

**Klickitat County  
Board of Commissioners  
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, April 25, 2023**

**Morning Workshop Session**

Chairman Dan Christopher called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Commissioners present: Dan Christopher, Jacob Anderson and Lori Zoller.

**Legislative Update: Potts & Associates**

**9:30 AM – Potts & Associates**

Attendance: Zac Kennedy via Zoom and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Zac Kennedy provided a legislative update. Mr. Kennedy commented on the reorganizing of leadership structures in the house, streamlining processes, budgets, firearms legislation 1240, and ADU bills. A discussion followed in regards to the Blake decision.

**Workshop Session Agenda**

**9:47 AM – Emergency Management Update**

Attendance: Emergency Management Director Jeff King and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director King provided an update on Radio Systems, site leases, 911 staffing, operations and training, software updates, National Telecommunicators week, the state 911 grant, law enforcement training task force, fund 107 & 135 merger, the burn ban, training and exercises for volunteers, the status of grants, community outreach and the Search and Rescue operation on April 1 that was successful,

Director King announced that during the Telecommunicators Week presentation Communications Officer Hannah Walter was presented with Employee of the Year.

A discussion followed in regards to the Weboost cell phone signal boosters.

**10:00 AM – Public Works/Road Department Update**

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

Chairman Christopher presented Public Works with a “Certificate of Good Practice” from the Washington State Treasurer for a job well done.

Director Hunter provided an update on the consent agenda items.

Interim Engineer Scarola provided an update on the Construction Program and Road Design.

Director Hunter provided an update on the Maintenance projects on the East and West end, upcoming facilities work and events, the Dallesport Wastewater tour, the cleanup in Bingen and requested and received verbal approval to hire for one summer help position on the west end and 3 flaggers, a show and tell at Trout Lake School and the cleanup in Klickitat at the Old Mill site. Director Hunter commented on the use of cell phone boosters, the electric at the Joan Frey arena and Senior Services joining the Public Works radio network.

**10:15 AM – (add-on) Public Health Department Update**

Attendance: Public Health Director Erinn Quinn, HR and Administrative Service Director Robb Van Cleave, KC Sheridan and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Quinn informed the Board that Comprehensive Health is no longer going to provide services in the County. Director Quinn discussed pursuing funding and the need to contract with a provider so that clients can still have access to services and be prescribed medications. Director Quinn commented on not having a facility for a provider to see clients. The Board agreed that Director Quinn should pursue funding.

EM Director King commented on the issues that his department is experiencing with people in need of Behavioral Health services.

Director Rob Van Cleave requested and received verbal approval to post for a Community Services Director, grade 76, steps 1-3 and verbal on the org chart.

**10:30 AM – Republic Services update:**

Attendance: Republic Services Municipal Relationship Manager Steve Gilmore and Roosevelt Landfill General Manager Jeff Barcenas via Zoom, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Steve Gilmore informed the Board that Skagit County notified Republic Services that Waste Management is going to be recommended for Skagit Counties Transportation Disposal. Mr. Gilmore discussed the impact to Klickitat County and suggested that a change be made to the host fee. A discussion followed in regards to the issue that Skagit County was having with Republic Services was due to ongoing railroad services.

Chairman Christopher suggested that the Board have further discussions in Executive Session.

Mr. Gilmore commented on the competitive environment. Mr. Barcenas commented on losing jobs. A discussion continued in regards to attending a Solid Waste Advisory Council meeting. Commissioner Anderson commented on the reasons and rationale not being the price.

Kevin Riggs, representative of the Klickitat PUD, commented on the relationship between the PUD, the County and the landfill and requested that the Board consider the benefits of the revenue from the Landfill when making their decision.

**Add-on: Solid Waste Contract Update:**

At 10:55 AM Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be convening into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes in regards to the Solid Waste Contract Update, 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. At 11:10 AM it was announced that the executive session will be extended for another ten (10) minutes. At 11:20 AM it was announced the executive session will be extended for another ten (10) minutes. The Board reconvened from executive session at 11:30 AM. No actions were taken.

**Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously).** To recess for lunch at 11:35 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/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2023 and April 11, 2023 as presented.

**Citizen Comment:**

Yesi Castro, representative of Culture Seed, a small non-profit providing Mental Health services for youth, requested support and commented on looking for a space to utilize as an office.

Kathy Moco, resident of Goldendale, commended the Commissioners and the Sheriff's officer for providing a safe place to live in the State of Washington.

Ruby Irving, resident of Goldendale, commented on the necessity of a Solid Waste Director.

Pat Arnold commented on the citizen comment time. Chairman Christopher responded to Ms. Arnold's comment.

Commissioner Anderson thanked Ms. Moco for her statement and responded to Ms. Castro's and Ms. Arnold's comment.

Chairman Christopher commented on being available to the citizens by phone or email.

A discussion followed in regards to the Board's response to Ms. Bousquet's email.

**Public Meetings/Public Hearings/Bid Openings:**

**1:30 PM Public Meeting:**

Attendance: Associate Planner Denice Lee, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

**Resolution No. 04623** in the matter of a request for an extension for final approval of Short Plat SPL2021-11.

Associate Planner Denice Lee provided a brief review of a request for an additional 90 day extension to complete all conditions of approval for Short Plat SPL2021-11 on Parcel No. 05-17-0900-0008/00, which is located in the Goldendale vicinity; Applicants: John & Arianna Dumont for Short Plat SPL2021-11 and the request for an additional 90 day extension.

**Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** to extend approval of SPL2021-11 for an additional 90 days.

**Public Hearing:**

Attendance: Associate Planner Denice Lee, Brian Patnode and Chelsea Harris, Environmental Planner with Washington State Parks and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

To consider approval of Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and Shoreline Conditional Use Permit No. SH2022-03; Pitt Site Trailhead project. Construction of trailhead improvements will include car and horse trailer parking, a CXT vault toilet, a kiosk and ADA access. Trailhead work elements include clearing and grubbing, rough grading, finish grading, crushed surfacing and/or asphalt, revegetation and landscaping, and installation of signage and gates. No water, sewer or electricity is being proposed for the trailhead, however solar is proposed to power the vault toilet vent/fan; Applicant: Washington State Parks (Brian Patnode/Chelsea Harris).

Associate Planner Lee provided a brief review of the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and Shoreline Conditional Use Permit No. SH2022-03 Planning Commission Public Hearing.

Commissioner Zoller recused herself.

Brian Patnode with Washington State Parks commented on the proposal.

Opponents testimony: Devin Hopps, resident on Fishon Road, commented on the Oak Tree and Squirrel habitat.

Applicants rebuttal: Brian Patnode commented on the removal and replacement of foliage and oak trees and the Western Gray Squirrel habitat.

Chelsea Harris commented on all of the conditions that have been met.

Chairman Christopher closed the Public Hearing.

Chairman Christopher commented on the area, lack of proponents of the project, no traffic data, concerns of driver's safety, lack of signage, trespassing and stated that it is detrimental to the public interest.

Chairman Christopher made a motion to deny Shoreline Substantial Permit and Shoreline Conditional Use Permit No. SH2022-03; Pitt Site Trailhead project, thereby forwarding to Dept. of Ecology for final decision.

Commissioner Anderson second the motion for discussion. (Commissioner Zoller recused herself).

Commissioner Anderson commented on the trail and location. Commissioner Anderson commented in favor of SH2022-03 and stated that he cannot vote in favor of Chairman Christopher's motion.

Motion to approve or deny did not have a majority vote.

The application was referred back to staff for further direction on a lack of majority vote.

**2:00 PM Natural Resources/Economic Development Department Update/Report:**

Attendance: Natural Resources/Economic Development Director Dave McClure, Lorena Lowell, Economic Development Specialist Richard Foster, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Lorena Lowell with the Washington Small Business Development Center provided a brief review of clients served, areas served, business financing and the businesses that she is working with. A brief discussion followed in regards to the EIDL loans.

