

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, July 13, 2021**

Topic	Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition
	Call to Order/Roll Call
Morning Workshop Session – Tuesday, July 13, 2021	Chairman David M. Sauter called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners present David M. Sauter, Jacob L. Anderson (via zoom), and Dan Christopher.
	Workshop Session Agenda
Human Resources & Administrative Services Department update <i>“closed session”</i>	<p>10:00 AM - Klickitat County Business and Economic Development Update</p> <p>Attendance: Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Natural Resource & Economic Development Director Dave McClure in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via Zoom.</p> <p>Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave and Natural Resource & Economic Development Director Dave McClure requested and received verbal approval to proceed with hiring a previous Natural Resource & Economic Development Manager as a casual/temporary employee to assist with the grant report submissions.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter announced the Board will go into Closed Session at 10:00 AM with the Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave in accordance with RCW 42.30.140(4) to discuss the collective bargaining negotiations and/or grievance/mediation with regard to collective bargaining. Chairman Sauter noted that the Closed Session would be for ten (10) minutes. At 10:10 PM it was announced the Closed Session would be extended three (3) minutes.</p> <p>The Board reconvened back to Regular Session at 10:13 AM. No action was taken.</p>
Public Works/Road Department Update	<p>10:15 AM – Public Works Department Update</p> <p>Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter, three (3) Klickitat County residents in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via Zoom.</p> <p>Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey reported on the consent agenda items on the agenda this afternoon, noting the waiver was received for the Washington State Department of Transportation for the Courtney Road grade waiver followed by an update on the pay estimate for the Roosevelt Grade Road Drainage Project.</p> <p>An update was given on the construction programs being done this summer, grant-funded safety projects, the guardrail repair is complete, and an update was given on the West Darland Road repairs.</p> <p>An update was given on the maintenance crews on the east and west end.</p>

	<p>Director Kelsey reported the construction progress on the Klickitat County Services Building; Director Kelsey advised the construction on the sidewalks and the street will continue as well as work on the Courthouse entrances.</p> <p>Director Kelsey stated even with some of the building items being backorder the project is scheduled to be completed on time, as well as being on schedule for the budget</p> <p>Director Kelsey stated that he met with the City Public Works Committee and they are in agreement with vacating Grant Street and are in support of moving that forward to the council, this will allow for the larger parking lot.</p> <p>Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter reported on the Courthouse entry project.</p> <p>Director Kelsey stated he will meet with the Fairboard this week and review the plan for the fair as well as the installation of the new audio system.</p> <p>Director Kelsey stated he is working with the State Licensing Department to do an upgrade in the Auditors Office in the Licensing Department.</p> <p>A brief discussion was held regarding the Klickitat County Services Building tour for the three (3) council members and the mayor this coming week.</p> <p>Director Kelsey stated Centerville Highway is still closed above Lyle due to the fire in the area.</p> <p>Deputy Director Hunter advised the Department of Labor and Industries has changed the standards for crews working outside with a temperature of about 89 degrees, the employer will need to supply cool water for the crew.</p> <p>Commissioner Christopher thanked the Public Works Department for grading The Dalles Mountain Road as well as inquiring if the Solar Farm had put the Mag Chloride on Middle Road to alleviate citizen concerns.; Director Kelsey stated that the solar company has graded Middle Road and the Mag Chloride is on order and will be applied soon</p> <p>A brief discussion about the radio tower land purchase with the Conversation District was held. Commissioner Anderson stated he will touch base with the Conservation District, noting the closing date for the purchase is relatively soon.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter thanked the Public Works Department from the Lyle Community regarding the quick and responsive grading done on the Mile 1 Road.</p>
Sheriff Department Update	<p>10:45 AM - Elected Official Report/Update</p> <p>Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Undersheriff Tim Neher, Chief Jail Deputy Carmen Knopes, Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings, Human Resources/Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney David Wall, nine (9) Klickitat County residents in the Chambers, various county employees and residents via Zoom.</p>

Sheriff Bob Songer provided the total number of calls for service from January 1, 2021, to July 6th and civil papers served during the same period; followed by a report on the Sheriff's Department continued research into the body cameras, noting they are setting up meetings with vendors GETAC and AXON. Sheriff Songer stated he has already met with the WatchGuard Company.

