

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, February 23, 2021**

Topic	Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition
	Call to Order/Roll Call
Morning Workshop Session – Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Chairman David M. Sauter called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter, Jacob L. Anderson and Dan Christopher.
	Workshop Session Agenda
Legislative update	<p>Attendance: Legislative Lobbyists Zak Kennedy (via teleconference), various county employees and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Legislative Lobbyists Zak Kennedy reported today is the cutoff for fiscal committees and floor action will begin between Tuesday this week and the house of origin on March 9th, noting this year the floor action will be much more important than it has been in the past because there was a big push to move bills out of committee (policy & fiscal) in an "as-is" format and then follow with major amendments on the floor.</p> <p>Legislative Lobbyists Kennedy stated no one is sure what the outcome will be because no one has seen this approach, advising in the future it is unknown what will happen as bills enter the opposite house with amendments and are hung during floor action. Legislative Lobbyists Kennedy stated good news is a chance will be given to address the modified bills in the opposite houses in the coming weeks.</p> <p>Commissioner Christopher requested information regarding if the anti-gun and defunding police bills are moving forward? Legislative Lobbyists Kennedy stated the anti-gun bills haven't moved but the legislation to remove tools from the police is moving forward which will negatively impact rural Sheriff Departments.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Christopher inquired if his seatmates had signed up for the Journey Through Klickitat County, advising the deadline is the end of the week.</p> <p>Commissioner Christopher reported on the Sentinel ad pricing for advertising open positions for the Boards, Committees and Commissions, and inquired if they would prefer a black and white or color advertisement.</p>
Public Works/Road Department Update	<p>10:00 AM – Public Works Department Update</p> <p>Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Public Works Deputy Director Jeff Hunter, various county employees and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey reviewed the consent agenda items, with a brief discussion held about the on-call archeologist contracts on this afternoons consent agenda; Director Kelsey stated projects involving the Department of Historical Preservation rely on such archeologist for their specialized knowledge, followed by a brief update on the road design for Old Mountain Road reconstruction and the Courtney Road Safety Project.</p>

	<p>A discussion was held about the first-floor closure delay in the new County Services Building and the Board's preference on furniture.</p> <p>Director Kelsey stated they are in discussions with the contractor about rebuilding the main and southern steps into the Courthouse and repair the American Disabilities Act ramp on the north side of the Courthouse, followed by a brief update on the status of the Jail Control Board replacement project.</p> <p>* A review of grant-funded road projects was provided and discussed, Director Kelsey reported on priorities and projects, noting some road projects are done depending on need.</p> <p>Director Kelsey reported on local roads the Oregon Trail Rally Group has proposed to use for their racecourses.</p> <p>Director Kelsey requested and received verbal approval to move forward with the advertisement process for a Carpenter's Apprentice.</p>
<p>Sheriff 's Department Update</p>	<p>10:30 AM - Elected Official Report/Update</p> <p>Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Undersheriff Mike Kallio, Department of Emergency Management Director Jeff King in the Chambers, various county employees and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Sheriff Bob Songer reported on calls for service from January 1 to date February 22, 2021, in addition to civil papers served.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer reported on the Constitutional Sheriff and Peace Officer Association seminar that was held on January 22, 2021, noting the seminar was a success and approximately 100 people attended.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer provided a complete update on the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Programs, noting the volunteer Air Wing Pilots of the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office consists of seven (7) pilots. From January 1, 2020, to December 31, 2020, the Pilots flew a total of 11,145.4 hours of volunteer flight time, noting they also pay their fuel, maintenance and rental cost totaling \$1,008,216.00.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer stated the Reserve Deputies and Posse Members are a major part of Klickitat County Sheriff's Office Community Policing Program; the West End County Posse has 38 Deputies; the Central Posse has 87 Deputies; the East End County Posse has 16 Deputies and two (2) Posse Auxiliary Members are assigned. In addition to the Posse, there are ten (10) Reserve Deputies that volunteer their service in carrying out law enforcement duties for the citizens of our county.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer stated he is receiving a good number of applications for the upcoming Reserve Deputy Academy that is scheduled for May or June this year, followed by a jail inmate update.</p>

