

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

Topic	Agenda Item - Comment/Disposition
	Call to Order/Roll Call
Morning Workshop Session – Tuesday, February 26, 2019	Chairman David M. Sauter called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Commissioners present: Jim Sizemore, David M. Sauter and Rex F. Johnston.
	Workshop Session Agenda
Legislative update	<p>Attendance: Legislative Lobbyists Jim Potts and Zak Kennedy (via teleconference), Natural Resource/Economic Development Director Dave McClure, Solid Waste Director Ruby Irving, Information Technology and Budget Director Glen Chipman, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Human Resource Director Randi Post and Centerville resident Dan Christopher.</p> <p>The Board discussed various bills before State legislators which included House Bill (HB) 1135 / Senate Bill (SB) 5163 which makes a number of changes to statutes governing wrongful death and HB 2075 / SB 5967 which removes the Washington State Department of Agriculture's authority to conduct livestock brand inspections. Brief discussion was held regarding gun law bills and the potential for I-1639 being decided in the Supreme Court.</p>
Public Works/Road Department Update	<p>10:00 AM – Public Works Department Update</p> <p>Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Deputy Director Jeff Hunter, Treasurer Greg Gallagher, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Sells and Centerville resident Dan Christopher.</p> <p>Deputy Director Jeff Hunter reviewed the public hearing and bid opening on this afternoon's agenda and he advised consent item number nine (9) has been pulled and will be resubmitted.</p> <p>Deputy Director Hunter met with the Forest Service representative for the design update to Courtney Road and Public Works will be scheduling an open house this spring.</p> <p>Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey reported on a meeting last week with Directors and Department Heads reviewing square footage and other accommodations for the new County Service Building Offices. The Commissioners confirmed their support to move their office, the Chambers Meeting Room and the Human Resource Department to the new building, allowing the Adult and Juvenile Department to be located in the Courthouse.</p> <p>Director Kelsey reported that Troy Grumbles has accepted the position of Facility's Maintenance Supervisor. Director Kelsey requested and received verbal approval for Personnel Authorization to begin the advertising process to fill the vacant Mechanic position within the Public Works Department.</p>

	<p>A brief discussion was held regarding equipment maintenance and the inability to get parts from Portland due to road closures in the Gorge.</p> <p>Director Kelsey advised that Public Works received a request from the Yakama Housing Authority (YHA) for railroad crossing enhancements, such as drop down arms and light signals, to be completed near the YHA planned development in Dallesport. Chairman Sauter stated historically infrastructure improvements driven by a development are funded by the developer.</p> <p>Director Kelsey briefly discussed PacifiCorp's plans to update their wind turbines on Hoctor Road. Director Kelsey noted that PacifiCorp will be required to make road improvements and to repair any damage to Hoctor Road.</p>
<p>Sheriff 's Department Update</p>	<p>10:30 AM - Elected Official Report/Update</p> <p>Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Chief Jail Deputy Carmen Knopes, Deputy Prosecutor Rebecca Sells and Centerville resident Dan Christopher.</p> <p>Sheriff Bob Songer reviewed call volumes for the year, noting the large number of reported animal cases. Sheriff Songer stated they are waiting on the transfer paperwork for an Animal Control truck from the Goldendale Police Department that is being given to the County. Sheriff Songer advised that the animal control pickup will be used by Dogs of the Gorge.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer thanked the Board for his office remodel and the Prosecuting Attorney for temporary office space during the remodel.</p> <p>Chief Civil Deputy Carmen Knopes discussed new Correction Officer jail procedures to improve officer safety.</p> <p>Chief Civil Deputy Knopes reported she is working closely with Klickitat Valley Health to utilize a grant program for the opioid crisis. The program is currently in the development stages but will aid inmates in living a healthier life.</p>
	<p>Oregon resident Felix Smith shared memories of his negative interactions with various schools and the impact it had on his life. Mr. Smith thanked the Board for their patience and understanding while he spoke.</p>
	<p>Commissioner Sizemore reported on a conference call with Representative Gina Mosbrucker and residents of the Glenwood Valley regarding a request for assistance from the Department of Ecology to drill wells to replace the water loss from the Hell Roaring water supply.</p>
<p>Lunch Recess</p>	<p>The Board recessed for lunch at 11:25 AM.</p>
	<p>Call to Order/Roll Call:</p>
<p>Regular Meeting for Tuesday, February 26, 2019</p>	<p>Chairman David M. Sauter reconvened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Commissioners present: Jim Sizemore, Rex F. Johnston and David Sauter.</p>

