

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, October 25, 2022**

Morning Workshop Session

Chairman Jacob Anderson called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners Anderson, Christopher, and Sauter were present.

10:00 AM – Public Works/Road Department Update:

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

Director Kelsey provided a brief review of a consent agenda item, pay estimate, and updates on the Roosevelt Grade paving, Courtney Road, and Courthouse parking lot projects. Director Kelsey reported on projects in the design phase, maintenance projects, and upcoming facilities work and events. The Board discussed changes in Department of Historical Preservation policy which requires the County to consult with tribes.

Mr. Hunter provided an update on the 6 yr. Road Improvement Plan, advising that regional projects were added. The Board reviewed and discussed changes to the Non-Capital and Capital Improvement plans, upgrading the Dallesport Community Center bathrooms, and discussed the cost of professional trades people such as carpenters, plumbers and electricians for upcoming County projects.

Director Kelsey provided a brief update on the Lyle Communities request to upgrade traffic control on Hwy 14 going through Lyle. Mr. Hunter provided an update on the Recreation and Conservation Office grant guidelines. Discussion followed concerning the requirement to have a park plan, and options for obtaining a planning grant for the proposed Dallesport Park.

10:30 AM – Elected Official Report/Update: Sheriff Bob Songer:

Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Chief Jail Deputy Carman Knopes, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Sheriff Songer provided Sheriff's Office updates, which included calls for service, and community service activities provided by Patrol and Posse members.

Chief Jail Deputy Knopes thanked the Board for allowing the Sheriff's Office to purchase the new Patrol vehicles, due to their availability, noting that they were delivered this week. Chief Knopes reported staff training and new hires in the Jail, which was followed by further updates on the Civil Division, and Patrol Division.

The Board discussed the Jail's transport process and the number of jail bookings year after year from the cities versus County. Chairman Anderson indicated that he would like to have the numbers, noting that he is in the process of negotiating costs with the Cities.

The Board briefly discussed the Timber Patrol Deputy program. Chief Knopes reported that she is working on a grant for the jail which will be used to fund a transition program for inmates being released from Jail. Sheriff Songer reported that the Sheriff's Office will be hosting a drug take back program the 29th of this month.

11:00 AM - Miscellaneous Reports: Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP) Update:

Attendance: WAGAP Executive Director Leslie Naramore and Youth Center Program Director Autumn Williams (Via Zoom), and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and on Zoom.

Youth Center Program Director Williams reported on attendance and activities at the White Salmon Youth Center. Executive Director Naramore updated the Board on WAGAP's future plans to also have a youth center located in Goldendale. Director Naramore requested consideration from the Board to restore the County's contribution towards the White Salmon Youth Center to \$20,000 for the 2023 budget year. Following further discussion, the Board noted they would take the matter under consideration.

Director Naramore reported that there is a new Child Care facility opening in Dallesport. WGAP assisted the owner in getting her State licensing and other financial support to get up and running.

The Board continued a discussion regarding Republic Service's request for the Transfer Station employees to shut down services and take a lunch break. Commissioner Christopher stated that this request came up because this is a safety issue. The Board reached agreement to grant the request. Further discussion followed regarding scheduled Landfill tours the first week of November. Chairman Anderson advised that he will be having lunch with Representative Mosbrucker and asked for topics of discussion his seatmates would like him to mention. Topics mentioned for discussion were sales tax legislation, mental health funding, and the Housing Authority's capital funding request.

HR & Administrative Services Director Van Cleave provided an update on the reorganization of the Solid Waste Department, which will require reconvening of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and updating of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Following discussion, the Board granted verbal approval to the request.

Motion (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously). To recess for lunch at 11:28 AM.

Commissioner's Business Meeting

Chairman Anderson reconvened the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at 1:00 PM, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. All three (3) Commissioners were present.

Agenda:

***Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously):** Business Agenda with add-ons under Bid Openings at 1:30 PM: Requests for Proposals for an Electronic Healthcare Record System for Klickitat County Crisis and Behavioral Health Services. Proposals were scheduled to be opened last week, however no proposals were received at the designated address but two (2) were found in the Public Health Department, noting that they were received prior to the deadline; And Resolutions in the matter of rescinding prior resolutions establishing outdoor burning restrictions within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County, Burn Ban Zone three (3), Burn Ban Zone two (2), and Burn Ban Zone one (1).

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

The Board of Commissioners did not approve any Meeting Minutes.

