

**Klickitat County  
Board of Commissioners  
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, July 26, 2022**

**Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition**

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chairman Jacob Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners Sauter and Anderson were present in person and Commissioner Christopher via Zoom. All three (3) Commissioners were present.

**Workshop Session Agenda**

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

Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Deputy Director Jeff Hunter, Deputy Finance Director Pam Beierle and Chief Jail Deputy Carmen Knopes. 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 the bid opening for parking lot improvements. Deputy Director Hunter reported on construction projects underway and in the design phase. Director Kelsey reported on road maintenance tasks assigned to the road crews, and facilities maintenance and repair projects. Mr. Hunter provided an update on construction at the Satus Pass Radio site.

Director Kelsey advised that Public Works met with the Auditor to discuss Cayenta support coverage if Public Works office staff goes to a four day, ten hour work schedule, noting that support will always be available.

Director Kelsey and Mr. Hunter provided an overview of federally funded and State RAP funded road projects.

Director Kelsey briefed the Board on damages to Alder Creek Road from farming. Director Kelsey advised that farming is being done with semi-trucks, which places more stress on the primitive roads.

The Board had a discussion concerning Sleepy Hollow Road. Commissioner Sauter stated the road is in better condition than he expected. Commissioner Sauter indicated that he can see a need for improvements on both ends of the road due to existing homes and he asked Public Works to follow up with the person that expressed concerns about its condition. Commissioner Christopher asked about the timeline for the 6 year Road Plan public hearing. Director Kelsey stated it will be earlier than normal this year.

**10:30 AM - Human Resource (HR) and Administrative Services Department Update/Report:**

Attendance: HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, HR Manager KC Sheridan, Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley, Senior Services Director Sharon Carter and Chief Jail Deputy Knopes. There were also various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Van Cleave welcomed Elizabeth Taylor to the department.

Fiscal Manager Bartley provided a review of dashboards for all fund expenditures, revenues, recession indicators and unemployment. Ms. Bartley compared revenues and unemployment stats over the great recession years. The Board discussed the information provided, asked questions and received further clarification. Fiscal Manager Bartley advised that she hopes to come away from Thursday's workshop with clear goals and objectives from the Board to develop the 2023 budget, and a clear understanding of what the Board wants to use as recession indicators should it be necessary to cut expenditures.

HR Manager Sheridan and Senior Services Director Carter presented a proposal to combine a causal Nutrition Coordinator position and causal Driver position into a 35 hour per week position with benefits. Director Carter advised a current employee has been successfully filling both positions, indicating it is difficult to retain employees if they are looking for full time positions.

Director Carter provided budget estimates for the proposed position compared to trying to recruit another Nutrition Coordinator. Director Carter stated the cost of the position would be divided between the Nutrition and Transportation Grants.

Commissioner Sauter advised that the Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington voted to use fund balance and increase funding for both nutrition and transportation services through 2024 and Director Carter should be receiving a contract amendment to increase funding for 2022. Following discussion, the Board unanimously expressed their support for the proposal.

Ms. Sheridan requested and received verbal authorization to post an Accounting Admin. I, II or III position, Steps (1-3) within the Treasurer's Office.

Director Van Cleave reported he will be notifying Offices and Departments regarding changes to the hiring process, employees will not be allowed to start working until the process has been completed. HR Manager Sheridan provided an overview of the proposed Department of Labor & Industries salary threshold for overtime exempt workers and how it may affect payroll costs.

Director Van Cleave provided a brief update on the process of changing insurance providers, indicating the premium may be similar to the County's current provider. Commissioner Christopher stated that he will be attending an insurance meeting next week and he hopes to receive an update on rates.

Director Van Cleave provided a brief IT Department update, advising interviews for the IT Manager position have been scheduled. Director Van Cleave advised of a Cayenta accounting software training scheduled for fall and he proposed that IT will share half of the cost with Public Works to send the County's Cayenta Administrator to the training.