Sheriff Songer reported on events the Sheriff's Office and Posse members attended throughout June, noting there was record attendance at these events.

Sheriff Songer reported the hours the volunteer Posse members have donated; the Posse Members have donated 1,934.75 hours, the Air Wing Pilots have logged 780 hours; if the services were to be paid the total cost would be over \$248,000.

Sheriff Songer reported on a recent arrest made by Deputy Pat Kaley in a trespassing case in the Centerville area. Sheriff Songer stated he would like to point out the benefits of property owners placing cameras on their private property, having pictures of suspects committing crimes are a great asset for law enforcement and help with prosecuting suspects of various crimes.

A report was given on the fire in Lyle on July 4, 2021, noting there has been an arrest made and the case has been moved to the Attorney General's Office and the financial charges are upwards of \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Chief Jail Deputy Carmen Knopes reported on jail staff; training; court transfers; inmate transports, mental health/medical, and an overview of the jail inmate numbers.

Deputy Carmen Knopes stated there is a trend in the jail with inmates hurting themselves intentionally, noting an inmate who was not successful is now in a holding cell where bodily harm can not be done.

A discussion was held reading the July 4th fire, followed by a brief update by Deputy Carmen Knopes about setting up a phone call system for the inmates to contact their lawyers when the case is on the west end of the County versus driving the inmate down and having the case rescheduled to a different date causing a lot of expenses to the County.

Sheriff Songer stated the Goldendale hospital is creating a safe room in the hospital which will save a large amount of money by not having a deputy with the detained person in the hospital.

Human Resources/Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave requested and received verbal approval to proceed with the advertisement process of a Clerical Administrative Assistant III, steps 1 to 3 in the Public Health Department.

Chairman Sauter report on his meeting with the Yakama Nation Housing Authority and the Wishram School Superintendent, Wishram Fire Chief, and Fire Commissioner, noting it was a very productive meeting and the Yakama Nation Housing Development in the Wishram area will be paying Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) that will pay the fire districts, schools, and medical services.

	<p>Chairman Sauter stated the increase in children that will attend the Wishram School is projected to be around 90, the current enrollment in Wishram is 67, noting it will be constructed in phases, about two (2) houses a month, starting in October.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter stated he has met with Goldendale Hospital Chief Executive Officer Leslie Hiebert regarding the Regional Economic Development Summit project at the Goldendale Hospital, followed by a conversation about Klickitat County Economic Development Authority and Mid Columbia Economic Development Department funding for the project.</p> <p>Commissioner Christopher reported on his attendance at the Goldendale Community Days and his meeting regarding the Goldendale Pump Storage Project.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson reported on his bi-state meeting for the Hood River Bridge and the 5 million dollars brought in by Oregon.</p>
Lunch Recess	The Board recessed for lunch at 11:27 AM.
	Call to Order/Roll Call:
Regular Meeting for Tuesday, July 13, 2021	Chairman Sauter reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter, Jacob L. Anderson (via Zoom), and Dan Christopher.
	Agenda:
Business Agenda	Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): the Business Agenda as presented.
	Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for June 22, 2021, and June 29, 2021, as presented.
	Citizen Comment:
Comments will be limited to seven (7) minutes per individual	<p>The Board held a brief discussion to move the citizen comment period from seven (7) minutes to three (3) minutes due to the volume of citizens in the room as well as on Zoom.</p> <p>Sheriff Bob Songer stated he was very disappointed in the Board in their response to his Press release on June 17, 2021, he was disappointed he was not invited to participate in the conversation on June 22, 2021. Sheriff Songer stated he is following the Constitution.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer stated the Board is not his boss but they do have oversight over his budget and hopes there will not be a fight about the budget. Sheriff Songer requested if the Board would advise him what amendments the Board does not want him to enforce.</p> <p>Gabrielle Gilbert in White Salmon stated she does not agree with the Sheriff doubling down on the Press Release on June 17, 2021. Ms. Gilbert stated there must be a</p>

separation between God and State, and feels the Sheriff is gaslighting the COVID-19 situation and does not like the tax dollars going to pay the Sheriff.