	<p>Chairman Sauter stated a constitute inquired about traffic in the Dallesport area on Third Avenue and could one of the radar signs be installed to bring attention to the drivers' speed?</p> <p>Sheriff Songer thanked the Department of Emergency Management Director Jeff King who is the Search and Rescue Coordinator for Klickitat County, followed by a report of successful rescues in 2020.</p>
Emergency Management Department Update	<p>Attendance: Department of Emergency Management Director Jeff King, Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave in the Chambers, various county employees and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Department of Emergency Management Director Jeff King reported on the performance; functionality and maintenance of the public safety radio systems. Director King stated the new security camera issue is still not resolved, noting the Klickitat Fire Station Site upgrade is still in process.</p> <p>Director King stated the Klickitat County Public Utility District Wildfire Mitigation Plan collaboration request to install wildfire cameras and weather stations at the radio sites.</p> <p>Director King thanked the Commissioners for signing the American Red Cross Proclamation.</p> <p>An update was provided on the Klickitat County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), noting they remain at level II, partial activation for the COVID-19 response representing the County and three (3) Cities, in support of local healthcare providers, stakeholders, emergency responders and public safety. Director King stated he continues to work on the long-term personal protective equipment and will keep the Board updated on the status of the counterfeit 3M N95 masks that were purchased.</p> <p>Director King reported on the Klickitat County COVID-19 vaccination data, noting March 2nd marks the one-year mark of continuous EOC activation, followed by an update on training and exercises being reorganized and planned virtually.</p> <p>At 11:32 AM, Chairman David M. Sauter announced that the Board would be convening into Executive Session with Department of Emergency Management Director Jeff King and Human Resource, Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss the performance of a public employee. Chairman Sauter noted that the session would last ten (10) minutes. At 11:42 AM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended fifteen (15) minutes. At 11:57 AM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes.</p> <p>The Board convened back into Regular Session at 12:02 AM. No action was taken.</p>
Executive Session: Discussion of a public employee	
Lunch Recess	The Board recessed for lunch at 12:07 AM.

	Call to Order/Roll Call:
Regular Meeting for Tuesday, February 23, 2021	Chairman Sauter reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM; Opening with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioners present: David M. Sauter, Jacob L. Anderson and Dan Christopher.
	Agenda:
Business Agenda	* Approved (M/Christopher/Anderson. Passed unanimously): the Business Agenda as presented.
	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>Rocil Demmick, Tucker Hill Road inquired about Resolutions that outline for Klickitat County ordinance's and questioned whether they are being followed for projects in the county and what department oversees them. Ms. Demmick requested information if there are plans to have a Solar Committee to advise on solar projects.</p> <p>Resident Greg Wagner member of C.E.A.S.E. stated he toured the land to be covered in solar panels around the Knight Road area with Representative Gina Mosbrucker; followed by a request for the Commissioners to intact a moratorium not allowing Solar Farms Projects to be built in Klickitat County. Mr. Wagner also requested to open the Energy Overlay Zone Ordinance for review and to include solar projects.</p> <p>Elaine Harvey thanked the Board for going to visit the Solar Farm Projects in Prineville and stated the difference in the Ellensburg Washington and Oregon Projects versus the proposed Klickitat County project; the Klickitat County solar project will be surrounded by homes and a fish hatchery.</p> <p>Pat Beaman from Centerville not to allow cooperate interest that is not involved in Klickitat County and Solar Projects have an undesirable impact on the environment and the climate and requests the Board looks into the Solar Projects further.</p> <p>Jennifer DeCent landowner in Klickitat County and supports the Lund Hill Solar Farm and the Goldendale Pump Storage Project because they bring higher-wage-paying jobs.</p> <p>Goldendale resident Loren Meager requests the Gun Range surplus the brass from the Gun Range to support the Gun Range</p> <p>Shari Bousquet requested information on the solar ordinance and the committees that will advise the Board; Chairman Sauter stated that he is gathering information and there is no application in front of the Board, there is a public comment stating the ordinances are not sufficient but that discussion will take place with the Board. Requested the Board consider where the solar panels will be placed and educate themselves more than just touring a plant and work with the citizens in the area.</p>

