

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

Topic	Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition
	Call to Order/Roll Call
Morning Workshop Session – Tuesday, January 22, 2019	Chairman David M. Sauter called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter, Rex F. Johnston and Jim Sizemore.
	Workshop Session Agenda
Public Works/Road Department Update	<p>10:00 AM – Public Works Department Update</p> <p>Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Assistant County Engineer Jeff Hunter, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Sheriff Bob Songer and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Sells.</p> <p>Director Kelsey reviewed items on this afternoons Consent Agenda and discussed the guardrail replacement around Rowland Lake.</p> <p>* Discussion of the County Services Building square footage, parking and a basement verses a storage building followed.</p> <p>Director Kelsey reported work has begun with the Sheriff to prepare contracts for their office remodel this spring.</p> <p>Deputy Director Hunter stated there is a kick off meeting to start discussions of construction on the radio towers scheduled for this October.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter extended a thank you to the Public Works Road Crew from a White Salmon resident who appreciated the safety measures taken to help with winter driving.</p>
Sheriff's Department Update	<p>10:30 AM – Elected Officials Report:</p> <p>Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer and Deputy Prosecutor Rebecca Sells.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer reported on call volumes for service and papers served from January 1st to current, noting the Posse members are volunteering a lot of hours doing crime prevention patrol work.</p> <p>* Sheriff Songer provided an update and biographies of the Posse Air Wing pilots and a brief update on Search and Rescue volunteer hours, missions, training, public relations events and the annual appreciation night banquet.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer reported on a lengthy narcotic investigation conducted by the Sheriff's Office and The Dalles Police Department. An arrest was made on site and the suspect booked into jail.</p>

	<p>Sheriff Songer informed the Board concerning his position as it relates to I-1639, advising as the chief and only elected law enforcement officer, the Office of Sheriff is unique in that the Sheriff is accountable directly to the people, and this allows the Sheriff the freedom to speak out on matters affecting criminal justice and public safety.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer stated he believes I-1639 is unconstitutional and violates gun owners' rights under the Washington State Constitution and US Constitution (2nd Amendment), noting that this is an issue the courts will decide.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter stated that he has received calls and emails on both sides of the issue and he understands the people's concerns. Chairman Sauter acknowledged that the Sheriff is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the County and it is not in the Board's purview to determine whether something is unconstitutional. Chairman Sauter stated he respects the Sheriff, noting that his biggest concern is that he doesn't want county citizens to be pulled into the national debate with people from outside the county pushing their own agendas, he wants to hear from county residents.</p> <p>Commissioner Sizemore expressed support for the Sheriff and stated everyone has the right to voice their opinion.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer stated that if the court finds that I-1639 is constitutional he will enforce it.</p> <p>Commissioner Johnston agreed, noting that the Commissioners have a duty to represent all county citizens not just those they individually agree with.</p>
<p>Klickitat Public Utility District No. 1 quarterly update</p>	<p>11:00 AM - Miscellaneous Reports/Comments:</p> <p>Attendance: Klickitat Public Utility District (PUD) General Manager Jim Smith, Renewable Energy Assets Manager Kevin Ricks and Commissioner Doug Miller, Information Technology & Budget Director Glen Chipman, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Sells and three (3) members of the public.</p> <p>General Manager Smith provided an update on net metering related to solar energy, noting PUD is required by law to provide net metering which monitors power going in and out of the electrical grid from customer solar systems. Mr. Smith explained that some people are not happy with metering rates, further explaining that PUD has \$60,000 in unrecovered costs from residential and business regenerating systems.</p> <p>Renewable Energy Assets Manager Ricks provided an update on PUD's Renewable Natural Gas project, noting with current and forecasted market prices for renewable electricity, there is more value in selling renewable fuel than using it for power generation. Discussion followed concerning a 100% clean energy bill and low carbon fuel legislation.</p>