Ms. Gilbert stated there is a daycare provider problem and requested the Commissioners come together with other elected officials and work towards solving the daycare need, as well as the need for grants in the Klickitat County area.

Goldendale resident Morgan Gamble read a segment from the letter from the County Commissioner's written on June 22, 2021, Mr. Gamble stated the judicial process has to be followed, and he agrees with that but there needs to be an arrest in order for the judicial system to be followed.

Mr. Gamble stated there is no difference between the signs that are placed in regards to the selling of drugs versus the breaking of the laws.

Citizen Lynn Mason requested Sheriff Bob Songer stop threatening the citizens of Klickitat County, noting she stands with the Commissioner's and with the letter the Commissioners wrote on June 22.

Ms. Mason stated legal fireworks can even start fires and feels like banning all fireworks is effective. Ms. Mason stated her friends in Lyle that were in the path of the fire did not receive the emergency alert and requested more information on how to sign up for the emergency alert system.

David Harris stated he is deeply troubled and is disappointed in the Commissioners for not supporting the Sheriff and extremely disappointed in Commissioner Christopher because he ran on a Constitutional Ticket and feels that the Commissioners are not following the Constitution and the Oath of Office they took.

White Salmon resident Sheri Bousquet thanked the Sheriff for protecting the Citizens' rights and feels there are no threats to the Elected Officials and there is no threat to citizens.

Ms. Bousquet reported on the progress of the UnderCanvas Project as well as the Knight Road Solar Project.

Eric Young from Goldendale reported there will be door-to-door COVID-19 vaccinations and requested the Commissioners have oversight on the door-to-door questions that will be asked of citizens.

Ashley Cooper from Goldendale stated the Commissioners are not educating themselves, and Sheriff Bob Songer is protecting the United States Constitution and the Washington State Constitution.

A citizen was called on and requested to allow his time to Mr. Gamble, the Board agreed.

	<p>Mr. Gamble proceeded through reading the Constitution, followed by reviewing the door-to-door COVID-19 Vaccination protocol that the assigned person will need to report back to their supervisor about the type of person living in the home they visited.</p>
	<p>Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:</p>
<p>Public Meeting: To consider approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2021-04, Parcel No's 05-17-2956-0003/00 and 05-17-2965-0003/00 located in the Goldendale vicinity; Applicants: Michael and Nicole Ross.</p>	<p>Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): Granting Final approval for Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2021-04, Parcel No's 05-17-2956-0003/00 and 05-17-2965-0003/00 located in the Goldendale vicinity; Applicants: Michael and Nicole Ross.</p> <p>Attendance: Assistant Planner Denice Lee in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents in the Chambers as well as via Zoom.</p> <p>Assistant Planner Denice Lee provided a staff review of Boundary Line Adjustment No. BLA2021-04, stating it is a proposal to adjust the common property line between parcels 05-17-2956-0003/00 and 05-17-2965-0003/00. The proposed boundary line adjustment is located within the Goldendale vicinity.</p> <p>Ms. Lee advised the administrative review of this boundary line adjustment has been completed. Signatures have been obtained from the Road, Health, and Planning Departments, and the Treasurer's Office. All conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met.</p>
	<p>Consent Agenda:</p>
	<p>Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): the Consent Agenda with five (5) items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1) Resolution No. 07521 in the matter of setting a public hearing to be held August 24, 2021, at 1:30 PM in the office of the Board of County Commissioners, to determine whether Klickitat County Park and Recreation District No. 2 meets the criteria required for dissolution pursuant to RCW 36.96.010(3), and notice of said hearing shall be published at least once each week for not less than three successive weeks in a newspaper that is in general circulation within the boundaries of the special purpose district and that, at said hearing, any interested persons may appear and be heard. * 2) Letter and Interlocal Funding Assistance Agreement (C14421) between Klickitat County and Bickleton School District #203 to provide funding assistance for \$2,000 to develop and/or enhance their At-Risk Youth Programs, effective January 1, 2021, terminating December 31, 2021. * 3) Klickitat County VGAL Program (C14521) through Washington State Department of Commerce, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy, Community Services and Housing Division, and Klickitat County (Juvenile Department) for the purpose of providing funding in the amount of \$74,270.00 to continue to fund the Volunteer Coordinator Position, effective July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. * 4) A Purchase request from the Sheriff's Office for a Rugged 5420 Latitude Laptop to be used by the jail staff to increase training for Spillman and have system access during prisoner transport. The laptop cost is \$2,657.88 including tax of \$199.34, for a total cost of \$2,857.22.