The Board had a discussion concerning the compensation of the Civil Service Commission Secretary/Examiner. Director Van Cleave stated the Civil Service Commission and Secretary/Examiner are required by State law and the compensation has not increased in over ten (10) years. Director Van Cleave advised that after checking with other counties and reviewing duties and responsibilities he is proposing increasing the monthly stipend to \$300 and \$300 for each exam.

Chief Jail Deputy Knopes explained how Civil Service Commission testing works and how the Sheriff Divisions interact with the commission. Following further discussion, the Board expressed support for the increase as proposed.

Director Van Cleave provided a brief Solid Waste Department update, reminding the Board they will be discussing the proposed scope of work for the Solid Waste consultant. Director Van Cleave presented an update on post closure activities at the Horse Thief Landfill, advising that Ecology is wanting to finish the process.

**Approved (M/ Sauter, S/ Christopher. Passed unanimously):** The Board recessed for lunch at 11:39 AM.

**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

Chairman Anderson reconvened the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 1:00 PM, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. All three (3) Commissioners were present in person.

**Agenda:**

**Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously):** Business Agenda with one (1) add-on under Public Hearings/Public meetings/Bid Openings: Public Meeting to consider final approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2022-06; Applicants: Gabriel & Mitzi Moore and Karl Moore.

**Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes**

**Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously):** the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2022 and July 19, 2022.

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

Delmer Eldred commented on Commissioner statements that Ms. Bousquet & Mr. Wagner are spreading misinformation and distorting facts. Mr. Eldred stated that the information comes from County emails obtained through a public records request, are you saying the County is sending out misinformation, if so this should be investigated.

Sheri Bousquet commented that she continues week after week to ask the Commissioners to write solar ordinances. Ms. Bousquet commented that she asked for finding of facts of why the solar moratorium was rescinded, industrial solar ordinances are important to Klickitat County, adding it is your responsibility to write those ordinances. Ms. Bousquet stated that the Prosecutor stated as part of the record that he needs ordinances and still you decided not to write ordinances. Yakima County sees the critical need to enact solar ordinances and protect their county and their land. Put a moratorium in place and write industrial solar ordinances.

Ron Kinsella stated that the Commissioners should use the down stairs meeting room for a cooling shelter and it should be publicized on the radio. It would increase your favorability, which you don't have, people need to know that you care. Mr. Kinsella objected to having to wait for a response until 1:25 PM.

Greg Wagner stated that Ron is correct you lack compassion, morals and ethics and you only care about yourselves. The Planning Director has a degree unrelated to her job, he alleged she has made numerous mistakes, why haven't you questioned her ability to do her job. Mr. Wagner also commented on the Energy Overlay Zone (EOZ) ordinance and its lack of addressing solar development. The EOZ is an open door policy for wind and solar, Yakima County Commissioners make you look bad and it does not take much.

Mr. Eldred commented that the Board was wrong not to respond to Mr. Kinsella. Mr. Wagner commented on the Commissioners lack of compassion towards citizen comments.

Commissioner Sauter explained to Mr. Kinsella regarding the citizen comment process and his objection to waiting for a response from the Board. Commissioner Sauter stated that this building is open to the public they can come in and enjoy the coolness, noting that in his experience people do not use cooling shelters.

Commissioner Christopher commented that he has no concerns with hosting a cooling shelter in the building but it needs to be coordinated with our partners who are already hosting cooling shelters and there could be confusion of where to go to find a cooling shelter.

Chairman Anderson pointed out for the record this is why we no longer have back and forth conversations during citizens comment, it doesn't allow time for the Board to respond to everyone's comments. Chairman Anderson stated that there are many things that can be done, one thing is the community itself, there are welfare checks, the most important thing is that the community works together to make sure everyone is safe. Commissioner Christopher encouraged everyone to volunteer and get involved with their community.

Mr. Kinsella encouraged the Board again to go on the radio and talk to the public, it might mean something to the people.

Commissioner Christopher responded to comments about false and misleading information and he pointed out false or misinformation quotes from the latest email from C.E.A.S.E. Commissioner Christopher again advised that the State Department of Revenue (DOR) sets the rules that the Assessor must follow in assessing renewable energy projects.

