

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, March 26, 2019**

Topic	Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition
	Call to Order/Roll Call
Morning Workshop Session – Tuesday, March 26, 2019	Chairman David M. Sauter called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. Commissioners present: Jim Sizemore, David M. Sauter and Rex F. Johnston.
Legislative Lobbyists Jim Potts and Zak Kennedy: Legislative Update	<p>9:30 AM - Legislative Update</p> <p>The Board convened into a legislative update with Lobbyists Jim Potts and Zak Kennedy (via teleconference), various Elected Officials, Department Heads, staff and county resident Dan Christopher.</p> <p>Lobbyist Kennedy provided an overview of the legislative session, noting that there is an emphasis on the housing crisis and social programs. Mr. Kennedy advised that he anticipates there will be more legislative proposals related to the Governor’s climate change platform. Further discussion followed regarding SSB 5163 Wrongful Death Bill and ESSB 5229, the Livestock Brand Bill.</p> <p>Economic Development Director Dave McClure pointed out that SB 5116, a Climate Bill, adds labor standards which will hurt rural counties. Mr. Potts asked that a one (1) page “talking points” be put together which he and Mr. Kennedy can circulate to legislators.</p>
	Workshop Session Agenda
Public Works/Road Department Update	<p>10:00 AM – Public Works Department Update</p> <p>Attendance: Assistant County Engineer Jeff Hunter, Deputy Prosecutor Rebecca Sells, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Emergency Management Director Jeff King and county resident Dan Christopher.</p> <p>Commissioner Sizemore passed on a thank you from a county resident to the road crews for their hard work during the winter weather.</p> <p>Assistant County Engineer Hunter provided a review of Consent Agenda items and a construction project update.</p> <p>Mr. Hunter advised that seasonal freeze-thaw road restrictions are in place but will be removed this Friday for the West side and on Monday for the East side of the county.</p> <p>A review and discussion concerning various facilities projects and events followed.</p> <p>Commissioner Sizemore advised that he received an objection to the Oregon Road Rally’s use of Rock Creek Road from a county resident.</p>

	<p>Mr. Hunter requested and received approval to hire seasonal flaggers and a park attendant for the Trout Lake Park.</p> <p>Mr. Hunter provided an update on the road crew appreciation lunches scheduled for this week in Goldendale and White Salmon and next Thursday in Bickleton.</p>
<p>Emergency Management Director Jeff King: Department Update</p>	<p>11:00 AM - Department Update/Comment:</p> <p>Attendance: Emergency Management Director Jeff King, E911/Chief of Operations Julie Buck, Administrative Assistant Randi Heinzen and county resident Dan Christopher.</p> <p>Director King provided a brief update on a vehicle accident he was involved in, advising that the other driver has acknowledged that he was at fault.</p> <p>Director King provided a radio system report and a brief project update, advising that the Red Tail site will likely not be completed by the end of 2019.</p> <p>Director King reported that management staff are doing a review and rewrite of 911 dispatch policies and procedures and focusing on clear and concise procedures for call taking and dispatching with the intent to increase the level of performance and professionalism of service.</p> <p>E911/Chief of Operations Buck provided updates on staffing, training, call volumes, public education and equipment repairs and replacement projects. Chief Buck advised of necessary emergency vehicle repairs and an amendment to the 911 grant which returns \$2,000 in funding to the state that is normally used for wages and benefits.</p> <p>Director King provided a report on a sink hole incident in the Snowden area, noting that the property owner was advised to hire a geologist to look into this issue.</p> <p>Updates and reports regarding the FEMA flood insurance rate survey, Community Wildfire Projection Plan, Hazard Mitigation Plan, Hazardous Materials Spill Response grant application, Security Committee meeting and training followed.</p> <p>Director King invited the Commissioners to the Emergency Management BBQ which will be held April 15th.</p> <p>The Board had a brief discussion concerning developing an ID badge policy. Director King noted it should be mandatory that ID badges are turned in when an employee terminates their employment.</p> <p>Director King provided an Emergency Medical Services District Board update, advising the District will be advertising to hire a new operations manager.</p>