	<p>* 5) SECO County Basic Service Operating Contract SFY2022 (C14621) (Agreement #E22-025) between Klickitat County (Emergency Management Department) and Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division for the purpose of providing a maximum of \$454,570 in State Enhanced 911 funds for reimbursement of eligible, approved and incurred Coordinator Professional Development and Operational expenses as described in WAC 118-66-050 and Washington State Military Department State E911 Coordination Office (SECO) Policies incurred between July 1, 2021, and August 15, 2022, which is also known as the performance period.</p> <p>6) Resolution No. 07621 in the matter of a County Public Works request for a waiver to exceed the maximum roadway grade standard for County Road Project 342, Courtney Road. Klickitat County Code, Title 12 Standards requires that a minor collector with a design speed of 30 to 40 miles per hour not exceed a roadway grade of 12%, but limiting factors require a 13.87% grade.</p> <p>7) Award and execute a Service Agreement (C14721) for document shredding for Klickitat County with DeVries of Spokane, Washington for a per tipping fee of \$55.00, per container, once a month.</p>
Payment Approvals:	
<p>Pay Estimate</p> <p>Voucher Certification and Approval</p>	<p>* Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): Pay Estimate No. 1/ final to James Dean Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$72,484.00; excluding \$3,624.20 in retainage; \$68,859.80 is due to the contractor for the Roosevelt Grade Road Drainage Upgrades.</p> <p>* Approved Warrants (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):</p> <p>Accounts Payable: (#306903 - 307006) for a net of \$621,947.07.</p> <p>Combined Payroll: (#221029 – 221307, County Benefit Warrants #306894 - 306902, Electronic Transfer #932) \$776,538.35.</p> <p>For a combined total of \$1,398,485.42 for the date ending July 12, 2021.</p>
<p>Senior Services Director Sharon Carter and MCEDD Mobility Manager Kathy Fitzpatrick: Discussion concerning the Gorge Regional Transit Strategy.</p>	<p>Miscellaneous Reports/Comments:</p> <p>Attendance: Senior Services Director Sharon Carter, MCEDD Mobility Manager Kathy Fitzpatrick, various county employees and residents via Zoom.</p> <p>Senior Services Director Sharon Carter reported on the Gorge Regional Strategy background stating the Mid-Columbia Economic Development District (MCEDD) receives both Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) funding to leas the first phase of planning proves to establish a regional transit vision for the Mid-Columbia River Gorge 5-County region; MCEDD received funding in 2021 from WSDOT, ODOT, and Federal funding sources for Phase II of this project which will focus on the vision and will launch in the summer of 2021.</p> <p>Director Carter reviewed the Gorge Regional Transit Strategy Phase I and II, noting this is a roadmap for the future of public transit in the Mid-Columbia River Gorge.</p>


