

**Klickitat County  
Board of Commissioners  
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, November 1, 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, various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Kelsey provided a review of consent agenda items, one of them being a waiver request from the Goldendale High School Equestrian Team to use the indoor area during the winter riding season. A discussion followed in regards to the fees which can only be waived once they are assessed, not before. It was agreed that the Board will ask the Prosecuting Attorney for direction.

Director Kelsey then followed up with an update on the Roosevelt Grade Rd. paving, Courtney Road and Courthouse parking lots. Director Kelsey reported on road design projects, road crew maintenance assignments, and facilities repairs and upgrades.

Deputy Director Jeff Hunter followed up noting that the Fairgrounds waterline construction is delayed due to an archaeological study.

Deputy Director Hunter shared the options for applying for the Department of Commerce Parks Grant. Discussion followed concerning doing the overall Countywide Grant versus the Planning Grant or Planning and Design Grant and what is feasible and achievable.

**10:35 AM – Adult Probation Department:** Request for \$110,000 of Opioid Settlement Agreement funding to be designated annually to Adult Probation to be used to pay the salary and benefits for 1 FTE to monitor, manage, support and assist Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) clients and/or at-risk OUD.

Attendance: Chief Adult Probation Officer Courtney Cooke, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Ms. Cooke requested that the Board consider delegating some of the funding from the Opioid Settlement Agreement to the Adult Probation Department to go towards the salary and benefits of 1 FT employee to provide resources for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) clients in need of programs, treatment services, case management and for people at risk for (OUD).

Commissioner Christopher clarified that the funds will come from the State Settlement Class Action Lawsuit with the Opioid Manufacturers. The first year the County will receive approximately \$500,000 and then \$250,000 a year after that, for the total of 17 years. Ms. Cooke stated that the employee would also be able to provide some of the services to people outside the criminal justice system. Commissioner Christopher stated that he would also like to see some of the funds go toward Opioid Mental Health.

A discussion followed regarding the proposal and the legal appropriation of funds. Commissioner Sauter and Commissioner Christopher stated that they are in favor of the proposal.

**11:15 AM - New Business:** Klickitat County EMS District #1, Chief of Operations Will Harriman: Discuss inter-facility transportation with regards to the new Behavioral Health Program.

Attendance: Klickitat County EMS District #1, Chief of Operations Will Harriman, Chief Adult Probation Officer Courtney Cooke, Emergency Management Director Jeff King, Public Health Director Erinn Quinn and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Commissioner Anderson explained that the county is starting up a new Behavioral Health program and transportation to facilities outside the county seems to be the biggest limitation. Commissioner Anderson inquired as to what the EMS Ambulance service can and cannot provide to alleviate the problem.

Public Health Director Quinn verified that involuntary Behavioral Health transports that are physically or chemically restrained will have to be transported by ambulance.

Mr. Harriman explained that there are only three Ambulances on duty in the county at a time and that transporting someone having a mental health crisis would result in a shortage of transports for someone needing 911 response medical emergency transport. Mr. Harriman stated that more discussion is needed since there are no provisions to call in off duty personnel.

11:40 AM Commissioner Christopher excused himself from the Board Meeting to attend a different meeting.

**Motion (M/Sauter, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously).** To recess for lunch at 12:00 PM.

**Commissioner's Business Meeting**

Chairman Anderson reconvened the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, November 1, 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 as presented with add-ons: Resolution in the matter of designation of Klickitat County Behavioral Health Department as the provider of County Designated Crisis Responders; And Professional Services Agreement with three (3) Crisis Responders; And Authorization of the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign the Joint Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Policy Statement.

**Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes**

**Approved (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2022 & October 18, 2022 as presented.

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

Ken McKune suggested that since the county has \$600,000.00 earmarked for an Animal Shelter, that the location be on the property newly acquired by the county near the Fairgrounds.

Sheri Bousquet questioned the Planning Commission role in the county and what benefit the county had with the Decommissioning Plan Public Hearing when the Board listened to Brian Walsh with Avangriddictate what Avangrid would and would not want to do and no comments were allowed from the public.

Gabriel Gilbert invited the Commissioners to a Child Care Forum on Nov. 9. Ms. Gilbert felt that it was important to see the county create a child care policy toward common goals for accessible and affordable child care.

Delmar Eldred expressed his concerns that the Commissioners are not protecting citizens, that it is obvious which side the Board is on when it comes to renewable energy and that the county will end up with toxic waste with no concern about the future.

Greg Wagner suggested that there was a procedural error since the Board failed to get a motion to close the Decommissioning Plan Public Hearing. Mr. Wagner stated that he felt that Commissioner Anderson was disrespectful toward a man with the Dallesport Water District and that he owed this man an apology. Mr. Wagner feels that the Board should be more helpful informing the citizens of Public Hearings. Mr. Wagner questioned why the county can spend money on Courtney Rd. and not want to spend money on recording the Thursday morning workshops and wondered why there is a charge to use the 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room when it is supposed to be the citizens building.

