

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, July 12, 2022**

Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition

Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Jacob Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. All three (3) Commissioners were present.

Workshop Session Agenda

10:00 AM – Public Works Department Update:

Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey and Deputy Director Jeff Hunter. There were also various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Kelsey reviewed consent agenda items and Mr. Hunter provided updates on the Roosevelt Grade and Courtney Road construction projects. Deputy Director Hunter also provided updates on the Historical Preservation grant funded Courthouse project and the Status Pass radio tower.

Director Kelsey reported on road maintenance crew projects and upcoming events at the Fairgrounds. Director Kelsey proposed to have Public Works office staff work the same four-day, ten-hour work schedule as the road crew until this fall. Following discussion and further clarification the Board expressed support for the idea.

Deputy Director Hunter requested and received verbal approval to begin the process to post a Maintenance Technician position internally.

11:00 AM – Sheriff's Office Elected Official Report/Update:

Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Under-Sheriff Tim Neher, Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings, Chief Jail Deputy Carmen Knopes, in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via Zoom.

Sheriff Bob Songer provided a report on calls for services, which was followed by an update on local events throughout the County where Posse members would be providing security. Sheriff Songer reported that the Criminal Records Specialist position has been filled and advised that he is in the process of establishing a Sheriff's Cadet Program for County youth. Under-Sheriff Tim Neher provided updates on staffing and pursuit cases throughout the County.

Chief Jail Deputy Carmen Knopes briefed the Board on jail staffing, jail occupancy numbers, staff training, court dockets, and inmate transports. Chief Knopes thanked her staff for their hard work and dedication.

Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings provided updates on the Sheriff's budget, grant opportunities, marine patrol and the Sheriff's Posse. Ms. Elings extended an invitation to the Board to attend the Sheriff's Awards Banquet scheduled for July 23rd.

Discussion followed concerning current mental health services provided in the County.

Commissioner Christopher reported there was a complaint against a Posse member during Community Days, which could have been handled better, noting the complaint will follow up with the Sheriff. Commissioner Christopher provided an overview on his July 5th town hall meeting, and other events he plans to attend.

Chairman Anderson briefed the Board on discussions with Skamania County, indicating Skamania is willing to serve as Klickitat County's provider of Designated Crisis Responders for a 90 day period, but we will need to find our own contractors. Chairman Anderson advised that Public Health Director Quinn has been working with Beacon Health to develop a Klickitat County crisis intervention program.

Approved (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): To recess for lunch at 11:27 AM.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chairman Anderson reconvened the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 1:00 PM, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. All three (3) Commissioners were present.

Business Agenda

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

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

***Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter . Passed unanimously):** the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for June 7, 2022, June 14, 2022, June 21, 2022, and July 5, 2022, as presented.

Citizen Comment: Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per individual.

Sheri Bousquet requested that the Commissioners enact a solar moratorium and create industrial solar ordinances. Ms. Bousquet reminded the Board that they have been warned of the dangers related to solar farms.

Pat Arnold commented on traffic delays caused by closure of the Hood River/White Salmon Bridge and inquired if the Port of Hood River could post a sign on the Washington side advising of the closure. Ms. Arnold commented on Shoreline Management Plan setbacks and building homes a safe distance away from a shoreline.

Kathy Moco stated that Community Days was super this year, it was a very nice and large event, she followed by asking who cleans up after the event, the city or the county?

Greg Wagner commented that the Commissioners have repeatedly said that statements and articles provide by CEASE members are false, but they have provided no proof. Mr. Wagner stated that he would like the County to provide a document with findings of facts that solar will not harm our County and its citizens. Mr. Wagner asked Commissioner Sauter is he was willing to hold a town-hall meeting and when it can be scheduled. Mr. Wagner also inquired about the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and the Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee and asked why the committees were the positions were not current.

Chairman Anderson responded to Ms. Moco, stating he is unaware of who does the clean-up, followed by a response to Ms. Arnold about the bridge closure, noting he will ask the Port to place a closure sign on the Washington side. Chairman Anderson stated the Shoreline Management Plan setbacks have not changed, there has not been a plan update.

Chairman Anderson responded to Ms. Bousquet noting the County has been a pioneer in renewable resource development for decades and there are ordinances in place for renewable energy projects, followed by the benefits to Klickitat County such as tax revenues and jobs. Chairman Anderson addressed Mr. Bouquet's concerns about decommissioning of wind farms, advising that the County has seen reinvestment happening instead of decommissioning, turbines are upgraded with larger blades and technology. Chairman Anderson stated that solar energy development project applications will go through the EIS (environmental impact Statement) process, which includes a scoping process where concerns will be addressed. Chairman Anderson responded to Mr. Wagner stating the advisory committees had specific purposes, which have been completed.

Commissioner Sauter responded to Ms. Moco, stating he enjoyed the Community Days Event as well.

Unfinished Business:

Attendance: Lorena Lowell with the Washington Small Business Development Center, Natural Resource/Economic Development Director Dave McClure, Economic Development Coordinator Richard Foster, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, HR Manager KC Sheridan, Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel, Adult Probation Interim Director Courtney Cooke, and various County elected offices, employees and members of the public in person and on Zoom.