Commissioner Sauter responded to Mr. Eldred's comment about false information, indicating when a public record request is completed, the documents sent are the correct documents the County has. Commissioner Sauter used another example of a false statement from Mr. Wagner regarding a tax document C.E.A.S.E. used to say a wind farm only paid \$897 in property tax, the tax was for the underlying property, the wind farm is one of the largest tax payers in the County. Mr. Sauter stated that the Board has responded multiple times, this is a waste of time and I don't respond to bullies.

Bob Moco, Board of Equalization Board member, confirmed that DOR is the entity that regulates how the Assessor and Treasurer do their jobs. Chairman Anderson read from RCW 84.40.420 Valuation of renewable energy project, county assessors when appraising renewable energy facilities for determining true and fair value, must include a cost-based appraisal method, it is clearly in the state law and these people continue to go on the radio and make false statements and blame the County officials for not doing their jobs.

Chairman Anderson commented that in almost two (2) years, someone every week comments that the Commissioners lack integrity, compassion, morals and ethics. You have come after our elected officials, directors and employees calling names, questioning their education and knowledge, submitting weekly public records requests, we are doing our jobs the best we can in a very difficult environment. We are public servants, we don't get things right 100 percent of the time, we never will but we're doing the best we can in adverse circumstances. Chairman Anderson stated that not everything needs to be done here in front of the camera, anyone can call me and we can have a conversation.

**Public Hearings/Public Meetings/Bid Openings:**

Bid Opening: for the improvement of four (4) parking lots in the City of Goldendale by removal of existing pavement, sidewalks, and curb, site excavation, and embankment, the installation of stormwater facilities, crushed surfacing, HMA, curbs, gutters, sidewalk, fencing, permanent signing, pavement markings, lighting, and other work, all in accordance with the contract plans, contract provisions, and the standard specifications.

• Lee Contractors, LLC                                      Battle Ground, WA                                      \$1,102,777.80

**Bids forwarded (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** to the Public Works Department for review and recommendation of one (1) bid received for improvements of four (4) County parking lots located in the City of Goldendale all pursuant to the specifications. Engineer's Estimate: \$828,346.00.

Public Meeting: to consider final approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2022-06, which is a proposal to adjust the common Property lines between Parcels 02-13-2113-1401/00, 02-13-2112-1402/00, and 02-13-2157-0001/00 off State Route 14 and Grand View Drive, in the Murdock vicinity; Applicants: Gabriel & Mitzi Moore and Karl Moore.

Assistant Planner Alisa Grumbles reported that Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2022-06 is a proposal to adjust the common property line between Parcels 02-13-2112-1401/00, 02-13-2112-1402/00, and 02-13-2157-0001/00 off State Route 14 and Grand View Drive located in the Murdock vicinity.

Ms. Grumbles advised that an administrative review of the short plat has been completed and all conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met. If the Board finds that it is in the public's interest to approve these proposals, a motion needs to be made granting final approval of BLA2022-06.

**Approved (M/Christopher, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):** Motion to approve Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2022-06, which adjusts the common property lines between Parcels 02-13-2112-1401/00, 02-13-2112-1402/00, and 02-13-2157-0001/00 and grant final approval; Applicants: Gabriel & Mitzi Moore and Karl Moore.

**New Business:**

Senior Services Department Update on Personnel, Transportation grant applications, and EV grant status.

Attendance: Senior Services Director Sharon Carter and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Carter provided a staffing update, noting that by mid-August the department will be fully staffed. Discussion followed concerning the Consolidated Grant funding application for the next biennium Dial-a-Ride, Fixed Route services and capital purchases for replacement vehicles. Director Carter advised that at a minimum she would like to submit applications for continuing existing Dial-a-Ride and Fixed Route services as well as funding for a bus barn for protection of vehicles.

Director Carter advised that there have been requests to have a connection between White Salmon and Goldendale-traveling through Lyle and/or Klickitat and asked if this is something the Board is supportive of in a request for funding? The Board indicated economically this is not a good time for expansion of services and they are supportive of keeping existing services and pursuing funding for a bus barn.