	<p>Laborers Union 335 Political and Legislative Director Deken Letinich stated his support for the green energy projects in Klickitat County and thanked Jennifer DeCent for her earlier comments.</p> <p>Bonnie White from White Salmon stated she is shocked that 2/3 of the County is able to have energy projects on them and would like to have the Energy Overlay Zone relooked at because there could be industrial projects right next store.</p> <p>Janet Warren stated her appreciation for the 14th District State Senator Curtis King's comments regarding his group taking on this difficult year and appreciates that; Ms. Warren stated Senator King has had to coordinate his works with other groups in the County electronically and it is very difficult.</p> <p>Ms. Warren stated her support for the Klickitat County Health Department to have more funding and an additional nurse. Ms. Warren stated it is difficult to communicate with individuals in the community in the current situation and inquired how we are communicating with citizens when they are not on social media and the departments within the county are making information public through Facebook. How do we reach them? The Board stated that is a concern for them as well; Chairman Sauter stated he is participating in a vaccination discussion Thursday evening with Klickitat Valley Hospital and he will inquire further about reaching all citizens.</p> <p>Elaine Harvey stated she is from the Rock Band and has been before the Board before stating the impact they have been endured with all the changes and devastation that the green energy projects have brought.</p> <p>Commissioner Anderson left the meeting at 1:32 PM returning at 1:35 PM</p>
	<p>Payment Approvals:</p>
<p>Pay Estimate</p>	<p>* Approved (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously): Pay estimate No. 9 to Kirby Nagelhout Construction Company in the amount of \$868,045.49; with retainage in the amount of \$43,402.27 and 7.5% sales tax in the amount of \$65,103.41, for a payment amount of \$889,746.63, for the County Services Building Project, Contract No. C03120.</p>
<p>Voucher Certification and Approval</p>	<p>* Approved Warrants (M/Christopher, S/Sauter. Passed unanimously): Accounts Payable: (#304072 – 304157) for a net of \$1,136,966.41, Electronic Transfer (#918) \$1,092.80.</p> <p>For a combined total of \$1,138,059.21 for the date ending February 22, 2021.</p>
	<p>Department Report/Update:</p>
<p>Discussion regarding proposed revisions to the Public Health Department's organizational chart</p>	<p>Attendance: Human Resources Manager KC Sheridan in the Chambers, various county employees and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Human Resources Manager KC Sheridan reported on the Re-organizational Chart proposal for the Public Health Department and the amount that will be reimbursed by the CARES Act Funding.</p>

	<p>HR Manager Sheridan stated there is a need to have more clinical nurse support; Public Health Director Erinn Quinn has proposed to increase the part-time .8 FTE Public Health Nurse to a full-time Public Health Nurse position.</p> <p>HR Manager Sheridan reported there has always been a need for the White Salmon office to have a full-time Public Health Nurse to support the increased client caseload and the programs that the White Salmon office supports; historically this position has been full-time to support the workload across all Public Health Programs.</p> <p>Hr Manager Sheridan advised the additional clients the Public Health Department will be able to bring into the clinic and services will likely make up the revenue to cover the difference in the FTE. Director Quinn would be able to cancel the current Casual Nurse job posting with the increased coverage and create an added cost savings.</p> <p>The Board was in support with the understanding that when the COVID-19 Pandemic is under control the Department be reassessed.</p>
	<p>Miscellaneous Reports/Comments:</p>
<p>Columbia River Gorge Commission Executive Director Krystyna Wolniakowski and Klickitat County appointee Commissioner Sondra Clark, quarterly update</p>	<p>Attendance: Columbia River Gorge Commission Executive Director Krystyna Wolniakowski, Klickitat County appointed Commissioner Sondra Clark, various county employees and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Columbia River Gorge Commission Executive Director Krystyna Wolniakowski reported they received the Secretary of Agriculture’s concurrence on the revised Columbia River National Scenic Area Management Plan.</p> <p>Commissioner Sauter inquired if it is difficult for the Columbia River Gorge Commission to find new Commissioners with so many upcoming terms ending. The Board thanked Sondra Clark for her service; followed by Director Wolniakowski inquiring if Commissioner Clark would be interested in an extension until reappointment is confirmed, noting the institutional knowledge Commissioner Clark has is very important.</p> <p>Director Wolniakowski reported the Klickitat County Compliance Study trial for the conditions of approval for permits that have been issued over the last 30 years; the study is to determine if permits are being met or have been met, noting this is only being conducted in Klickitat County at this time.</p> <p>A discussion followed regarding non-compliance issues that are found and what the compliance process will be.</p>
	<p>Board of Health Meeting:</p>
	<p>The Board recessed at 2 PM and reconvened at 3 PM</p>