	<p>Chairman Sauter paused the meeting and Klickitat and Skamania Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem Program Manager Ashley Bryan introduced herself and offered to answer any question the Board may have about a grant on the Consent Agenda this afternoon. Guardian Ad Litem Program Manager Bryan stated she will make herself available to be present at the Juvenile Department updates. The Board thanked Child Advocate Bryan for her service and requested her presence at the Juvenile Department updates.</p> <p>Debera Culver inquired about the transit routes and the increase in busses, is there a possibility of increasing the fare to ride the bus to offset the cost to the County, the Board advised there would not be an increase big enough that would cover the costs of the busses.</p> <p>A discussion continued regarding the funding; Commissioner Anderson requested the ridership numbers. Director Carter stated the partnership is to create a seamless transit system with the joint transportation agencies.</p> <p>Commissioner Christopher requested the grant funding amount as well as how much of a grant match the County would need to provide.</p>
	<p>Department Update/Report:</p>
<p>Public Health Director Erinn Quinn: Department Update.</p>	<p>Attendance: Public Health Director Erinn Quinn, Human Resources/Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, HR Manager KC Sheridan, Treasurer Greg Gallagher in the Chambers, various county employees and residents via zoom.</p> <p>Public Health Director Erinn Quinn provided an overview on the Environmental Health Department, noting there have been twice as many site evaluations and inspections. Director Quinn stated they are watching for algae blooms and they are currently conducting mosquito tests and the closest case of West Nile is in the Walla Walla area.</p> <p>Director Quinn reported on the contract with Skamania County for the Food Contract and Environmental Health Services is being reviewed to ensure they are current on cost equality.</p> <p>Director Quinn reported on the Women Infant and Children Contracts; provided a nursing staff update, followed by an update regarding the family planning and fiscal review advising the documents requested will rectify the findings and find the documents they are requesting.</p> <p>Director Quinn reported on the COVID-19 vaccine numbers; Commissioner Christopher asked if the Public Health Department has plans of going door to door to provide the COVID-19 Vaccine. Director Quinn stated she does not support door-to-door vaccines and does not feel comfortable sending her staff to citizens' doors. Commissioner Anderson inquired if the vaccine record could be written on the International Yellow Card, Director Quinn stated she would write it on the yellow card as well as the COVID-19 vaccine card.</p> <p>A discussion followed regarding the number of shots required for the COVID-19 Vaccine as well as if there will be a booster in the fall provided to citizens, a report was given on the revenue from the shot clinics that were held at the Fairgrounds.</p>

	<p>A staff report was provided, followed by an update on the grants that are required and the possibility of a Public Health Department reorganization to include a staff member to work on the Public Health grants.</p>
<p>Public Health Director Erinn Quinn and Environmental Health Director David Kavanagh: Potable water discussion.</p>	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <p>Attendance: Public Health Director Erinn Quinn, Environmental Health Manager David Kavanagh, Human Resources/Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Treasurer Greg Gallagher in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via zoom.</p> <p>Environmental Health Manager David Kavanagh reviewed RCW's about the allowance of potable water; Manager Kavanagh stated there is no regulation against having a cistern.</p> <p>Manager Kavanagh reported on the requirements and legality of having a cistern on your property. The Department of Ecology also needs to be consulted in regards to where they will allow the water to be hauled from.</p> <p>A discussion followed about the regulations of potable water.</p> <p>Manager Kavanagh stated there needs to be a further discussion regarding the direction and what regulations the Board would like to impose on the potable water ordinance.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson stated he will work with Manager Kavanagh and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to review concerns.</p>
<p>Brief Budget Discussion</p>	<p>Attendance: Human Resources/Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Auditor Brenda Sorensen in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via zoom.</p> <p>Human Resources/Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave reviewed the amount and type of grants the Public Health Department is working with at this time, noting he is very understanding and sympathetic to Director Quinn because she is working to bring delinquent grants into compliance as well as manage the current grants.</p> <p>Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel reported on the various responsibilities a Director has when filling out and applying for grants.</p> <p>Director Van Cleave inquired what the Commissioners were anticipating seeing in the Thursday budget meetings.</p> <p>The Board requested to see projections of revenue sources as well as budget-cutting options.</p>
<p>Treasurer's Office update and revenue report</p>	<p>Elected Official Report/Update:</p> <p>Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Human Resources/Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley, Auditor Brenda Sorensen in the Chambers, various county employees, and residents via zoom.</p>