The Board discussed Dial-a-Ride and Fixed Route ridership. Director Carter provided further clarification regarding Dial-a-Rider services which are for medical appointments, essential shopping and social services. Discussion continued concerning the different transit agencies and routes they offer throughout the Gorge region.

Director Carter advised that the Zap Grant for the electric vehicle and charging station is closed for this year, adding there will be an opportunity to apply next year if there is still an interest.

Director Carter briefed the Board on the Senior Advisory Board's efforts to ask State legislators for funding for the assisted living facility. Commissioner Sauter provided a brief update on the Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation's USDA funding request for the assisted living facility.

The Board discussed cooling shelters. Director Carter advised the Senior Center and the Grange have had cooling shelters in the past but no one ever shows up. Commissioner Christopher suggested that Director Carter call the radio station and advise the public about available cooling shelter in Klickitat County.

**Elected Official Report/Update: Treasurer Office Update and Finance committee report.**

Attendance: Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Treasurer Gallagher provided updates on the Finance Committee meeting and the Treasurer's Office, advising that he promoted a current employee to the Senior Accounting position. The Board had a brief discussion about the process and status of replacing the County's financial software system.

Chairman Anderson called for a three (3) minute recess at 2:53 PM.

**Unfinished Business: Interview process for selection of a Board of Health appointee**

Attendance: Public Health Director Erinn Quinn via Zoom and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

The Board had a discussion regarding the interview process for selection of a Board of Health appointee pursuant to the State's revised qualifications and requirements. The Board selected Sunday Sutton, contingent on an opinion from the Prosecutor regarding her qualifications.

Director Quinn advised that the amended agreement for temporary crisis intervention services with Skamania County will be on next week's consent agenda for Board signature. Director Quinn cautioned that if the County decides to provide mental health services it will cost a minimum of \$62,000 per month.

Director Quinn requested and received verbal authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a Public Health Nurse position. Director Quinn provided a brief department update noting that the County has its first suspected case of monkey pox. Director Quinn advised that Public Health is also providing TB treatment to a foreign national.

**Consent Agenda:**

**\*Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with seven (7) items. Item #4 was pulled due to proposed modifications.

- 1) **\*2022-2024 Consolidated Contract (C14322)** Amendment No. 5 (CLH31016) between the Washington State Department of Health and Klickitat County (Public Health Department) for the purpose of adding and amending Statements of Work for various programs and increases funding by \$30,548 for a revised maximum consideration of \$2,403,604.00.
- 2) **\*Scheduling a public meeting to be held Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 1:30 PM to consider approval of Short Plat SPL2021-28, Parcel No. 04-16-3207-7503/00 located in the Goldendale vicinity; Applicants: Jim & Patricia Farrer.**
- 3) **\*Scheduling a public meeting to be held Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 1:30 PM to consider approval of a simultaneous Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2021-19 and Short Plat SPL2021-33, Parcel No. 04-16-0950-001/00 & No. 04-16-0900-0012/00 located in the Goldendale vicinity; Applicants: Ty & Barbara Ross and Tony & Paula Riley.**
- 4) **PULLED** Inter-Local Cooperation Agreement for Crisis Intervention Services between Skamania County and Klickitat County. Skamania shall provide crisis intervention service in Klickitat County in accordance with WAC 246-341; as well as the Beacon level of Care Guidelines.
- 5) **\*Licensing Agreement (C14422)** between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and Klickitat Canyon Days LLC for the use of the Mill Site parking lot on Saturday, July 30, 2022 for their annual Klickitat Canyon Days event and Request for waiver of fees for the rental of the Mill Site parking lot in exchange for setting up and cleaning up after their event.
- 6) **\*Licensing Agreement (C14522)** between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and Klickitat Canyon Days LLC for the use of the Klickitat Park on Saturday, July 30, 2022, for an open air market and Request for waiver of fees for the rental of the Park in exchange for setting up & cleaning up after.
- 7) **\*Extended Warranty Agreement (C14622)** between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and Schindler Elevator Corporation for the purpose of providing a warranty that the elevator (equipment) in the County Services Building as furnished will comply with the contractual specifications. The price of this extended warranty shall be \$460.00 per month, payable in annual installments of \$5,520.00.
- 8) **\*State E/911 Coordination Office County Basic Service Operating Grant Contract (C14722) SFY2023** between Klickitat County (Emergency Management Department) and the Washington State Military Department, which provides funding in the total amount of \$458,918.00 with \$40,347.00 for Coordinator Professional Development and \$418,571.00 for basic service operations, effective 7/1/2022.