Chairman Sauter asked Ms. Gilbert what time and place that the Child Care Forum will be. Ms. Gilbert stated the time would be decided at a later date and that it will be in the Chambers above the Fire Hall in White Salmon.

Chairman Sauter explained that in a Public Hearing the citizens have a 3 minute comment period and once the comment period is closed the BOCC has the opportunity to ask questions whether it be to the industry or the people.

Del Eldred stated forcefully that the Commissioners were not representing the citizens.

Commissioner Sauter stated that he disagreed.

Chairman Anderson stated that it is unfortunate that the board is demonized for asking Avangrid questions and that the Decommissioning Plan Public Hearing is still open.

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

**Public Meeting: To consider approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2021-18, Parcel No. 05-15-2408-0003/00 and 05-15-2408-0002/00, in the Goldendale vicinity: Applicants: James and Patricia Farrer.**

Assistant Planner Rebecca Hail reported that Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2022-18 is a proposal to adjust the common property line between Parcel No. 05-15-2408-0003/00 and 05-15-2408-0002/00, in the Goldendale vicinity.

Ms. Hail advised that an administrative review of the boundary line adjustment has been completed and signatures have been obtained from the Road, Health, and Planning Departments and the Treasurer's Office signifying that all conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met. If the Board finds that it is in the public's interest to approve this boundary line adjustment, a motion needs to be made to grant final approval.

**Approved (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** Motion granting approval to Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2021-18, Parcel No. 05-15-2408-0003/00 and 05-15-2408-0002/00, in the Goldendale vicinity: Applicants: James and Patricia Farrer.

**Public Meeting: 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: Applicants: Michelle & Brian Martin.**

Assistant Planner Rebecca Hail reported that Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2022-11, Parcel No. 06-12-1318-1401/00 and 06-12-1318-1402/00, in the Glenwood vicinity

Ms. Hail advised that an administrative review of the boundary line adjustment has been completed and signatures have been obtained from the Road, Health, and Planning Departments and the Treasurer's Office signifying that all conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met. If the Board finds that it is in the public's interest to approve this boundary line adjustment, a motion needs to be made to grant final approval.

**Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously).** Motion granting approval to Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2022-11, Parcel No. 06-12-1318-1401/00 and 06-12-1318-1402/00, in the Glenwood vicinity; Applicants: Michelle & Brian Martin.

**Public Hearing: to consider a supplemental budget and amendments of various funds and departments to the 2022 budget expenditures in the sum of \$345,628.**

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing to consider supplemental budget 2023-3 and requested a staff review.

Fiscal Manager Jennifer Bartley provided an overview of the request for \$345,628 in Grant funds received to establish the Behavioral Health Dept.

Gabriel Gilbert stated that she is in favor of the supplemental budget.

Chairman Anderson asked if there was anyone else wishing to comment, hearing none, he closed the public hearing to further public comment and called for Board discussion, which was followed by a motion.

**Approved (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. 10422** in the matter of approving Supplemental Budget 2022-3 and amendments for the 2022 Budget in the sum of \$345,628.

**Miscellaneous Report: Scott Robinson with ABATE of Washington, Columbia Gorge Chapter: Seeking partnership for a community July 4th event at the County Fairgrounds for a demolition derby and fireworks show.**

Mr. Robinson requested consideration for financial assistance for a July 4, 2023 celebration consisting of a fireworks display and demolition derby. Commissioner Christopher suggested that Mr. Robinson approach some of the Renewable Energy Companies for donations. Economic Development Specialist Richard Foster stated that there is a timeline on applications to request Lodging Tax dollars for the event and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee will be meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2023. Chairman Anderson suggested that Mr. Robinson apply for a Special Use Permit with the Planning Department soon. All three Commissioners are in support of the event.

**Consent Agenda:**

**\*Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with item #3 pulled for further consideration, for a total of six (6) items.

1. \*Budget Transfer Request from the Building Inspection Department to transfer \$367,265 from the Code Compliance section to Building 2022 wages to cover miscalculated wage estimates, promotions and cost of living adjustments. Note: This is budget neutral, resulting in no impact at the moment to the bottom line budget for the department or general fund.
2. \*Quit Claim Deed for Parcel 04-18-3400-0003/00 in consideration of settlement and full execution of payment and exchange according the Real Estate Purchase and Sales Agreement County Records C30210, conveys and quit claims said parcel containing 3.94 acres (the "Rock Quarry") to 101 Bar Ranch LLC, a Washington limited liability company the following described real estate situated in the County of Klickitat, State of Washington
3. **(Pulled)** Request for a waiver of fees totaling \$320.00 for the Goldendale High School Equestrian Team to use the indoor area during the winter riding season.
4. \*Professional Services Agreement **(C18622)** between Klickitat County (Public Health Department) and Leslie Knight/Leslie Moorehead for the purpose of providing Designated Crisis Responder Services to Klickitat County Residents on behalf of Klickitat County Behavioral Health Department at a rate of \$45.00 per hour not to exceed a contract maximum of \$10,000 without supervisor approval during the period of performance ending on December 31, 2022.
5. \*Professional Services Agreement **(C18722)** between Klickitat County (Public Health Department) and Lacey Dawn Villamar for the purpose of providing Designated Crisis Responder Services to Klickitat County Residents on behalf of Klickitat County Behavioral Health Department at a rate of \$45.00 per hour not to exceed a contract maximum of \$10,000 without supervisor approval during the period of performance ending on December 31, 2022.