	<p>Mr. Ricks stated Washington Governor Jay Inslee is very interested in the progress of the Renewable Gas Project. Mr. Ricks extended an invitation to the Board to attend the dedication ceremony scheduled for the first part of June.</p> <p>Mr. Smith provided a brief update on grape/wine irrigated crops, noting that PUD has voided the contract with the Goodnoe Station developers and the water right will come back to the public.</p> <p>A brief discussion was held regarding proposed and planned development in the Dallesport and Lyle areas.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter asked about PUD's rate discount program for seniors to assist with electric/heating bills. Mr. Smith provided an overview of the program, advising that Senior Services provides administration for the program. The Board expressed support for developing a similar program to assist Indigent Veterans. Mr. Smith indicated he would talk with PUD Commissioners and suggested contacting PUD's Customer Service Manager to discuss an assistance program for Indigent Veterans.</p>
Lunch Recess	The Board recessed for lunch at 11:00 AM.
	Call to Order/Roll Call:
Regular Meeting for Tuesday, January 22, 2019	Chairman David M. Sauter reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter, Rex F. Johnston and Jim Sizemore.
	Agenda:
Business Agenda	<p>Approved (M/Sizemore, S/Johnston. Passed unanimously): the Business Agenda with one (1) Add-on under New Business: Amendment No. 1 to Independent Contractor Services Agreement (C08418) between Klickitat County (Economic Development Department) and Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of increasing the not to exceed payment for services and costs reimbursement by five hundred seventy-six dollars and .99 cents.</p>
	Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes
Approval of Meeting Minutes	There were no Commissioner Meeting Minutes requiring approval at this time.
	Citizen Comment:
Comments will be limited to Seven (7) minutes per individual	<p>During the citizen comment period there were approximately 35+ people present in addition to Sheriff Bob Songer, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Sells, Chief Criminal Deputy Mike Kallio and Deputy Sergeant Erik Anderson.</p> <p>* Goldendale resident Kenneth McKune provided information regarding "Bloom Energy" which creates onsite renewal sustainable energy developed from the Mars Program. Mr. McKune also commented on the Pumped Storage Project and indicated he would like to see Goldendale residents have an opportunity to use the water for irrigation.</p>

	<p>White Salmon residents Michael Oldfather, Bob Weisfield and Kara Orsky spoke in support of I-1639 stating they believe in the process that put the initiative in place. Mr. Oldfather suggested the County request a legal opinion from the State Attorney General regarding the constitutionality of I-1639.</p> <p>County residents Eric Young, Gary Morton, Larry Reed, Pat Cramer and Nate Pyle expressed support for Sheriff Songer’s decision not to enforce I-1639 and feel that it is unconstitutional and violates citizens’ right to bear arms.</p> <p>Following discussion, Chairman Sauter stated that he understands concerns expressed on both sides and he has great respect for Sheriff Songer. Chairman Sauter advised that there are other matters on the agenda, noting that he would like to give county residents an opportunity to comment and agreed to schedule an evening meeting to continue the discussions.</p> <p>Chairman Johnston stated he is a 2nd amendment believer and gun owner but it is his job as a County Commissioner to listen to all sides of an issue.</p> <p>Commissioner Sizemore noted as Commissioner from District 3 he has faith in the process and thanked everyone for coming in to speak, stating this piece of the process is important.</p>
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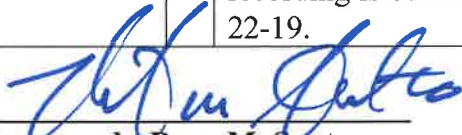
Consent Agenda:	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * * * * * * 	<p>Approved (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): the Consent Agenda with nine (9) items.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the purpose of obligating Federal Funds for signing improvements and installation of flexible guide posts on various County roads in the amount of \$589,500 – Klickitat County 2017 Safety Program Project, CRP 349. 2) Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Supplemental Agreement (C00719) No. 1 between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and the Washington State Department of Transportation for the purpose of obligating Federal Funds for the Klickitat County 2017 Safety Program Project in the amount of \$589,500 – Klickitat County 2017 Safety Program Project, CRP 349. 3) Notice of Public Hearing from the Public Works Department scheduling a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 1:30 PM to consider amending the Six Year Transportation Program for the years 2019-2024 for the purpose of correcting minor clerical errors relating to the project mile posting and length. 4) Authorization of Chair signature for the Digital Submittal Certification for the County Road Administration Board for 2019 Road Levy Certification. 5) Request from the Goldendale Equestrian Team to consider granting a waiver of the indoor riding arena fee in addition to their rented time slot for the remainder of the 2019 year in the amount of \$220.00.
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Unfinished Business:		
<p>Follow discussion regarding the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District" request for funding assistance</p>		<p>Attendance: White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District Commissioners Karen Skiles and Lloyd DeKay, Auditor Brenda Sorensen, Deputy Auditor Heather Jobe, Assessor Crista Schroder, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Human Resources Director Randi Post, Natural Resource/Economic Development Director Dave McClure, Natural Resources Project Specialist Jacob Anderson, Adult/Juvenile Probation Director Larry Barker, CASA Volunteer Coordinator Ashley Bryan and 6 members of the public.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter reported that he had a brief discussion with White Salmon Mayor Poucher regarding the city forgiving the debt to operate the swimming pool in 2019 to allow the District to start without debt.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding the proposed \$50,000 grant the County is considering.</p>
New Business:		
	<p>*</p>	<p>Approved (M/Sizemore, S/Johnston. Passed unanimously): Amendment No. 1 (C00819) to Independent Contractor Services Agreement (C08418) between Klickitat County (Economic Development Department) and Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of increasing the not to exceed payment for services and costs reimbursement from fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000) to fifty five thousand five hundred seventy six dollars and .99 cents (55,576.99).</p>
	<p>*</p>	<p>Natural Resource/Economic Development Director Dave McClure reported that Senator Honeyford is interested in proposing a bill concerning Department of Natural Resource trust lands and provided a copy of the draft for the Board to review.</p> <p>Natural Resources Specialist Jacob Anderson provided an update on discussions held with legislators in Olympia regarding purchase of the West Simcoes and bringing lands managed by the state back under county management.</p>