**Payment Approvals:**

**\*Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously):** Pay estimate No. 26 to Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company in the amount of \$46,037.88 which excludes retainage in the amount of \$2,043.26 and includes sales tax in the amount of \$3,452.84, for a total payment amount of \$47,447.46, for the County Services Building Project, Contract No. C03120.

**\*Approved Warrants (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Accounts Payable: (#315427-315500) & Direct Deposit #971 totaling \$983,263.53. Payroll Warrants: (#231396–231656), Co. Benefit Warrants: (#315418-315426), & Co. Benefit-Electronic Transfer (#970), in the amount of \$1,047,367.40, for a combined total of \$2,030,630.93, for the date ending July 25, 2022.

**Board Pending:**

The Board had a discussion concerning the need to appoint a Klickitat County designee to the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Board of Trustees. The Board selected applicant Olga Hodges, her appointment will be by joint resolution on next week's consent agenda.

Discussion followed regarding the Goldendale Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvement project. Commissioner Christopher pointed out the project has been granted \$250,000 in .09 Distressed County dollars and suggested it should be funded through the Landfill Gas Improvement Fund. The Board agreed that an application on behalf of the City of Goldendale will be submitted to the Landfill Gas Improvement Committee for consideration.

**Adjournment (3:40 PM) Approved (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned until 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 28, 2022. It was noted that that the Commissioners would be attending a Klickitat County Public Economic Development Authority Board meeting either virtually or in person at 5:30 PM in the Mt. Adams meeting room in the County Services Building.

**Thursday, July 28, 2022 - Regular Meeting Extension: Workshop Extension.**

Chairman Anderson called the workshop to order at 10:00 AM. All three (3) Commissioners were present. Also present at the workshop were: Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel, Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad, Building Director Lynn Ward, Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Deputy Director Jeff Hunter, HR & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, HR Manager KC Sheridan and resident Greg Wagner.

**Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad:** Discussion and review of proposed planning fee schedule.

Planning Director Lindblad reviewed a spreadsheet of proposed minimum fees due when an application is submitted for the various types of planning/development applications.

The Board discussed the fees and asked questions. Director Lindblad provided clarification regarding zone change site visits and requirements for posting notices. Director Lindblad noted that the public hearing notice will be advertised only in the newspaper of record.

**Building Director Lynn Ward:** Discussion and review of proposed building permit fee schedule.

The Board had a discussion concerning the proposed building permit fee schedule and support documents provided by Director Ward. Director Ward advised that a rate analysis was done on fees associated with other counties and she proposed to increase the rate for a single family dwelling to a valuation rate of \$110 per sq. ft., which is a 28.2% increase, noting that it is less than most counties which are averaging \$200 per sq. ft for spec homes and \$300-\$350 per sq. ft. for custom homes.

Following further discussion, the Board indicated they wanted a public hearing process that combined all three (3) fee schedules into one (1) public hearing, and the new fees would be effective January 1, 2023.

**Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey: Discussion and review of proposed public works fee schedule.**

Director Kelsey and Deputy Director Hunter presented proposed base fees for Public Works permits and services and explained the work involved with the various tasks. The Board discussed road vacations and haul routes.

Commissioner Christopher stated he wants to see the cost for turnarounds added to the cost for road vacation applications. Following further discussion Director Kelsey advised that there is no fee if the road vacation is in the public's best interest.

**Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave: Continued Solid Waste Department Discussions.**

The Board continued the discussion regarding what kind of a review of the Solid Waste Department they were interested in. Director Van Cleave advised that some of the requirements placed on the Solid Waste Department were put in place by the County through the Solid Waste Management Plan, which can be amended if there are no State or Federal requirements. Discussion and review concerning the three (3) positions within the department followed.