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

Candy Magnusson passed out copies of a draft solar company land lease to the Board. Ms. Magnusson expressed concern as to how the properties are taxed, noting that the county could be losing 50 % of property tax if the properties are still in Farm & Ag, when it should be coded as a commercial use.

Gabriele Gilbert advised the Board of a Childcare Forum that will be held in White Salmon and encouraged the Board to attend. Ms. Gilbert said childcare needs to be listed in the County's Economic Development Plan and be considered priority infrastructure.

Lori Anderson encouraged County Department's to volunteer to serve meals at the Methodist Church community kitchen.

Sheri Bousquet apologized to County employees that feel they have been bullied and attacked when being asked for public records. Ms. Bousquet asked that the Commissioner's provide the emails to back up the claims. If you cannot provide these emails then I expect an apology.

Greg Wagner commented on the 2021 solar moratorium, public hearing for the Sales Tax increase, Noxious Weed assessment increase and other public hearing issues where citizens have commented against the proposals and the Commissioners have approved them anyway. Mr. Wagner stated that the citizens speak but are not heard, we cannot trust the process, when can we expect you to work for us and not against us.

Lynn Mason asked about a \$600,000 grant the former Undersheriff had indicated would be used to build and run a County animal shelter. Ms. Mason asked who applied for the grant.

Tracy McKune commented on a consent agenda item for the purchase of monitor array bars, and asked why Dispatch is so under staffed and why does Klickitat County have to be first in adding text 911 services. Commissioners should take a stand on National security and not purchase Chinese projects.

Commissioner Sauter advised that the Assessor is the expert in property assessment and property leased for solar projects are removed from Current Use Farm & Ag. Commissioner Sauter responded to comments made by Ms. Bouquet, explaining the difference between a general request for information versus a legitimate public records request. Commissioner Christopher advised that he does not know who applied for the animal shelter grant, noting that the request did not come before the Board of Commissioners.

Chairman Anderson explained the removal process from the current use program as related to solar projects. Chairman Anderson noted that the Sheriff's Office applied for and received the grant for the animal shelter, and he will be checking in with the Sheriff to get an update. Chairman Anderson provided clarification on Ms. McKune's comments related to the monitor array question. Chairman thanked Ms. Bouquet for her apology to the employees and suggested she contact the employees and talk with them individually. Mr. Anderson also asked Ms. Bouquet to send an email specifying the details of her public records request. Chairman Anderson commented on Mr. Wagner's comments, advising that the Commissioner's job is to represent all of the County not only those that attend public hearings.

Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings: Request for Proposals Opening: for Electronic Healthcare Record System for Klickitat County Crisis and Behavioral Health Services.

Chairman Anderson advised there were two (2) proposals for an Electronic Healthcare Record System for Klickitat County Crisis and Behavioral Health Services received last week, however they were mailed to the Public Health Department and not the Commissioner's Office as designated and were discovered the next day.

- Compulink Healthcare Solutions, Thousand Oaks, CA
- Athena Intergraded Systems, Inc., Memphis, TN

Approved (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously). Motion to forward two (2) proposals received for an Electronic Healthcare Record System for Klickitat County Crisis and Behavioral Health Services to the Public Health Director for review and recommendation to the Board.

Department Update/Report: Public Health Department Update:

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

Public Health Director Quinn provided updates on public health, and environmental health services. Director Quinn advised that the Health Department is partnering with Klickitat Valley Health to provide a Narcan vending machine. Further updates followed on the search for another Public Health Officer, vaccine clinics, lead testing, post covid activities, and staffing changes. Director Quinn advised that currently the State is providing a lot of funding for public health services and she proposed to fill the Public Educator position. After further discussion, the Board approved to filling the Public Educator position. An update on Behavioral Health Services followed.

Follow up 2023 Budget workshop:

Attendance: WSU Extension Director Hannah Brause, Office Manager Erika Beasley, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and on Zoom.

Director Brause reported that the 4-H Coordinator position has been filled. Commissioner Christopher questioned an increase in the WSU Extension's professional Services budget. Director Brause provided an overview of the budgeted item. Office Manager Beasley provided a breakdown of the budgeted item and explained the changes. Director Brause proposed to increase the Office Manager position to a 32 to 40 FTE position. Discussed followed regarding WSU's proposed increase in travel. Director Brause advised that she is requesting to restore the travel budget to its prior level. Following further discussion, the Board acknowledged WSU's need for the travel budget. Chairman Anderson advised that changes will need to be made through the 2023 supplemental budget process.

