

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, January 03, 2023**

Morning Workshop Session

Chairman Jacob Anderson opened the morning session at 10:00 AM with Commissioner Dan Christopher and Commissioner Lori Zoller present.

First Order of Business: Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the 2023 Calendar Year:

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. R00123 in the matter of reorganization of the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners and the election of Dan Christopher to serve as Chairman and Jacob Anderson to serve as Vice-Chairman for the 2023 calendar year.

10:05 AM Board Pending:

Chairman Christopher commented on Dallesport Waste Water fee increase rate study, weekly bills and designating Chairman of the Board to oversee Solid Waste and Code Compliance until there is a Director designated for that department.

Workshop Session Agenda

10:15 AM – Public Works/Road Department Update:

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

Interim Director Hunter provided an update on the consent agenda items.

Interim Deputy Director Scarolla provided an update on Courtney Road, Rock Creek Bridge, Sundale Road/Old Hwy 8 and Federal Safety Projects.

Interim Director Hunter provided an update on the Maintenance projects on the East and West end of the county, the County Services Building, Pioneer Center, HVAC units, Fairgrounds waterline, Dallesport Community Center and Satus Pass radio site.

Discussions followed in regards to driveway plowing, Fleet vehicle signage, parking spots, exterior window cleaning for County Services Building, Courtney Road project, Klickitat Mill site asbestos cleanup and electric vehicle charging station.

10:30 AM – Code Compliance Department Update/Report:

Attendance: Code Compliance Officer Jorge Sendejas, various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Officer Sendejas provided an update on open and closed code enforcement cases.

A discussion followed in regards to resources to remove abandoned vehicles and the January 13, 2023 workshop.

A Board Pending discussion followed regarding short term rental ordinances.

Commissioner Anderson clarified that the county will be paying half (1/2) of the bill for outside council for the Airport Water Rights and the City of The Dalles will pay the other half (1/2).

Chairman Christopher discussed the vacant position on the Financial Software Steering Committee.

Motion (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously) to elect Chairman Christopher to represent the BoCC on the Financial Software Steering Committee.

The Board discussed the Airport Board Appointment. Commissioner Zoller expressed interest and Commissioner Anderson is willing to continue to serve. No motion was made.

The Board discussed various board appointments and requested staff to provide a list of current positions held by each Commissioner.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously). To recess for lunch at 11:06 AM.

Commissioner's Business Meeting

Chairman Christopher reconvened the regular meeting for Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 1:00 PM, opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. All Three (3) Commissioners were present.

Agenda:

***Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Business Agenda as presented.

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

***Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously):** Commissioner Meeting minutes from December 13, 2022 and December 20, 2022 as presented.

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

Adrienne Bradford, Lyle resident, commented on the White Salmon Hood River Bridge replacement, the regional airport and electing Commissioner Zoller to the Regional Airport Board.

Gabriel Gilbert, Fruit Valley resident, commented on the need for child care.

Sheri Bousquet, Husum resident, commented on Industrial Solar, agriculture land and short-term rental ordinances.

Ruby Hewey, Goldendale resident, welcomed Commissioner Zoller.

Greg Wagner, Goldendale resident, commented on short term rentals.

Dave Barta, Goldendale resident, greeted the Commissioners and stated he is looking forward to the new year.

Commissioner Zoller responded to Mr. Bradford agreeing that the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport is crucial to economic development. Commissioner Zoller responded to Ms. Gilbert and her commitment towards daycare programs. Commissioner Zoller responded to Ms. Bousquet, thanked Ms. Hewey, responded to Mr. Wagner stating that there is some work to be done on short term rental ordinances and thanked Mr. Barta.

Commissioner Anderson responded to Mr. Wagner's comments on short term rentals. Commissioner Anderson thanked Ms. Gilbert for keeping child care at the forefront. Commissioner Anderson responded to Ms. Bousquet in regards to the height of solar panels.

Chairman Christopher commented about changes in the new Boards direction and new discussions.

Unfinished Business:

Public Health Director Erinn Quinn: Update of recruiting a Public Health Officer.

Director Quinn stated that there were two (2) candidates interested in the Public Health Officer position and a discussion followed confirming that all 3 Commissioners would like to participate in the interviews.

Dallesport Water District Commissioners: Update on CGRA and other issues.

Dallesport Water District Commissioners William J. Morris, Scott Dixon and Bill Clark, various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom

Mr. Morris stated that the Washington State Department of Health has issued a directive to the Dallesport Water District to cut off the water to the Regional Airport Terminal complex. Mr. Morris explained that issues need to be resolved between the Dallesport Water District, Airport Management and the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Board in regards to the airport well, illegal unpaid connections within the terminal and the undersized lines.

Prosecuting Attorney David Quennel provided clarification in regards to the Public Records Request and financials.

It was agreed that the airport issues will be discussed in workshops on January 12 & 26, 2023.

Commissioner Anderson requested copies of the directive sent by the Washington State Department of Health. A discussion followed in regards to the information provided to the Board of County Commissioners, meters and other airport issues.

Mr. Dixon commented on the cost and size of meters at the regional airport.

Mr. Clark stated that he looks forward to working on the airport issues one item at a time.