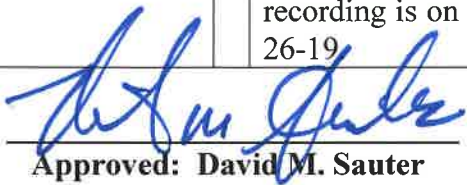
	Chairman Sauter thanked Director King for the effort Emergency Management and Public Works put into their decisions during winter weather conditions to help keep the public and employees safe.
Lunch Recess	The Board recessed for lunch at 11:30 AM.
	Call to Order/Roll Call:
Regular Meeting for Tuesday, March 26, 2019	Chairman David M. Sauter reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Commissioners present: Jim Sizemore, Rex F. Johnston and David Sauter.
	Agenda:
Business Agenda	Approved (M/Sizemore, S/Johnston. Passed unanimously): with one (1) Add-on under New Business: Resolution in the matter of scheduling a public hearing to be held April 9, 2019 at 1:30 PM to discuss an application for a Public Services Community Development Block Grant for Washington Gorge action Programs.
	Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes:
Approval of Meeting Minutes	* Approved (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): The Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2019.
	Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation:
	<p>The Board of County Commissioners presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Douglas Herlihy for exceptional service as a founding member of the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office Air Wing - Air One Division. It was noted that Mr. Herlihy will continue to act as a consultant for the air wing.</p> <p>Mr. Herlihy provided a brief history of his activities and interests in the county and a comparison between the Dallesport and Goldendale airports. Mr. Herlihy stated that if fuel was available at the Goldendale airport Tac Arrow would put a training base there.</p>
	Citizen Comment:
	<p>White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District Board members Lloyd DeKay and Karen Skiles thanked the Board for the funding assistance grant to help fund the District until levy revenues are available in 2020.</p> <p>White Salmon resident Michael Oldfather asked if he could film the I-1639 discussion. Chairman Sauter answered yes. Mr. Oldfather also asked where he could find more information about a public meeting about the Goldendale Pump Storage Project. Chairman Sauter advised that the meeting is scheduled for May 1st and suggested Mr. Oldfather contact the City of Goldendale for more information.</p> <p>Goldendale resident Susan Kelsey asked if there would be a discussion regarding I-1639. Chairman Sauter noted that it was on the agenda, scheduled for 2:00 PM. Mr. Oldfather commented that he had not seen it on the agenda either. Chairman Sauter assured them that it is on the agenda.</p> <p>Solid Waste Director Ruby Irving provided a brief update on the use of plastic bags and paper sacks within the county.</p>

	Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:
<p>Public Meeting: To consider approval of Short Plat SPL 2017-23; Applicants: Des & Sheryl Verley</p>	<p>Approved (M/Sizemore, S/Johnston. Passed unanimously): Short Plat SPL2017-23, which alters Parcel No. 04-11-1810-1603/00, creating four (4) lots, and grant final approval; Applicants: Des & Sheryl Verley.</p> <p>Senior Planner Amanda Smeller reported that Short Plat No. SPL2017-23 is a proposal to subdivide approximately 58 acres into four (4) lots located on Ridgeview Road and De Bo Road in the Husum vicinity.</p> <p>Senior Planner Smellers advised that an administrative review of the short plat had been completed and all conditions attached to the preliminary approval have been met.</p>
<p>Public Meeting: To consider approval of Boundary Line Adjustment BLA 2018-14; Applicant: Carol Finney, Cozy Nook Ranch LLC</p>	<p>Granted (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): Approval of Boundary Line Adjustment No. BLA2018-14, which adjusts the common property line between Lot 1 of SP 99-18 (tax lot 05-16-2351-0001/00) and tax parcel 05-16-2300-0007/00, and grant final approval to the boundary line adjustment; Applicants: Carol Finney, Cozy Nook Ranch LLC.</p> <p>Senior Planner Smellers advised that Boundary Line Adjustment BLA2018-14 is a proposal to adjust the common property line between Lot 1 of SP 99-18 and tax parcel 05-16-2300-0007/00 which are located in the Goldendale area.</p> <p>Ms. Smellers stated that assurances from the County Health Officer, County Engineer and the Planning Department have been received and each has signed the boundary line adjustment attesting to this.</p>
	<p>Consent Agenda:</p>
	<p>Approved (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): the Consent Agenda with 10 items.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 1) Interlocal Funding Assistance Agreement (C04519) between Klickitat County and Central Klickitat Conservation District for the purpose of providing \$15,000 in funding to be used for the development of an independent system of rates and charges to provide a financial support base for conservation programs. * 2) Purchase Authorization from Superior Court to purchase one Latitude 5591 Laptop computer and docking station for the total purchase price of \$2,416.48. * 3) Revised Request from the Sheriff's Office for Authorization to purchase two (2) 2019 Ram 1500 Tradesman pickups from the State bid/contract at a cost of \$66,040.00 plus applicable sales tax of 10%, \$6,604.00 for a total purchase price of \$72,644.00, from the Commissioners Vehicle Rental and Replacement Fund; And the purchase/installation of necessary equipment at the cost of \$55,103.75 for two (2) vehicles for a total cost of \$127,747.75 * 4) Extension to Agent Amendment Agreement (C04619) DOL No. K5796 between the Washington Department of Licensing and Klickitat County (Auditor's Office) for the purpose of amending the period of performance by extending the end date to December 31, 2019. * 5) Authorization of Chair signature for the Digital Submittal Certification for the County Road Administration Board for 2018 Road Levy Certification.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 6) Letters and Resolution No. 03419 in the matter of reappointing and appointing members to the Klickitat Citizens Review Committee; And Letters and Certificates of Appreciation members for their years of service as members of the Klickitat Citizens Review Committee. * 7) Request for concurrence to award bid to Stripe Rite, Inc. of Kennewick, Washington for the 2019 Annual Striping Program, RN 642-19 as bid in the amount of \$369,979.00. * 8) Klickitat County (Public Works Department) Notice of County Force Labor Costs expended in 2018 for road projects totaling \$539,359 in accordance with RCW36.77.070. * 9) Small Works Contract Bond related to (C02719) between Peterson Brothers, Inc. and Klickitat County (Public Works Department) for the 2019 Guardrail Repairs Project, as bid in the amount of \$78,424.67 * 10) Fairgrounds Licensing Agreement (C04719) between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and the American Legion Club for a Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 21, 2019, 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and a request for a waiver of the full amount of fees in exchange for setting up the event and cleaning the facility.
	<p>Payment Approvals:</p>
<p>Voucher Certification and Approval</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Approved Warrants (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): Accounts Payable: (#288418 - 288540) for a net of \$567,674.70. Combined Payroll: (#197046 – 197321, County Benefit Warrants #288541 - 288549, Electronic Transfer #850) \$1,026,157.43. For a combined total of \$1,593,832.13 for the date ending March 25, 2019.
	<p>Unfinished Business:</p>
<p>Recommendation to award the Solid Waste Management Plan Update project</p>	<p>Granted (M/Sizemore, S/Johnston. Passed unanimously): Concurrence to accept the recommendation to award the Solid Waste Management Plan Update project to HDR Engineering, contingent upon a negotiation of contract scope of work, budget and other terms acceptable to the County.</p> <p>Attendance: Solid Waste Director Ruby Irving, Deputy Prosecutor Rebecca Sells and county residents Susan Kelsey, Dan Christopher and Michael Oldfather.</p> <p>Director Irving provided an overview of the two (2) proposals received and the discussion she had with Solid Waste Advisory Committee members. Director Irving recommended awarding the project to HDR Engineering, noting that both are good companies with excellent references but HDR has consistently come in under budget more often.</p>
	<p>New Business:</p>
	<p>Approved (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. 03519 in the matter of setting a public hearing to be held April 9, 2019 at 1:30 PM to discuss an application for a Public Services Community Development Block Grant for Washington Gorge action Programs.</p>