<p>Update from the Lyle Community Council</p>	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <p>Attendance: Lyle Community member Vern Harpole, various county employees and residents via telephone.</p> <p>Lyle Community member Vern Harpole stated he has a resolution he would like to purpose to the Commissioners regarding granting access to the Lyle Sand Bar.</p> <p>Mr. Harpole reported on the counsels' past efforts to obtain safe access to the Lyle Sand Bar at the confluence of the Columbia and Klickitat River, followed by a description of the events and lessons that take place utilizing the Lyle Sand Bar.</p> <p>Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel reported on entities that are not willing to grant access and will not support the public accessing the sandbar.</p>
	<p>Consent Agenda:</p> <p>* Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): the Consent Agenda with twelve (12) items.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Application and Resolution No. 02521 in the matter of policies for appointments and function of boards, commissions and committees appointed by the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners. 2) Contract Profile update for the Board of County Commissioners signatures on Contracts 18 SHSP E21-180; 19 SHSP A E20-065 A, and 20 EMPG E21-105 effective upon signature. 3) Resolution No. 02621 in the matter of revising the Public Health Department's Organization Chart to reflect increasing the Public Health Nurse's FTE from .8 to a Full-Time position to support the workload across all Public Health programs, also noting the position has historically been a full-time position and the increase would help alleviate the stress COVID-19 has caused on the current nursing staff. Effective February 23, 2021. 4) Amendment (C03721) to the Hearing's Examiner Contract between Klickitat County (Prosecuting Attorney's Office) and Andrew Kottkamp to clarify language as to the duration of the contract and the compensation has been updated to reflect his current rate of \$180 per hour for time spent on a matter. The \$100 an hour for travel remains the same. 5) Updated Purchase Authorization request from the Sheriff's Office to purchase one (1) 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe Police Pursuit Vehicle from the State bid/contract for \$44,987.00 plus applicable sales tax at 8.4% (\$3,778.91 for a total purchase price of \$48,765.91 from the Commissioner's Vehicle Rental and Replacement Fund. Additional costs such as the license fees will be costs borne by the Sheriff's budget. The Sheriff's Office is also authorized to purchase and install the necessary equipment for \$38,986.11 for the vehicle, for a total cost of \$87,752.02. 6) Proclamation recognizing the month of March 2021, as Red Cross Month; Red Cross continues to carry out the organization's 140-year mission of preventing and alleviating suffering. During the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic, people have stepped up to help others in need. Nearly 200-years since the birth of American Red Cross founder Clara Barton, the month of March has been dedicated to all those who continue to advance her noble legacy.