	<p>Juvenile/Adult Probation Director Larry Barker requested verbal approval to begin the process to create a new position which would be funded by a CASA (court-appointed special advocate) grant which CASA Volunteer Coordinator Ashley Bryan applied for and received.</p> <p>Human Resources (HR) Director Randi Post advised that Ms. Bryan would be promoted to a new CASA Manager position and the other position would be the CASA Coordinator position. The Board expressed their support to begin the process.</p>
	<p>Human Resources Director Randi Post requested and received verbal approval for a Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill a new Investigator position and reorganization of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.</p>
	<p>Assessor Crista Schroder asked when Open Space Advisory Committee appointments would be finalized. Chairman Sauter noted that the appointments had been approved earlier on the Consent Agenda. A brief discussion followed regarding current use leases and the current use program's five (5) auditor cycle. Assessor Schroder stated she has assessment concerns related to the Glenwood water shortage and plans to meet with citizens in the area.</p>
Payment Approvals:	
<p>Voucher Certification and Approval</p>	<p>* Approved Warrants (M/Sizemore, S/Johnston. Passed unanimously): 2018 Accounts Payable: (#286905 - 287008) for a total of \$406,991.24 for the date ending January 22, 2019.</p> <p>There were no Payroll warrants requiring approval.</p>
	<p>Approved Warrants (M/ Sizemore, S/ Johnston. Passed unanimously): 2019 Accounts Payable: (#286769 – 286901, 286903 – 286904); Re- Issued Warrant (#286902), Cancelled Warrants (#286160), Electronic Transfer (#843) for a total of \$263,561.10 for the date ending January 23, 2019.</p> <p>There were no Payroll warrants requiring approval.</p>
Board Pending:	
<p>Issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners</p>	<p>The Board had a follow up discussion about scheduling an evening meeting to allow citizens to comment on I-1639.</p> <p>The Board had a discussion concerning the Law and Justice Council.</p> <p>Port of Klickitat Executive Director Marc Thornsbury provided an update on development at Bingen Point, advising the Port is running out of usable property and will be looking into a land swap to trade wetlands for developable property and may be coming to the Klickitat County Public Economic Development Authority for funding assistance.</p>

	Executive Director Thornsbury reported that the Port Commissioners have set aside funding to build a 15,000 to 20,000 square feet start-up space on Port property located in Dallesport.
Adjournment	Approved (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.
	* Reference Document on File Please Note: The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file BOCC Meeting 1-22-19.



Approved: **Dave M. Sauter**
Chairman of the Board



2.05.2019

Date