



## BOARD OF KLICKITAT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Minutes of:  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023

### Morning Workshop Session

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners met in regular session on October 24, 2023 beginning at 9:00 AM in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers at the Klickitat County Services Building, 115 W Court St. Goldendale, Washington 98620. Chairman Dan Christopher, Commissioner Lori Zoller and Commissioner Jacob Anderson were present, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 9:00 AM Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2023 as presented.

#### Approval of Agenda

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** The Business Agenda was approved and amended as follows: Five (5) add-ons
  1. *Discussion of the Planning Department advertisement with Prothman*
  2. *EFSEC reimbursement contract discussion*
  3. *Executive Session regarding Solid Waste Contract negotiations.*

#### Public Comments

- WAGAP Director, Leslie Naramore, current homeless situation
- Gabrielle Gilbert, carry over vacation hours, WAGAP, Flock Cameras, Employee House Rentals
- Becky Miles, Flock Cameras

#### Consent Agenda:

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** with Eight (8) items- Pulling item #1 Interlocal Agreement between the City of Goldendale and Klickitat County for District Court Services for further discussion

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- ~~1. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Goldendale and Klickitat County for District Court Services. The City of Goldendale has historically paid its pro rata share of the Judge's~~

~~salary and benefits and the County is requesting that the pro rata share be expanded to include the salary and benefits of the Judge, East District Court personnel and operating expenses.~~

2. **Resolution No. 10623** in the matter of appointing James Smith to the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Board. The appointment shall be to an unexpired three (3) year term, expiring December 31, 2026.

#### **Fiscal Services**

3. **Resolution No. 10723** in the matter of setting a Public Hearing to consider a Supplemental Budget for the 2023 Annual Budget to be held November 7, 2023 at 1:00 in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

#### **Public Works**

4. Settlement Agreements C19923 and C19923-1 between Klickitat County Public Works and Beeks Ranches Inc. for the right of way for the purpose of reconstructing Sundale Road from MP 0.00 to 3.54 and Old Hwy 8 from MP 5.80 to MP 6.39.
5. Memorandum from Public Works for the request to exceed individuals' maximum number of vacation hours carried over past the January 1, 2024 deadline and use the excess leave hours by June 30, 2024.
6. Final Acceptance and release Contract Bond between Klickitat County Public Works and Interstate Concrete & Asphalt Co., dba American Rock Products. This contract provided for the improvement of Roosevelt Grade Road.
7. **Resolution No. 10823** in the matter of the Adoption of the 2024 Annual Road Construction Program. The 2024 Annual Construction Program is set once the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program is adopted.
8. **Resolution No. 10923** in the matter of the Adoption of the Six Year Road Transportation Program for the years 2024-2029. The Board of County Commissioners with the advice and assistance of the Public Works Director and pursuant to public hearings held October 17, 2023 deemed that the program as presented was in the best interest of Klickitat County.

#### **Solid Waste**

9. Agreement C19823 between Klickitat County Solid Waste and Rebecca Wahlstrom, for the purpose of establishing a pilot program for the special collection of hard to recycle materials as funded by the Washington State Department of Ecology Waste Contamination reduction agreement.

#### **Payroll Warrant Certification and Payment Approvals**

- **Approved Warrants (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):**  
Accounts Payable: (#325463 – 325573) for a net of \$451,388.35.  
There were no Payroll warrants requiring approval.

#### **ADD-ON No. 1:**

Human Resources and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave updated the Board on the Prothman advertisement for the Planning Department Director.

#### **9:26 Miscellaneous Reports/Comments**

Attendance: Auditor Heather Jobe, Human Resources and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Fiscal Services Manager Jenn Neil, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Fiscal Services Manager Jenn Neil gave a staff update on the Fiscal Strategic Planning

- Manager Neil requested and received approval from Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Zoller to move funds to help with the recent change in the budget. Commissioner Christopher stated he was against this action.
- Manager Neil requested and received unanimous consensus from the Board to organize a strategic team and meet with Klickitat County offices to discuss efficiency and challenges.

Chairman Christopher updated the Board on the Union meeting he attended along with the Sheriff's Office, White Salmon and Goldendale Police Departments and Emergency Management.

Discussion of the pulled item No. one (1) from the Consent Agenda regarding the Interlocal Agreement between the Cities and Klickitat County for District Court Services. Commissioner Zoller agreed to negotiate with the Cities.

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

Attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, County Engineer Seth Scarola, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Public Works Director Jeff Hunter and County Engineer Seth Scarola provided a Staff update on:

- The Continuation of the Public Hearing Consent Agenda items, Construction Program and Road Design, West and East end maintenance projects, upcoming facilities work, and scheduled events at the Fairgrounds.
- Discussion of purchasing a 2-year extended warranty for a loader.

#### **Payment Approvals/Pay Estimates/Change Orders:**

Approval of Pay Estimate #2 for the 2023 Annual Stripping Program in the amount of \$76,220.50. Bids were publicly opened on January 31, 2024. Stripe Rite was the lowest responsive bidder. This project is included on the 2023 Annual maintenance Program and Road Fund Budget.