	Unfinished Business:
Board of County Commissioners discussion concerning I-1639	<p>Attendance: Deputy Prosecutor Rebecca Sells, Sheriff Bob Songer and county residents Susan Kelsey, Dan Christopher and Michael Oldfather.</p> <p>Commissioner Sizemore stated that he intends to keep the oath he swore to uphold the state and federal constitutions, noting that there is a process for challenging laws that are passed and he does not want to circumvent the process because it has served us well.</p> <p>Commissioner Sizemore stated that he supports Sheriff Songer, advising that he has lived in Klickitat County for 40 years and law enforcement presence has never been as good. Commissioner Sizemore noted for the record that he voted against I-1639.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter commented that this has been the hardest issue he has had since becoming a commissioner, advising that he also voted no on I-1639. Chairman Sauter stated that testimony received focused on constitutionality and portions of I-1639 do conflict with the state and federal constitutions.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter stated that county residents advocated on all sides of the issue from supporting the Sheriff to having him removed. Chairman Sauter advised that he supports the sheriff's right to use his discretion to discharge the duties of this office according to how the sheriff interprets this oath of office. Commissioner Sauter stated that he doesn't believe the Commissioners have the authority to determine whether I-1639 is unconstitutional.</p> <p>Commissioner Johnston stated that he agrees with his seatmate's comments. Commissioner Johnston stated that he voted against I-1639, noting that it was not well thought out and the basic problem is not guns it is a mental health problem.</p> <p>Commissioner Johnston indicated that a law should not make criminals out of law abiding citizens, adding that this law will have no effect on criminals. Commissioner Johnston stated that the county has never had a sheriff as responsible and devoted to his office and he fully supports Sheriff Songer.</p> <p>Commissioner Johnston stated that it is not in the Boards purview to determine what is constitutional and the matter will have to go through the process and the Court will decide, adding that he would support a resolution in support of the sheriff and stating that I-1639 should pertain to criminal or mentally ill individuals.</p> <p>Commissioner Sizemore stated that a resolution would be another discussion, as a Commissioner he has no authority to determine constitutionality and he suggested expressing support for the sheriff through a certificate of appreciation.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter advised that he believes Sheriff Songer is standing on principle and the Board is standing on principle by acknowledging they don't have the authority to determine constitutionality. Chairman Sauter asked Sheriff Songer if he understands where the Board stands. Sheriff Songer stated that he doesn't agree and I-1639 could have been made a legal law if the process would have been done correctly.</p>

	<p>Following further discussion, Commissioners Johnston stated he would like to do a statement or resolution regarding I-1639 and showing the Board's support of Sheriff Songer. Chairman Sauter asked Commissioner Johnston to prepare a draft for the Board to consider.</p>
<p>Issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners</p>	<p>Board Pending:</p> <p>Chairman Sauter provided a brief report on the Gorge-Ous night event which is annually held in Olympia and a meeting between legislators and county school districts to discuss school funding issues.</p> <p>The Board had a discussion concerning the Trueblood court decision and changes in inmate competency evaluations. Commissioner Sizemore suggested that he would like to have a workshop with representatives from Health Care Authority and Southwest Washington Accountable Community of Health to better understand the changes.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer reported that there is state funding available for mental health beds and he has been discussing the possibility of Klickitat Valley Health adding a secure mental health room at the hospital for inmates waiting to be evaluated.</p> <p>The Commissioner's Clerk provided an update on the U.S. Census Bureau's efforts to encourage local governments to form 2020 census committees. The Board was also advised of an issue related to finding a conflict attorney for a specific defendant.</p> <p>Airport Manager Chuck Covert provided a brief update on the easement agreement related to the airport roads.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Approved (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM. No workshops scheduled.</p>
	<p>* Reference Document on File</p> <p>Please Note: The Board of Commissioners' minutes are action minutes. A digital recording is on file as part of the official record and available on file BOCC-Meeting 3-26-19</p>


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



April 9, 2019
 Date