6. \*Professional Services Agreement (**C18822**) between Klickitat County (Public Health Department) and Anna Coughlin for the purpose of providing WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program, Maternal Child Health/Infant Case Management Program, and Maternal Child Health Block Grant at Klickitat County Health Department at an hourly rate of \$30.00 per hour. Work shall not exceed hours outlined in section II during the time period October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023.
7. \*Professional Services Agreement (**C18922**) between Klickitat County (Public Health Department) and Argentina Rangel for the purpose of providing WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program at an hourly rate of \$18.50 per hour. Work shall not exceed hours outlined in section II during the time period October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023.

### **New Business**

**(M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously). Resolution No.10322** in the matter of designation of Klickitat County Behavioral Health Department as the provider of County Designated Crisis Responders, and that the individuals meet the requirements of Mental Health professions as defined by RCW, effective November 7, 2022.

**(M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** Professional Services Agreement (**C18322**) between Klickitat County (Public Health Department) and Jeff Albin for the purpose of providing Designated Crisis Responder Services to Klickitat County Residents on behalf of Klickitat County Behavioral Health Department at a rate of \$45.00 per hour not to exceed a contract maximum of \$10,000 without supervisor approval during the period of performance ending on December 31, 2022.

**(M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** Professional Services Agreement (**C18422**) between Klickitat County (Public Health Department) and C.J. Burns for the purpose of providing Designated Crisis Responder Services to Klickitat County Residents on behalf of Klickitat County Behavioral Health Department at a rate of \$45.00 per hour not to exceed a contract maximum of \$10,000 without supervisor approval during the period of performance ending on December 31, 2022.

**(M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** Professional Services Agreement (**C18522**) between Klickitat County (Public Health Department) and Temira Lital for the purpose of providing Designated Crisis Responder Services to Klickitat County Residents on behalf of Klickitat County Behavioral Health Department at a rate of \$45.00 per hour not to exceed a contract maximum of \$10,000 without supervisor approval during the period of performance ending on December 31, 2022.

**(M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** Authorization for the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners to sign the Joint Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Policy Statement with the City of The Dalles. As owners of the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport they have established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program in accordance with regulations of the US Department of Transportation, 49 CRP Part 26. The City of The Dalles and Klickitat County, have received federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the Owners have signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

### **Voucher Certification and Approval**

**\*Approved Warrants (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** Accounts Payable: (#317547-317664) and Direct Deposit #980 for a total of \$223,990.38 for the dated ending October 31, 2022.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Commissioner Christopher and Commissioner Sauter stated that they are in support of restoring 1 FTE in the Assessors office since the workload has changed. Chairman Anderson agreed to supporting the position as long as there is money in the budget to do so.

**Elected Official Report/Update: Treasurer Greg Gallagher: Finance Committee Update.**

Treasurer Gallagher provided a Finance Committee update, reviewing the items that the committee discussed. Further Board discussion followed.

**Board Pending: Pending issues as determined by the Board of County Commissioners**

Commissioner Christopher motioned that the Board vote on a moratorium on the regulation of certain amounts and the location of Lithium Batteries.

A discussion followed questioning if the EIS process would cover the impacts of lithium batteries or if this is something that should go in front of the Planning Commission for public comment.

Commissioner Sauter and Chairman Anderson agreed that they do not know enough about what the impacts of a moratorium would have on the county without further clarification.

**Motion (M/Christopher, N/Sauter, N/Anderson. Motion failed)**

At 2:46 PM Chairman Anderson announced the Board would be convening 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 fifteen (15) minutes. At 3:01 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes. At 3:11 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes. At 3:21 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. At 3:26 Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes. The Board briefly convened back into Regular Session at 3:31 PM and announced they would be going into Executive Session in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) ) to discuss pending litigation with Prosecutor David Quesnel. Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes. At 3:41 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes. At 3:51 PM Chairman Anderson announced that the Executive Session would be extended ten (10) minutes. The Board convened back into Regular Session at 4:01 PM.

**(4:01 PM) (M/Sauter, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously).** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. There are no scheduled workshops for Thursday, November 3, 2022.

\* 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 11.01.2022 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