Commissioner Christopher advised that the Board is creating a fleet program and the Commissioners will be moving vehicles into the fleet program, two (2) of which will come from WSU. Director Brause asked that one (1) of the fleet vehicles be available at the Pioneer Center in White Salmon.

Unfinished Business: Public Hearing/Continued/Open to further comment: concerning proposed amendments to Klickitat County's Model Decommissioning Plan:

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing to review the amendments to the Klickitat County Model Decommissioning Plan and asked for a staff update.

Planning Director Lindblad provided a brief update, advising that changes were made to the draft plan based on last week's discussion.

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing to public testimony, noting that written comments were received which have been added to the record. Chairman Anderson asked if the Board had questions for staff. Commissioner Sauter verified the current document in place.

Chairman Anderson opened the hearing to comments on the updated decommissioning plan. Brian Walsh with Avangrid Renewables summarized Avangrid's projects in Klickitat County. Mr. Walsh identified and explained components of the draft plan such as funding forms of security and salvage value as it related to his experiences.

Sheri Bouquet commented on the updated Decommissioning Plan, advising that this is just a start and suggested that it needed teeth to protect the property owners, and it should be submitted to the Planning Commission for oversight.

Dave Barta offered comments on solar battery storage.

Debbie Wagner stated that the three changes are a good start but do not go far enough, until more changes are made she is opposed to the Decommissioning Plan.

Greg Wagner commented on deficiencies in the current proposed Decommissioning Plan and offered changes to improve the plan.

Chairman asked if anyone else wished to provide comment, hearing none he called for Board discussion. The Board discussed specific language in the plan and made several changes.

Commissioner Christopher asked Mr. Walsh why Avangrid Renewables only built three (3) of five (5) permitted projects. Mr. Walsh advised that two (2) were not built due to market changes.

Chairman Anderson asked Mr. Walsh what changes to the plan he would recommend. Mr. Walsh stated that he would put back in the parent guarantee, noting that the County has done a great job in protecting itself and the public. Mr. Walsh stated that having a power purchase agreement is an excellent protection against anyone walking away from a project. Mr. Walsh shared other suggestions that could be implemented in the Decommissioning Plan that would add additional protections for the County and the public.

Mr. Wagner asked why the County will have a discussion with the solar companies but not citizens. The Board advised Mr. Wagner that this a public hearing and the Board can ask questions of any person making comment if they need more information from that individual.

Chairman Anderson continued the public hearing open to further comment to a date to be determined.

Miscellaneous Reports: Request from the Dallesport Water District (DWD) Board of Commissioners for an update on the status of the Airport well.

The Board met with the DWD Commissioners and Manager Scott Dixon to discuss the status of the Airport well water right transfer to the water district and several other issues. DWD Manager Dixon stated that there are unmetered buildings at the airport that have water but no System Development Charges (SDCs), have been paid to the water district, and they would like to paid.

Chairman Anderson provided an overview of the history of the airport business park and well development. Chairman Anderson also addressed the unpaid SDCs. Chairman Anderson stated that there has been little development at the airport and only one (1) building (a training hangar) was built after the 2011 and 2012 agreements. This would come off of the 30 SDC's that are owed to the City & County according to the agreement.

Discussion followed regarding the DWD's request for the County to do a quick claim deed. Chairman Anderson advised that the Federal Aviation Administration must sign off on the transfer of the water right, and the Airport needs to get an evaluation of the value of the water right. Discussion continue with Commissioner Sauter also offering his timeline of the airport business park and well development. Chairman Anderson strongly noted that the City of The Dalles and Klickitat County have been working on this issue, which needs to be resolved before anything can move forward.

Commissioner Christopher advised that it is 4:42 PM and the Board still has business to conduct before a 6:00 PM meeting and suggested that the discussion may need to be rescheduled.

New Business: Resolutions in the matter of rescinding Resolutions establishing outdoor burning restrictions within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County, Burn Ban Zone three (3), Burn Ban Zone two (2), and Burn Ban Zone one (1).

Approved (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously). Resolution No. 10022 in the matter of rescinding the Resolution establishing outdoor burning restrictions within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County, Burn Ban Zone one (1).

Approved (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously). Resolution No. 10122 in the matter of rescinding the Resolution establishing outdoor burning restrictions within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County, Burn Ban Zone two (2).

Approved (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously). Resolution No. 10222 in the matter of rescinding the Resolution establishing outdoor burning restrictions within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County, Burn Ban three (3).