Commissioner Christopher stated that the Landfill Compliance Inspector is a full time position and he would not support a Solid Waste Department with only 1 FTE. Commissioner Sauter noted that he is interested in an analysis of what we are required to do versus what we are currently doing. Chairman Anderson indicated that he would support up to a five (5) hour review of the inspector position duties to determine if they meet the requirements in the management plan.

Director Van Cleave advised that he would move forward with the agreement, noting it will be necessary to do a supplemental budget to move dollars from wages to cover the cost of the Solid Waste consultant.

Commissioner Christopher advised that he learned from our current insurance provider that rates are expected to increase by 17-20%, which has been the trend the last few years.

Commissioner Christopher requested and received clarification on gap coverage insurance when the County moves to a new insurance provider. Prosecutor Quesnel and Director Van Cleave both recommended the purchase of the insurance to limit liability risks.

**Approved (M/ Sauter, S/ Christopher. Passed unanimously):** The Board recessed for lunch at 11:21 AM.

Chairman Anderson reconvened the workshop at 12:45 PM. All three (3) Commissioners were present. Also present at the workshop were: Prosecutor David Quesnel, Economic Development/Natural Resources Director Dave McClure, Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, HR Manager KC Sheridan, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Auditor Brenda Sorensen, Chief Deputy Auditor Heather Jobe, Emergency Management Program Coordinator Frank Hewey and resident Greg Wagner.

**Economic Development/Natural Resources Director Dave McClure: Staffing Discussion.**

The Board had a discussion regarding adding another Economic Development Specialist position. Director McClure advised that adding a position was included in the Economic Development 10 Year Strategic Plan and the Public Economic Development Authority Board recommended funding this position out of .09 distressed counties dollars during their July 26, 2022 meeting.

Director McClure provided an overview of how his department utilizes .09 dollars and a cost estimate for funding the position for a two (2) year period. Director McClure reviewed a list of current economic development projects, future projects and strategic plan elements the department has not had time to work on. Director McClure proposed the possibility of promoting the current Economic Development Specialist to Deputy Director as part of a department succession plan.



Following discussion, the Board was supportive of considering an additional position but wanted to give the deputy director proposal more thought.

**Fiscal Manager Jenn Bartley: Fiscal update.**

Fiscal Manager Bartley stated she would like to hear the Board's goals and objectives for the 2023 budget during this brainstorming workshop. Commissioner Sauter raised a question concerning whether the budget can be reduced mid-year if there was a significant down turn in the economy. The Board discussed their intent of a status quo budget and the issue of declining revenues. Ms. Bartley provided an overview of revenue dashboards for a five (5) year comparison of REET and a landfill detail of payments/tons from 2018-current. Discussion followed.

Chairman Anderson indicated that the intent should be to create a sustainable budget with efficient expenditures and he does not want to spend down reserves going into a recession, and certainly does not want to reduce any positions except through attrition.

Manager Bartley asked and received the Board's support to send out a cautionary budget memo to elected officials and department heads reminding them their proposed 2023 budgets should be status quo.

**Board Pending:** Board follow-up and pending issues discussions.

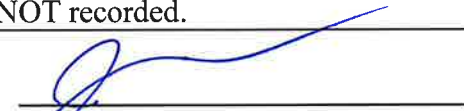
Director Van Cleave provided an update on post closure activities at the former Horse Thief Landfill and advised the Board that he and Environmental Health Director Kavanagh will be working with Ecology to complete the closure with the Board's support. The Board agreed.

Chairman Anderson reported on his trip to Washington D.C. to speak with legislators as the County's representative on the Bi-State Bridge Replacement Working Group, indicating letters of support will be coming from each legislator they spoke with.

Commissioner Sauter provided an update on Columbia Cascade Housing Corporation's request to the USDA for funding assistance for the proposed assisted living facility in White Salmon.

**Motion (M/ Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** To adjourn the workshop at 2:15 PM.

\* 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 Zoom 7.26.22 BOCC Meeting. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend. Meetings are recorded, and Workshops are NOT recorded.

  
Approved: Jacob Anderson  
Chairman of the Board



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Date