

**Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

Morning Workshop Session

Chairman Dan Christopher called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Commissioners present: Dan Christopher, Jacob Anderson and Lori Zoller.

Elected Official Report/Update:

9:00 AM – Executive Session

Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be going into executive session with Prosecuting Attorney David Quesnel in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) for pending litigation for twenty (20) minutes. The Board reconvened from executive session at 9:20 AM.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller, Passed Unanimously) to allow the Prosecuting Attorney to negotiate on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

9:20 AM -The Board discussed their schedules, attendance to an assortment of Public Functions and meetings, the White Salmon assisted living, the House Transportation Package and the List of Appropriations.

Legislative Update: Potts & Associates

9:30 AM - Zak Kennedy provided a legislative update on the EHB1337, HB1670, the gas tax and the Firearm bill 1240. Chairman Christopher inquired about appropriations and discretionary spending. Commissioner Zoller inquired about a line item for an Assisted Living in White Salmon.

Chairman Christopher and Commissioner Anderson discussed combining the Court and Probation contracts when billing the Cities and using either the cost or net approach.

Workshop Session Agenda

9:57 AM – Public Works/Road Department Update:

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

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

Interim Engineer Scarola provided an update on the Construction Programs and Road Designs.

Director Hunter provided an update on the East end and West end Maintenance projects, upcoming facilities work and events. Director Hunter commented on answering questions about Oak Ridge Road, additional departments requesting paper shredding, the Dallesport Wastewater Tour 4/26 at 10:30, artwork for new building, Title 12 Standards Hearings and Carriger Right of Way Permit.

10:20 AM – HR and Administrative Services Department Update/Report:

Attendance: HR Manager KC Sheridan, Fiscal Manager Jenn Neil, IT Manager Randy Christiansen and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Manager Neil provided an update on the progress for the budget book.

Manager Randy Christiansen provided an update on the IT department. Manager Christiansen thanked his team and Jeff Roe for their time and helping to fix the firewall issue. Manager Christiansen commented that Cisco support was not helpful during the firewall issue and that the County needs to develop and maintain relationships with the different software providers and Specialists. Mr. Christiansen stated that he is looking at OnBase support for documents and that he has started the process for a network redesign.

Manager Sheridan provided an update on the job description for the Director of the New Community Services Department, the org chart restructuring the departments and positions and the Behavioral Health Designated Crisis Responder changing from contract to Full Time Employee. Ms. Sheridan reminded the Board that Marty Hudson will be retiring on May 31 and that there will be a reception in the Mt. Adams room from 3:00 PM-5:00 PM and then at the American Legion from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. Ms. Sheridan provided an update on the Washington Cares Trust Act long term care insurance.

10:53 AM Unfinished Business:

Chairman Christopher announced that the Board will go into executive session for twenty (20) minutes in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) for a follow up discussion regarding the proposed addendum to the Solid Waste Handling Agreement to review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs. Issues of a general nature will be discussed in open session. At 11:13 AM it was announced that the executive session will be extended for five (5) minutes. No actions were taken.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously). To recess for lunch at 11:18 AM.

Commissioner's Business Meeting

Chairman Dan Christopher reconvened the meeting 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/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2023 as presented.

Citizen Comment:

Sheri Bousquet, resident of Husum, commented on the Industrial Solar Moratorium and short term rental ordinances.

Daina Bambe commented on the harvesting of timber in Trout Lake.

Commissioner Zoller responded to Ms. Bambe's comment.

Commissioner Anderson responded to Ms. Bambe's comment.

Chairman Christopher responded to Ms. Bambe's and Ms. Bousquet's comment.

Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:

1:30 PM Public Meeting: To consider Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of ZON 2022-02, which is a proposal to rezone approximately 40 acres from Extensive Agriculture to Rural Center. The rezone is located in NWSW of Section 23, T6N, R10E on Parcel # 06-10-2300-0011/00, which is approximately 1/3 of a mile from "downtown" Trout Lake; Applicant: Steward Walton Trustee.

Associate Planner Lori Anderson provided an overview of the documents provided to the Board of County Commissioner for the zone change request ZON 2022-02. Ms. Anderson informed the Board of three (3) options, the Board could move for approval to summarily accept the Planning Commission's Findings of Fact and conclusion as presented, the Board could move for denial to summarily reject the Planning Commission's Findings of Fact and conclusions or the Board may schedule a time to have their own Public Hearing and take

additional testimony.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the 1995 comp plan update.

Ms. Anderson provided clarification on the zoning history for that parcel.

The Board had a discussion in regards to the rezone, the current lack of affordable lots, irrigation ditches, the lack of it being a spot zone and concluded it to be in the public's interest.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): to accept the recommendation from the Planning Commission to approve ZON 2022-02.

Consent Agenda:

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Consent Agenda with 9 items.