Consent Agenda:

***Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with eight (8) items.

- 1) ***Resolution No. 09722** in the matter of appointing Suzanne Rankin of Centerville, Washington to the Klickitat-Skamania Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board. Appointment is to an unexpired three (3) year term, expiring August 9, 2025.
- 2) ***Scheduling public meetings to be held Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 1:30 PM as follows:**
 - To consider approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2022-18, Parcel No. 05-15-2408-0003/00 and 05-15-2408-0002/00, in the Goldendale vicinity.
 - To consider approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2022-11, Parcel No. 06-12-1318-1401/00 and 06-12-1318-1402/00, in the Glenwood vicinity.
- 3) ***Resolution No 09822** in the matter of considering and approving petitions requesting annexation of certain property into the boundaries of Klickitat County Fire Protection District No. 3. The property proposed for annexation is presently outside the boundary line of the fire district but contiguous to the present district boundary as required. The petitioner (1) represents 100% of the property acreage of the area to be annexed based on the Assessor's certification.
- 4) ***Letters, Certificate of Appreciation and Resolution No. 09922** in the matter of appointing members to the Klickitat County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee as follows:

Brenda Sorensen	Klickitat County Auditor	Elected Official	Position #1
Nicole Lundin	Goldendale Chamber	Tax User	Position #2
Tammara Toppel	Mt. Adams Chamber	Tax User	Position #3
Marie Gunkel	Gunkel Orchards	Tax Generator	Position #4
Lisa Evans	Moses Properties	Tax Generator	Position #5
- 5) ***Amendment (C18122)** to County Road Easement Agreement between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and the Washington State Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of correcting the legal description of the Public Road Easement for Middle Road through Parcel No. 05-20-3600-0001/00 as follows: The legal description for the county road identified as "Application No. 942" in the Easement across portions of the Southwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 5 North, Range 20 East, W.M., Klickitat County, Washington, is hereby deleted and replaced with the description of the existing Middle Road as shown and legally described across said parcel as "DNR APP. NO. 50-CR092" on that Record of Survey which was recorded in the records of Klickitat County, Washington on September 13, 2022 under Auditor File No. 1156369, by this reference made a part hereof, approximately as show on Exhibit B.
- 6) ***Amendment No. 2 (E22-199)(C18222)** between Klickitat County (Emergency Management Department) and Washington State Military Department for the purpose of changing contract information and amending the use of funding from supplies to personnel and fringe benefits. The grant amount of \$28,015 remains unchanged.
- 7) ***Fee Waiver Request** from the WSU Extension/4-H Horse Project for use of the indoor area during the winter riding season. The total waiver amount is \$320.00.
- 8) ***Authorization to Purchase request** from the Emergency Management department to purchase four (4) Watson 2nd Tier Monitor Array Bars at the total cost of \$5,5549.14, which includes applicable sales tax.

Voucher Certification and Approval

***Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously).** Pay Estimate No. 6 to James Dean Construction, Inc., in the total amount of \$469,163.26 for Courtney Road Project, CRP 342 & CRP 343, no retainage was required.

***Approved Warrants (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** Accounts Payable: (#317435 - 317526) for a total of \$855,818.62. Payroll Warrants: (#233220 – 2334790, Co. Benefits Warrants (#317426 – 317434) and Co. Benefit – Electronic Transfer #979, for a total of \$1,006,975.74, for a combined total of \$1,862,794.36 the date ending October 24, 2022.


Board Pending:

Pending issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners, some of which may qualify for Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation. Issues of a general” nature will be discussed in open session.

At 5:00 PM Chairman Anderson announced the Board would be convening into Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation with Prosecutor David Quesnel. It was noted the session would last twenty (20) minutes. At 5:20 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. At 5:25 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. At 5:30 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. The Board briefly convened back into Regular Session at 5:35 PM and announced they would be going into Executive Session 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 for five (5) minutes. At 5:40 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. At 5:45 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. At 5:50 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. At 5:55 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. The Board convened back into Regular Session at 6:00 PM. No action was taken.

(6:00 PM) (M/Sauter, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously). There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. There are no scheduled workshops for Thursday, October 27, 2022. It was noted that the Board of Commissioners will be attending a Klickitat County Public Economic Development Authority meeting at 6:00 PM, which will be held in the County Services Building, 115 W Court, Goldendale, WA.

* Reference Document on File. The Board of Commissioners’ minutes is action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file 10.25.2022 Board of County Commissioner’s Meeting. Please Note: All Commissioner meetings and workshops are open to the public to attend. Meetings are recorded, Workshops are NOT recorded.


Approved: **Jacob Anderson**
Chairman of the Board



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Date