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously):</p> <p>Accounts Payable: (#307631 - 307698) for a net of \$202,317.89.</p> <p>Approved Warrants (M/Anderson, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously):</p> <p>Payroll Warrants: (#221886 – 222175), Combined Payroll, (#307699 – 307708), Electronic Transfer (#935), \$778,952.42.</p> <p>For a combined total of \$981,270.31, for the date ending August 9, 2021.</p>
<p>Public Health Director Erinn Quinn will be joining the meeting via Zoom to provide a brief update on COVID-19</p>	<p>Attendance: Public Health Director Erinn Quinn Human Resources & Administrative, Services Director Robb Van Cleave, four (4) citizens in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via zoom.</p> <p>Public Health Director Erinn Quinn reported on the vaccination statistics in Klickitat County for COVID-19; the number of cases, and the testing facilities available in the area.</p> <p>Director Quinn reported on the changes to the re-opening plan for Washington State made by Governor Inslee’s press release yesterday.</p> <p>Director Quinn stated she has a concern with the rescinding of the COVID-19 Emergency Resolution regarding the Families First Coronavirus Response Act because some employees may need to still be home with their sick family members.</p>
	<p>Board Pending:</p>
<p>Issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners</p>	<p>Chairman Sauter reopened the Public Comment period, no one was present to speak, Public Comment was closed.</p> <p>HR Manager KC Sheridan requested and received verbal approval to proceed with the advertisement process for a Litter Crew Supervisor in the Solid Waste Department.</p> <p>Clerk of the Board Lee Snell reported there will be WIFI and a Public Announcement System in Glenwood for the Tract D, Town Hall Meeting next week.</p>

Adjournment	Approved (M/Anderson, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:14 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 online labeled Board of County Commissioner's Meeting 8.10.2021.



Approved: David M. Sauter
Chairman of the Board



August 24, 2021
Date