- 1) ***Resolution No. 04023** in the matter of awarding the bid for designation of the county legal newspaper for advertising of legal notices, delinquent tax lists, and notices pursuant to statute to The Goldendale Sentinel.
- 2) ***Follow-up to the Board of Commissioner's action on April 4, 2023:** Letter appointing Matt Chiles as a voting member of the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) to provide local insight to the EFSEC process for the proposed Carriger Solar Project by Cypress Creek Renewables, LLC.
- 3) ***Request from the KC Behavioral Health Department to increase credit card limit from \$2000.00 to \$3500.00.**
- 4) ***Contract (C07523)** between Klickitat County Behavioral Health and Brett Merle to provide transportation for clients to behavioral health services/care.
- 5) ***Contract (C07623)** between Klickitat County Behavioral Health and The Next Door to provide support for individuals that are identified through the Perinatal Mental Health support groups as needing further behavioral health support and are uninsured or underinsured.
- 6) ***Contract (C07723)** between Klickitat County Health Department and Jordyn Caven to provide peer counseling to WIC families in Klickitat County to support breastfeeding. This position is 100% WIC funded.
- 7) ***Contract (C07823)** for the 2023 Liquid Asphalt Purchase between Klickitat County (Public Works Department) and Ergon Asphalt & Emulsion for the purpose of Ergon Asphalt & Emulsion furnishing various liquid asphalt materials meeting or exceeding the specifications and requirements outlined in the bid.
- 8) ***Local Agency Agreement (C07923)** Supplement for Curve Warning Signs and Guideposts, CRP 371 between Klickitat County Public Works and Washington State Department of Transportation. Project included on the 2023 Annual Construction Program and Road Fund #101 Budget.
- 9) ***Non-Capital Project List Amendment #1,** adding an Upgrade to the Dispatch Buildings Basement to provide a secondary secure ballot counting location in the event the Courthouse is not able to be used and delaying construction of a storage building at Trout Lake Park for equipment and flammable materials to pay for an ADA restroom that is required by code to be part of the Dispatch Basement project.

Voucher Certification and Payment Approvals:

Approved Warrants (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously):

Accounts Payable: (#320876 – 320994); for a net of \$166,652.53.

Combined Payroll: (#236868–237133), County Benefit Warrants (#320866 – 320875), Electronic Transfer #995, for \$884,483.21.

For a combined total of \$1,051,135.74 for the date ending April 10, 2023.

Miscellaneous Reports/Comments:

1:55 PM - Sherry Braga, Volunteer Coordinator with Fort Vancouver Regional Libraries presented a proclamation for National Volunteer Week, April 16th-22nd, 2023.

Chairman Christopher read the proclamation out loud, honoring and praising the volunteers.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): to declare National Volunteer Week April 16-22, 2023.

2:05 PM – Columbia Gorge Regional Airport update:

Attendance: Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Manager Jeff Renard, HR and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, Economic Development Specialist Richard Foster, Goldendale residents Dave Barta and Dave West and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Columbia Gorge Regional Airport Manager Jeff Renard provided an update and review of the infrastructure, grants, future developments and proposed ground lease agreements.

Chairman Christopher inquired about the lease agreements. Mr. Renard provided clarification on the different areas of the lease agreement.

New Business:

(2:30): Correction of the Plat Expiration Date – Husum Ranch SUB 2018-02.

Associate Planner Denice Lee reviewed the need for a correction to the Husum Ranch SUB 2018-02 Preliminary Approval date on Resolution #04819 and the subsequently misstated plat expiration date on Resolution # 06920.

The Board was in unanimous support of ***Resolution No 04123** In the matter of correcting the date of a preliminary approval on Resolution #04819 to be April 23, 2019 and correcting the expiration date for Resolution #06920 to be on April 23, 2024 for Husum Ranch Subdivision (SUB2018-02) Husum Greens, LLC, Guy Skeele-applicant. Landowners Don & Heidi Struck.

Unfinished Business:

(2:50):Continued discussion regarding Board of Commissioner's questions related to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council applications for the Carriger Solar Project

Commissioner Zoller provided an update on the EFSEC Public information meeting and land use consistency hearing that is forecasted to be on April 25, 2023 at the Goldendale Grange and discussed putting together a packet of comments to be presented to EFSEC. There was a discussion that followed in regards to the EFSEC hearing, the County moratorium and the County appointee to EFSEC.

The Board had a discussion with Planning Director Lindblad in regards to reviewing the Carriger application turned into EFSEC and providing comments in regards to land use. Director Lindblad stated that other departments would also need to provide input for land use consistencies since there are other things that need to be addressed. A discussion followed and it was agreed that applicable departments will need to come together and have a workshop regarding industrial solar in the Sections and Townships specified on the moratorium.

The Board discussed requesting EFSEC to consider the meeting on April 25th, 2023 to be a Public Meeting only and have a separate land use consistency meeting.

(3:30): The Board had a follow up discussion regarding Klickitat County's contribution to the cost of financial services for the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport.

Executive Session 3:43 PM

Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be going into executive session in regards to the Solid

Waste handling agreement in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) for ten (10) minutes to review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs. At 3:53 PM it was announced that the executive session will be extended for five (5) minutes. At 3:58 PM it was announced that the executive session will be extended for another five (5) minutes. No actions were taken.

***Board Correspondence for the Record:**

Letter to State Representatives and Senators expressing concerns with language that is being proposed in the Capital budget to mandate open access requirements for the construction of broadband infrastructure using federal NTIA BEAD funds.

Letter to the Joint Transportation Committee in support for Hood River-White Salmon Interstate Bridge Replacement Project

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM there is no scheduled workshop on Thursday, April 13, 2023.

Commissioner Christopher noted for the record that the Commissioners may be participating in a presentation and tour at the Department of Emergency Management/E911 Dispatch Center at 199 Industrial Way, Goldendale in honor of National Telecommunicators Week on April 12, 2023 at 4:00 PM

*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 4.11.23 BoCC Zoom 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



4-25-2023

Date