	<p>7) Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill one (1) Maintenance Technician position, Union Grade, step 1, within the Public Works Department.</p> <p>8) Public Road Easement (C03821) between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and the United States Department of Agriculture to obtain a Public Road Easement from the National Forest System. The easement would transfer jurisdiction on two segments of the road where the project will be located out of the existing easement right-of-way.</p> <p>9) Contract (C03921) and Contract Bond between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and Stripe Rite, Inc. for 2021, Annual Striping Program, RN 642-21 as bid for \$380,037.00 and authorization for the Public Works Director to execute any change orders for this project due to unforeseen conditions up to 10% of the contract (\$38,003.70), for an aggregate of \$418,040.70.</p> <p>10) Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement (C04021) between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and Lower Columbia Research and Archaeology, LLC for on-call Archaeology Services; performing archaeological and historical culture resource surveys and testing on both private and public lands for compliance-related projects, Maximum payable amount is \$30,000 and is effective upon signature through December 31, 2021.</p> <p>11) Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement (C04121) between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and Sargent Engineers, Inc. for Structural Engineering Services; performing general structural engineering services including but not limited to general structural engineering, peer review of working drawings, calculation of bridge load ratings, providing general structural engineering consultation, bridge inspection and geotechnical engineering. The maximum payable amount is \$80,000 and is effective upon signature through December 31, 2021.</p> <p>12) Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement (C04221) between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and Bell Design Company for on-call survey services including, performing on-site general surveying, setting or resetting property corners and setting or resetting section corners and other monuments. The maximum payable amount is \$30,000 and is effective upon signature through December 31, 2021.</p>
<p>Issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners</p>	<p>Board Pending:</p> <p>A discussion was held regarding the size and depth of the newspaper advertisement for the Boards, Commissions and Committees.</p> <p>Commissioner Christopher advised he held a discussion with Bishop Sanitation about hauling potable water, followed by a brief discussion about the nuisance abatement bidding process.</p> <p>Natural Resource/Economic Development Director Dave McClure requested his department be re-organized due to an increased workload.</p> <p>Human Resources & Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave advised of the Job Committee reclassification process that the position will need to go through, the Board was in support and appointed a committee member.</p>

	Elected Official Report/Update:
<p>Prosecuting Attorney's Update</p> <p>Executive Session: Discuss pending litigation</p>	<p>Prosecutor Quesnel stated that he had no items for general discussion and request to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.</p> <p>At 3:53 PM Chairman Sauter announced the Board would be convening into Executive Session with Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel and Assessor Crista Schroder in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) to discuss pending litigation. Chairman Sauter noted that the Executive Session would be for fifteen (15) minutes. At 4:08 PM it was announced the Executive Session would be extended five (5) minutes.</p> <p>The Board reconvened back to Regular Session at 4:13 PM. No action was taken.</p>
<p>Adjournment (4:15 PM)</p>	<p>Approved (M/Anderson, S/Christopher. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned to 10:30 AM on Thursday, February 25, 2021, at which time the Board will be touring two (2) solar energy projects located in Prineville, OR.</p>
<p>Regular Meeting Extension: Solar Energy Project Tours for Thursday, February 25, 2021</p>	<p>Chairman David Sauter reconvened the meeting at 10:30 AM at the Invenergy Prineville Solar Energy Project. All three (3) Commissioners were present. Also present were Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad, Planning Office Manager Alisa Grumbles, Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Economic Development/Natural Resources Director Dave McClure, Economic Specialist Richard Foster, Natural Resources Specialist Whitney Reynier, and Building Inspector Gene Klejeski. Members of the public from Klickitat County in attendance in support of and opposed to solar projects included: Russ Hanson, Amy Hanson, Loren Meagher, Rocel Dimmick, Jim Hill, Greg Wagner, Dave Barta, Ray Mosbrucker, Jim Rathbun, Sam Wilkins, Fred Wilkins and Jill Wilkins.</p>
	Workshop Session Agenda
<p>10:30/12:30</p> <p>12:30-1:30 PM</p> <p>1:30-3:30 PM</p>	<p>The Board of Commissioners toured the Invenergy Prineville Solar Energy Project located in Prineville Oregon. Facility staff was present to guide the tour and answer questions.</p> <p>Lunch Break</p> <p>Following the lunch break, the Board of commissioners toured the Avangrid Gala Solar Energy Project located on Millican Road in Prineville. Facility staff was present to guide the tour and answer questions. The tour ended approximately at 3:30 PM.</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 2-25-20.</p>



Approved: David M. Sauter
Chairman of the Board



03.09.2021

Date