	Agenda:
Business Agenda	* Approved (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): the Business Agenda with one add on under New Business: Washington State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement No. 2 between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and HDR Engineering, Inc. for the purpose of extending the contract end date to 4/30/2019.
	Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes
Approval of Meeting Minutes	* Approved (M/Sizemore, S/Johnston. Passed unanimously): the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2019 as presented.
	Citizen Comment:
Comments will be limited to Seven (7) minutes per individual	<p>Goldendale resident Delmar Eldridge asked how County citizens would be able to get the Board to move on a resolution or to make any decisions regarding I-1639. Chairman Sauter stated there is discussion noted on this afternoon agenda.</p> <p>Murdock resident Bill Spaulding stated his concerns about I-1639 and requested the Commissioners take action. Discussion followed regarding elected official's oaths of office and the Open Public Meeting Act.</p> <p>Resident Brendon Rolford asked if a public meeting regarding I-1639 will be held on the west end of the County and what the outcome of this afternoon's discussion will be.</p> <p>Goldendale resident Susan Kelsey thanked the Board for holding the I-1639 public meeting in Goldendale, noting how well the meeting was run, and stated her respect and appreciation for the Commissioners.</p> <p>Kathy Moco resident of Goldendale gave detail regarding the Patriot Prayer meeting held in Centerville on January 13th.</p>
	Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:
Bid Opening: Purchase of Liquid Asphalt for the 2019 Paving Season	* Bids Forwarded (M/Sizemore, S/Johnston. Passed unanimously): To the Public Works Department for review and recommendation of three (3) bids received for Purchase of Liquid Asphalt for the 2019 Paving Season. Engineer's Estimate: \$719,000. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albina Fuel Vancouver, WA \$707,057.07 • Idaho Asphalt Houser, ID \$790,340.70 • Western States Asphalt Spokane, WA \$751,237.97
Public Hearing: To establish Airport roads known as Jim Riley Loop Road, Wheeler Road and Airport Way Road as part of the County Road System	* Approved (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): Resolution No. 02419 in the matter of establishing Jim Riley Loop Road, Wheeler Road and Airport Way Road as part of the County Road System. <p>Attendance: Public Works Director Gordon Kelsey, Deputy Director Jeff Hunter, Airport Manager Chuck Covert, County residents Susan Kelsey, Kathy Moco and Dan Christopher.</p>

	<p>Chairman Sauter declared the public hearing open and advised that the purpose of the hearing is to consider the establishment of Jim Riley Loop Road, Wheeler Road and Airport Way Road as part of the County Road System. Chairman Sauter requested a staff review.</p> <p>Deputy Director Jeff Hunter reported Jim Riley Loop Road, Wheeler Road, and Airport Way Road are currently under the ownership of the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport, advising that the Airport has requested the County take ownership of the roads.</p> <p>Deputy Director Hunter stated that Public Works managed and oversaw the design and construction of Jim Riley Loop Road and Wheeler Road in 2013, and the roads being considered provide public access to the Airport and Airport Business Park, noting that if establishment is approved Public Works will secure 60 foot easements for the roads.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter opened the public hearing to receive public testimony, noting that no written public comments were received prior to the public hearing.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter noted for the record there was no one from the public wishing to comment, he closed the public hearing to further public testimony and called for Board discussion which was followed by a motion.</p>
	<p>Department Update/Report</p>
<p>Public Health Department Update</p>	<p>Public Health Director Carla Bacon gave a staff report noting clinical experience the three new nurses provide has led to successful cross training and a positive environment. Dr. Amy Person, the new Public Health Officer, has also been a very good fit and has been responsive to the demand for measles outbreak.</p> <p>Director Bacon reported Klickitat County has not had a positive measles case and is managing potential cases continuously. A report on statewide vaccination rates was provided.</p> <p>Director Bacon reviewed Title X invoices and grant reporting.</p> <p>Brief discussion was held regarding Health Officer Dr. Amy Person's rate of pay and liability insurance.</p> <p>Director Bacon provided a follow up overview of the Southwest Washington Regional Health Care Advisory Committee meeting she recently attended.</p>
	<p>The Board had a discussion regarding signing a letter in support of fully funding the Office of the Columbia River's (OCR) 2019-21 Capital Budget request. Director McClure provided a brief overview of the budgeted projects along the Columbia River and recommended the Board support full funding for the OCR.</p> <p>Director McClure provided a brief report on water right applications and the City of White Salmon's slow sand filter project that was part of Klickitat County's submission to Mid-Columbia Economic Development District for inclusion on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy list.</p>