Ms. Lowell reported on the rates charged by childcare facilities in the area, followed by reporting on the loss a County childcare center would have unless heavily subsidized.

A discussion was held about the cost of childcare to county employees and whether to do another employee survey to ask if employees would use the childcare facility.

Ms. Lowell advised of the difficulty in securing small business start-up loans.

Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave: Discussion regarding potential Professional Services Agreement for review of Solid Waste Department's structure and staffing needs.

Attendance: HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel, Adult Probation Interim Director Courtney Cooke, and various County elected offices, employees and members of the public in person and on Zoom.

Director Van Cleave asked if the Board was in support of moving forward with an agreement with consultant Wendy Mifflin to review the Solid Waste Department structure and staffing. The Board concurred that they were ready to move forward.

Interim Adult Probation Director Courtney Cooke requested the Litter Crew Supervisor be allowed to take the Litter Crew vehicle home the night before a litter crew shift on the west end to avoid unnecessary mileage. The Board agreed with the request and asked Director Cooke to follow up with the Auditor.

HR Director Van Cleave stated the Information Technology Division is functioning at 50% capacity due to two (2) vacant positions. A discussion followed about outsourcing information technology services. The Board was in support of a Request for Proposal being done from the informational technology services.

Consent Agenda:

***Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with ten (10) items.

- 1) Alternative work schedule for the Litter Crew Supervisor within the Adult Probation Department allowing a flexible work schedule to work three-10-hour days and one-5-hour day per week, Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM and 6:45 AM to 4:45 PM.
- 2) Alternative work schedule for the Case Manager within the Adult Probation Department allowing a flexible work schedule to work four-10-hour days per week, Monday through Thursday, 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
- 3) Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process (Internal only) to fill the vacant Chief Probation Officer position at Grade 73, Step 1-3, within the Adult Probation Department.
- 4) Service Agreement (C13322) between Klickitat County (Economic Development Department) and the Columbia Gorge Housing Authority (CGHA) to provide funding to be used as a grant match for CGHS's HUD grant for the Shelter Care Program, effective April 1, 2020, to July 31, 2022.
- 5) Purchase Authorization request for the Emergency Management Department to purchase 2 DJI Matrice 30T Aircraft, 2 DJI Air 2 Aircraft, 1 DJI Mini 2 Aircraft, and associated support equipment for the aircraft at a total cost of \$41,994.92 which includes applicable sales tax.
- 6) Interlocal Agreement No. K12916 (C13422) between the State of Washington Department of Corrections (DOC) and Klickitat County (Adult Probation Department) for the purpose of allowing the DOC to place Community Corrections Officers at the Pioneer Center in White Salmon, WA, effective July 1, 2022.
- 7) Interagency Agreement IAA23839 (C13522) between Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and Klickitat County (Juvenile Court) for BECCA Programs and Services.
- 8) Reimbursable Work Agreement (C13622) between Klickitat County Fire District #3 and Klickitat County (Public Works Department) for the purpose of reimbursing the County for the costs of the work performed by the County.

- 9) Washington State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement No. 3 (C13722)(C06119) between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and Traho Architects to amend the beginning and completion date to read 07.01.2022 through 06.30.2023, the new maximum amount payable is \$75,000.00.
- 10) Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement (C13822) to House Juvenile Detainees between NORCOR and Klickitat County (Juvenile Department) for the purpose of providing a facility for the detention of one juvenile for the County by making available one (1) bed in its Juvenile Detention Facility for one (1) full year.

Payment Approvals/Pay Estimates/Change Orders:

***Approved Warrants (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable: (#315034 - 315125) \$228,707.94. Payroll Warrants: (#231129 – 231395), Combined Payroll, (#315024 – 315033), Electronic Transfer (#969), in the amount of \$817,309.17, for a combined total of \$1,046,017.11, for the date ending July 11, 2022.

Prosecutor's Elected Official – Report/Update:

Attendance: Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel, Adult Probation Interim Director Courtney Cooke, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, and various County elected offices, employees and members of the public in person and on Zoom.

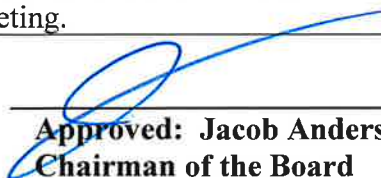
Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel reported on recent case convictions heard in Superior Court, followed by a staff update.

At 2:40 PM, Chairman Jacob Anderson announced that the Board would be convening into Executive Session with Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Chairman Anderson noted that the session would last ten (10) minutes. At 2:50 PM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes, at 3:00 PM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes at 3:10 PM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes.

The Board convened back into Regular Session at 3:15 PM. No action was taken.

Approved (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 PM. There are no workshops scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2022.

* Reference Document on File. Please Note: The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file 7.12.2022 Board of Commissioner's Meeting.


Approved: Jacob Anderson
Chairman of the Board



7/26/2022
Date