	<p>Treasurer Greg Gallagher reported on the Treasures Association meeting schedule, followed by the discussion of the Great American Rescue Plan funds that were received.</p> <p>Treasurer Gallagher stated they received the revenue from the timber sales on the County Trust Land, the funds were distributed per RCW <u>79.64.110</u>, Section (1) (a) (2) a discussion continued regarding the levy funding for the junior taxing districts.</p> <p>Treasurer Gallagher reviewed the different taxes available to create revenue.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson stated he would like to look into the Radio System grants available.</p> <p>A discussion was held about the sales tax revenue received from the airplanes and the possibility of the Dallesport WasteWater Treatment Plant payment, followed by a discussion of the payments being made on the Pioneer Center, the Klickitat County Services Building, and the Pioneer Center.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson stated he would like to continue a discussion about the amount of funding the State revenue received from renewable energy and natural gas.</p> <p>Treasurer Gallagher reported on the Public Utility District Privilege Tax and the possibility of the payment being paid monthly vs. one large payment.</p> <p>Treasurer Gallagher stated the County will be paying fees to the Umpqua Bank for Banking fees, followed by an update on the forest tax revenue administrative fees the Department of Revenue has not been taking out and will start implementing and needs to be paid back.</p> <p>Treasurer Gallagher stated he is working on a surplus auction.</p>
<p>Prosecuting Attorney's Update Executive Session: Discuss pending and potential litigation</p>	<p>Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel noted he had no items of a general nature for discussion in open session.</p> <p>At 4:17 PM Chairman Sauter announced that the Board would be convening into Executive Session with Prosecutor Quesnel in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a pending and potential litigation update. Chairman Sauter noted that the Executive Session would be for twenty (20) minutes. At 4:37 PM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes, at 4:47 PM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes</p> <p>The Board reconvened back to Regular Session at 4:52 PM. No action was taken.</p>
	<p>Board Pending:</p>
<p>Issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners</p>	<p>* Commissioner Christopher requested the full Board's opinion on where to go after receiving the Child Care Survey results.</p> <p>A discussion was held about the Hospitals Project, the full Board was in support of up to \$35,000 for the Goldendale Regional Economic Development Summit Project.</p>

	Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): to use up to \$35,000 from the community fund to support the Regional Economic Development Summit project partnering with the Goldendale Hospital.
Adjournment (5:05 PM).	Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to 8:30 AM for scheduled workshops.
	Call to Order/Roll Call
Regular Meeting Extension: for Thursday, June 24, 2021	Chairman David Sauter convened the meeting at 8:40 AM. Commissioners Sauter and Christopher were present in chambers, Anderson was present via Zoom. Also present were Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Auditor Brenda Sorensen, Chief Deputy Auditor Heather Jobe, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley and Solid Waste Director Ruby Irving. Economic Development/Natural Resources Director Dave McClure and Emergency Management Accounting Administrative Assistance Randi Heinzen were present via zoom.
8:30/10:00 AM	<p>2022 Budget Workshop</p> <p>The workshop started with a review of 2020 revenues. Discussion followed concerning the need for departments to do a better job of budgeting revenues to more accurately reflect historical actuals such as timber harvest taxes. The Board also discussed the possibility of decreasing landfill dollars to the road fund based on revenues they have been receiving each year but do not budget for.</p> <p>Following further discussion, the Board indicated that they would like to see departments prepare their 2022 budgets with at least a 3% cut and if not possible come prepared to make their case to the Board during the budget workshops in September.</p> <p>The Board discussed options to improve efficiencies and cut expenses. Commissioner Christopher noted that he is interested in reviewing each department's vehicle inventory and he would like to know which vehicles are paying rental rates and which were retained by the department after being replaced with a new vehicle.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter recessed the workshop at 9:51 AM to conduct a Board of Health meeting.</p>
10:00/11:00 AM	Board of Health meeting.
11:00/12:30 PM	Lunch Recess
12:30/3:00 PM	<p>Continued 2022 Budget Workshop</p> <p>Discussion continued regarding County budgets and anticipated revenues for 2021 and 2022. Treasurer Gallagher provided an overview of the investment pool and explained how he manages investments and works with County departments and the various special taxing districts.</p>

	<p>The Board had a discussion regarding the Pump Storage Project and questioned whether the county could increase sales tax during the construction and then allow the sales tax to sunset. Treasurer Gallagher provided a priority list of financial tools for the Board to review with an increase in tax rates being the last option.</p> <p>A discussion concerning the County's financial software and reporting system followed.</p>
	<p>(M/Christopher, S/Anderson) Passed. The workshop adjourned at 1:51 PM.</p>
	<p>* Reference Document on File</p>
	<p>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 7.13.2021.</p>


Approved: **Jacob L. Anderson**
Vice - Chairman of the Board



August 3, 2021
Date