	Consent Agenda:
	<p>* Approved (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): the Consent Agenda with nine (9) items, with item number nine (9) being pulled.</p> <p>* 1) Resolution No. 02519 in the matter of setting the dates for the Klickitat County Fair for a five (5) year period commencing with the 2020 Fair and as recommended by the Fair Board.</p> <p>* 2) Resolution No. 02619 in the matter of scheduling a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 beginning at 2:15 PM to consider one (1) application for reclassification from the Designated Forest program to the Open Space Current Use Classification program.</p> <p>* 3) Add – On Sales Agreement (C02919) between Patagonia Health and Klickitat County (Public Health Department) for the purpose of allowing Klickitat County Public Health Department Title X billing staff to access the PatagoniaHealth “cloud” module of Ahlers for transmitting the Family Planning Annual Report and Client Visit Report files to the Department of Health to meet Title X contract requirements.</p> <p>* 4) Letters and Resolution No. 02719 in the matter of appointing Jay McLaughlin and David Lindley to the Klickitat Technical Committee for the Klickitat Lead Entity to three (3) year unexpired terms.</p> <p>* 5) Purchase Authorization from the Sheriff’s Office for a video conferencing kit to be used in the Klickitat County Jail and the West District Court allowing inmates and staff to communicate with attorney’s on the west end of the County.</p> <p>* 6) Economic Development Support Services Agreement (C03019) between Klickitat County (Economic Development Department) and Mt. Adams Chamber of Commerce. This is a cost reimbursement, time and materials type contract with a not to exceed budget of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). The period of performance is in calendar year 2019.</p> <p>* 7) Economic Development Support Services Agreement (C03119) between Klickitat County (Economic Development Department) and Greater Goldendale Area Chamber of Commerce. This is a cost reimbursement, time and materials type contract with a not to exceed budget of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000). The period of performance is in calendar year 2019.</p> <p>* 8) Final Contract (C03219) Voucher Certificate and Release of Retainage in the amount of \$4,787.02 certifying all contract requirements have been met by Day Wireless for the equipment and labor completing the installation of all grounding, minor electrical work and minor low voltage work at each Klickitat County Radio Tower Sites to prevent weather related damage to the tower system. Contract No. C16617.</p> <p>9) (PULLED) Concurrence to Award Bid and Small Works Contract between HWH Construction and Klickitat County (Public Works Department) for Klickitat County Sheriff’s Office Security Upgrade Project 2019 as bid in the amount of \$197,904.32, and authorize the Public Works Director to execute and change orders for this project due to unforeseen conditions up to 10% of the contract (\$19,790.43) for a total of \$217,694.75.</p> <p>* 10) Request from the Klickitat County (Public Works Department) for submission of the 2018 Title VI Non-Discrimination Annual Accomplishment and Update Report which was established under the Klickitat County Title VI Program Implementation Plan Agreement (C02006).</p>