Consent Agenda:

***Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with seven (7) items.

1)*Appointment of Commissioner Lori Zoller to various Boards and Committees representing Klickitat County as follows:

- a) ***Resolution No. 00223** in the matter of appointing Lori Zoller to the Klickitat County Public Corporation, effective January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026.
- b) ***Resolution No. 00323** in the matter of appointing Commissioner Lori Zoller to the Mid-Columbia Economic Development Council Board for the 2023 calendar year.
- c) ***Designation of Commissioner Lori Zoller to serve as Klickitat County's member representative and Sharon Carter, Senior Services Director, an alternate member to the Southwest Washington Agency on Aging and Disabilities Council of Government Board for the 2023 calendar year.**
- d) ***Letter designating Commissioner Lori Zoller to serve as the county's representative to the Klickitat County Regional Transportation Policy Committee.**
- e) ***Resolution No. 00423** in the matter of appointing Commissioner Lori Zoller to serve as Klickitat County's representative to the Columbia Gorge Housing Authority. Appointment shall be for a one year term, effective January 1, 2023, expiring December 31, 2024.
- f) ***Resolution No. 00523** in the matter of appointing Commissioner Lori Zoller to the Klickitat County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee, effective January 1, 2023 for a term that expires on May 31, 2023. Letter and Certificate of appreciation for Brenda Sorenson's 16 years of service on the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

3)* **Amendment 1(C00223)** to Contract No. C03222 between Klickitat County and City of Goldendale for the Waste Water Treatment Plant to extend the period of performance from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2023.

4)***Resolution No. 00623** in the matter of designating 3 representatives, Public Works Interim Director Jeff Hunter, P.E. Interim County Engineer Seth Scarola and Public Works Deputy Director of Finance & Administration, authority to sign WSDOT annual and fiscal reports and vouchers.

5)***Resolution No. 00723** in the matter of reauthorizing Public Works Interim Director and Public Works Deputy Director of Finance & Administration to make investments on behalf of various funds within the Public Works Department through December 31, 2023.

6)* **Consultant (C00223)** agreement between SWCA, Incorporated and Public Works to provide on-call Archaeological Services performing on-site reconnaissance surveys, consultation with local tribes and preparing in depth technical survey reports, all in accordance with the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP).

7)* Request from Auditors office to allow Senior Accountant Nicole Barnes to carry over 24 hours of excess vacation leave she will have on December 31, 2022, to be used by June 30, 2023.

Payment Approvals/Progress Payments/Change Orders/Voucher Certification and Approval:

No items were presented

New Business:

Chairman Christopher presented a document to the board to create a solar moratorium.

Motion (M/Christopher, S/Zoller) to create a solar moratorium. on the siting, permitting and acceptance of permit applications for large scale solar projects over 1 KW in Township-Ranges 3-14, 3-15, 3-16, 4-14, 4-15, 4-16, 4-17, 5-15, 5-16 and 5-17 located in Klickitat County, Washington

A discussion followed in regards to the selected area and the 1 KW requirement.

Commissioner Anderson stated he cannot support the 1 KW requirement since this would include residential solar and generators. Chairman Christopher stated that he would move forward and motion to amend the moratorium by removing the 1 KW designation.

Commissioner Zoller clarified that the moratorium document is referring to future permits, not preexisting permits.

A discussion in regards to having a Public Hearing, presenting the information to the Planning Commission, Ordinances, selected location of the moratorium, involving legal counsel and the liability to the County.

Commissioner Anderson advised that the moratorium document be sent to legal counsel. Chairman Christopher stated that he did not want to pull his motion and wait for legal counsel to give an opinion because the wait time could put thousands of residents in jeopardy.

Chairman Christopher stated that he would like to amend the 1 KW designation and change it to say 1 acre. Commissioner Zoller agreed that 1 acre is generous. Chairman Christopher stated that he would amend his motion to change the wording to 1 acre and he would need a motion to approve the amendment before the main motion is presented.

Motion (M/Zoller, S/Christopher.) to amend the document and remove 1 KW designation

Chairman Christopher and Commissioner Zoller voted in favor of amending the motion and replace the 1 KW designation with 1 acre on the moratorium. Commissioner Anderson did not vote.

Motion (M/Christopher, S/Zoller, N/Anderson. Motion passed): to approve the Solar Moratorium with the amendment.

Commissioner Anderson stated in absence of a discussion with legal counsel he was voting no.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): motion to advertise open Board positions in the newspaper.

Approved (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): motion to appoint Dave Barta to the Planning Commission, representing District #2.

Commissioner Anderson inquired about inviting the Prosecuting Attorney to attend the Dallesport Water Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Christopher shared a list of items he would like to discuss with his seatmates in the future.


Commissioner Zoller advised that the Skagit County Commissioner Lisa Janicki would be discussing strategic planning with the Board on January 24, 2023, she suggested that the Board not only have a newsletter on Facebook but also provide a monthly news brief to the newspaper and she stated that she would be attending the Wolf Advisory Group meeting and she would provide an update.

Executive Session:

At 3:22 Chairman Dan Christopher announced that 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 five (5) minutes. Chairman Christopher noted that the session would last five (5) minutes. At 3:27 PM it was announced the executive session would last another five (5) minutes. The Board adjourned following the executive session. No action was taken.

(M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:32 PM. There are no scheduled workshops for Thursday, January 5, 2023.

* 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 1.03.2023 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: Dan Christopher
Chairman of the Board



1-31-2023
Date