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously)** approval of Pay Estimate #2

The Board had a discussion of the possibilities of another Youth Center in Klickitat County.

#### **10:30 AM Department Presentation/Sheriff's Department**

Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Deputy Tim Neher, Chief Loren Culp, Mike Gibbons, Kristin McLeod, Undersheriff Karmen Knopes, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Undersheriff Knopes introduced Flock Safety representatives Mike Gibbons and Kirsten MacLoed to the Board.

- Presentation of the Flock Safety PowerPoint
- Discussion regarding Flock Cameras throughout Klickitat County.

### **11:15 AM Department Update/Sheriff's Department**

Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Deputy Tim Neher, Flock Safety representatives, Mike Gibbons and Kristin McLeod, Undersheriff Karmen Knopes, Chief Civil Deputy, Chief Jail Deputy Loren Culp, Karen Elings and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Sheriff Bob Songer gave a staff update on:

- Total calls for service from January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, Posse Scouts meeting and fundraiser, Faith and Blue community event.

Undersheriff Karmen Knopes gave a staff update on:

- KCSO incidents responded to, Faith and Blue event, Canine Liability 260 seminar, Washington State Sheriff's Association, Peer Support team, Wellness App., Goldendale and Bingen City council meetings, Posse Scout program, Range-Timber Deputy, and Deputies Defensive Tactics training.

Chief Jail Deputy Loren Culp gave a staff update on:

- The transformation of the former deputy's breakroom, background checks of the new Corrections and Panel Officers, prison and mental health transfers, and jail staff.

Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings gave a staff update on:

- The 2024 Budget, and supplemental, Carelon Contract, Goldendale and White Salmon city contracts, Grants, Parks and Rec, Civil division, 2023 LEIRA Training Conference, Body Camera videos, and the active tracking of the sex offenders in Klickitat County, Range-Timber program, body worn cameras, K-9 program, Marine program, Posse program and fraud.

### **12:01 AM Recess for Lunch**

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously).** To recess for lunch at 12:01 AM.

The Board of Klickitat County Commissioners Business Meeting reconvened at 1:00 PM, all three Commissioners were present.

### **1:00 PM Citizen Comment:**

- Brenda Kinder, email to the Board

### **1:05 PM Department Update/Planning Department**

Attendance: Associate Lead Planner Lori Anderson and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Associate Lead Planner Lori Anderson provided a staff update on:

- Planning Commission, Planning Commissioner workshop on Critical Areas Ordinance, Planning Department Director, Under Canvas, Bluebird Solar, year-end plat filings and the Assessor “Freeze”, and hiring an Interim Planning Director.

The Board came to a consensus to get a Prosecuting Attorney opinion regarding the process of hiring an Interim Planning Department Director.

### **1:35 PM Public Hearings/Public Meeting/Bid Opening**

**Public Meeting:** Associate Planner Rebecca Hail provided a staff update to consider approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2023-03, Parcel Nos. 04-17-0600-0002/00 and 05-17-3162-0001/00 off Woodland Rd. Applicant David Robinson & 3 Point Landing, LLC

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** approval of BLA2023-03

**Public Hearing:** Public Works Director Jeff Hunter provided a staff update to consider approval of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

- **Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** approval of the 2024 Annual Construction Program and the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

### **1:45 PM Unfinished Business**

- Chairman Christopher and Commissioner Zoller agreed to open the sealed bid for the Public Defender Contract. Commissioner Anderson opposed to opening. The Board will meet with the Public Defenders to discuss the proposed contract.
- Discussion of hiring an outside negotiation contractor to help with the negotiations Republic Services tipping fees.

Director Robb Van Cleave updated the Board on the scheduled interviews for the Natural Resource Director.

### **2:00 PM Add-on No. 2:**

- Discussion of the EFESC contract negotiations

### **ADD-ON NO. 3- 2:10 PM Executive Session**

Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session for twenty (20) minutes for the discussion of the Republic Service Solid Waste Contract Negotiations 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, Issues of a general” nature will be discussed in open session. It was announced at 2:31 PM that the executive session would be extended twenty (20) minutes. It was announced at 2:51 PM that the executive session would be extended ten (10) minutes. The Board reconvened from executive session at 3:01 PM no actions were taken.

The Board came to a unanimous consensus for Chairman Christopher to respond to Republic Services and deny their request in its entirety.

Commissioner Anderson updated the Board on the progress of the Western Gray Squirrel letter.

**Board Correspondence:**

- Written comment from Fred Greef regarding the Klickitat County Six-Year Road Schedule.

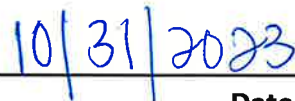
**3:07 PM Meeting Adjourned**

- **Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** There being no further business before the Board. There will not be a workshop on Thursday, October 26, 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 10-24-2023 BoCC Zoom meeting. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend. Meetings are recorded, Workshops are NOT recorded.*

  
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**Approved: Dan Christopher**  
**Chairman of the Board**



  
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