<p>Pay Estimate</p>	<p>Payment Approvals:</p> <p>* Approved (M/Sizemore, S/Johnston. Passed unanimously): Pay estimate No. 4 to Advanced Security & Electrical, Inc. in the amount of \$ 15,718.33, which includes retainage in the amount of \$731.09, for a total payment of \$14,987.24 for the Security Surveillance System upgrade for Klickitat County Court House and Jail.</p>
<p>Voucher Certification and Approval</p>	<p>* Approved Warrants (M/Johnson, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): Accounts Payable: (#287718 – 287777) for a net of \$169,398.85. Combined Payroll: (#196213 – 196493, County Benefit Warrants #287778 - 287786, Electronic Transfer #847) \$1,042,298.51. For a combined total of \$1,211,697.36 for the date ending February 25, 2019.</p>
	<p>New Business:</p> <p>* Approved (M/Sizemore, S/Johnson. Passed unanimously): Washington State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement No. 2 (C03319) between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and HDR Engineering, Inc. for the purpose of amending the number of calendar days for completion of the work to read 4/30/2019 for the Klickitat County Road Safety Plan, (C041718). Project No. HSIP-000S (441).</p>
<p>Human Resource Job Classification Committee recommendation</p> <p>Executive Session: Discuss pending and potential litigation</p> <p>Executive Session: Discuss performance/discipline of a public employee</p>	<p>Unfinished Business:</p> <p>Human Resource Director Randi Post reported on Job Classification Committee results and recommendation regarding the Chief Range Safety Officer position within the Public Works Department. Director Post requested and received verbal approval to proceed with the advertising process to fill the position.</p> <p>Director Post requested and received the selection of Job Classification Committee member Ruby Irving to participate in the review and reclassification of the Computer Help Desk position within the Information Technology and Budget Department.</p> <p>At 2:52 PM Chairman Sauter announced the Board would be convening into Executive Session with HR Director Post and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Sells in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for a pending and potential litigation update. Chairman Sauter noted that the Executive Session would be for five (5) minutes.</p> <p>The Board reconvened back to Regular Session at 2:57 PM. No action was taken.</p> <p>At 2:58 PM Chairman Sauter announced the Board would be convening back into Executive Session with HR Director Post and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Sells in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to discuss performance/discipline of a public employee. Chairman Sauter noted that the session would last for five (5) minutes. At 3:03 PM it was announced the executive session would be extended five (5) minutes. At 3:08 PM it was announced the executive session would be extended two (2) minutes.</p> <p>The Board convened back to Regular Session at 3:10 PM. No action was taken.</p>

<p>Follow up discussion regarding written and oral comments received related to I-1639</p>	<p>Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rebecca Sells, County residents Susan Kelsey, Kathy Moco, Dan Christopher and Bill Spaulding.</p> <p>The Board discussed comments received at the February 19th public meeting, acknowledging there are strong feelings on both sides of the matter. Commissioner Sizemore commented that suggestions calling for the Board to declare Klickitat County a 2nd amendment sanctuary county will not affect I-1639, only the Court can make a change.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter stated this is a cultural divide between the urban side and rural side of the State and he does not believe his position has the authority to determine constitutionality, and that the Sheriff's position is different, his duty requires him to make the decision.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter indicated that he supports the Sheriff and his authority and would not support a 2nd amendment sanctuary resolution. The Commissioners agreed they support Sheriff Songer's authority to do his duty.</p> <p>Bill Spaulding encouraged the Commissioners to stand up and support the Sheriff and to oppose I-1639. Mr. Spaulding stated that you can't change the law but you can support the Constitution and indicated that recent gun laws are incrementally taking away our Constitutional rights.</p> <p>Chairman Sauter advised that he has a duty to allow the legal process to play out and the Board needs to acknowledge the 40% who voted in favor of I-1639.</p> <p>Sheriff Songer pointed out the rule of law, adding that if a law violates the constitution, then it is void. Sheriff Songer stated that if state legislators had voted and approved the initiative by 2/3 vote the State Constitution would have been amended.</p> <p>County Republican Committee woman Susan Kelsey explained how the committee's resolution was developed, noting that the initiative over reached the law.</p> <p>Commissioner Sizemore again reminded the Board of the judicial process, noting that this shows deference to the 40% of County residents who voted in support of I-1639.</p> <p>Following discussion, the Board asked Deputy Prosecutor Sells to draft a resolution in support of the Board's discussion for review and consideration. It was noted that a second public meeting to allow county residents to comment on I-1639 would be held at the Pioneer Center in White Salmon the evening of March 12th.</p>
	<p>Board Pending:</p>
<p>Issues as determined by the Board of Commissioners</p>	<p>The Board discussed concerns about solar energy farms using land designated for Open Space Agriculture. Commissioner Sizemore stated land owners who remove their land from Open Space Agriculture pay seven (7) years back taxes. The foot print of a windfarm versus a solar panel farm were discussed.</p>

Adjournment	Approved (M/Johnston, S/Sizemore. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 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 2-26-19.



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



3-19-19

Date