Specialist Foster provided an Economic Development Department update on infrastructure, business retention and expansion and community activities.

Director Dave McClure provided an update on the Economic Development Department Grant funding.

Director McClure provided an update on the Natural Resource Department and commented on the Grant amendment for the Switzler project.

**Miscellaneous Reports/Comments: Veterans Advisory Board update.**

Attendance: Veterans Advisory Board (VAB) Members; Chair Bill Caldwell, Frank Hewey, Jack Sutton, Erinn Quinn and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

VAB Chairman Bill Caldwell commented on indigent Vet requests for gas cards, requests for home and storage unit rent and commented about the items that are not reimbursable from the Auditor.

A discussion followed regarding the lack of public knowledge of the Veteran Service Officer.

Mr. Sutton commented on writing checks to get medications.

Chairman Christopher suggested that the VAB get a list from the Auditor of what is reimbursable.

**Unfinished Business:**

1:45 PM: Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Final Review of Klickitat County's Carriger Solar Project comment packet to be submitted to the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the EFSEC meeting.

Building Director Lynn Ward inquired if there is a requirement for Directors to attend the EFSEC meeting.

**Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously)** for the acceptance and concurrence of the staff project comments for the Carriger Solar project and submit to EFSEC.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** Consent Agenda with 13 items.

- 1) Box Hangar Lease agreement (**C08323**) renewal between the City of The Dalles, Oregon, Klickitat County, Washington, and Shearer Sprayers, Inc., for lease of a building constructed with a concrete floor and wood and metal framing, measuring 5,760 sq. ft. and the area surrounding the hangar building at the Columbia Gorge Regional Airport, effective May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2028
- 2) Agreement between Klickitat County (Prosecutor's Office) (**C08423**) and Jack Trumbull, owner and representative of Washington Funeral Services, Inc. (d/b/a) Gardner Funeral Home and Columbia Hills Funeral Home for the purpose of providing Klickitat County Coroner's Offices specialized services.
- 3) Agreement and Release (**C08523**) between Klickitat County and Ibbly Jane Coyne, and Settlement Agreement between the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Klickitat County and Ibbly Jane Coyne.
- 4) Commission Formation Agreement (**C08623**) to Form and Charter the Hood River-White Salmon Bridge Authority between, the City of Bingen, City of White Salmon, and Klickitat County, Washington, and the City of Hood River, Hood River County, and Port of Hood River, Oregon
- 5) **Resolution No. 04423** in the matter of setting a public hearing to be held Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 1:30 PM to consider an ordinance amending burning restriction procedures within the unincorporated areas of Klickitat County and to hear public testimony for or against said ordinance.
- 6) Memorandum of Agreement (**C08723**) between Washington State University Extension and Klickitat County with the amount being \$74,132.00 to provide an extension program for the period starting January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- 7) Master Customer Agreement (**C08823**) between Klickitat County (Emergency Management) and Motorola Solutions Inc. for maintenance and software updates of the Motorola Flex Applications (Computer Aided Dispatch program).
- 8) Service Agreement between Klickitat County (Economic Development) (**C08923**) and Columbia Gorge Housing Authority effective April 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023, unless terminated sooner to reimburse documented costs from performing the Scope of Work.
- 9) Request from Planning Department Director Mo-chi Lindblad to carry over 120 vacation hours earned in 2022-2023. These hours were to be used by June 30, 2023 but Planning Departments work schedule precluded the ability to take time off for vacation prior to this date. To avoid losing earned vacation time, the request is for a 6 month extension to December 31, 2023.
- 10) Notice to contractors to advertise for the Klickitat County Jail re-roofing project. Sealed bids will be due by 1:15 PM on May 16, 2023 to be publicly read aloud on May 16, 2023 at 1:30 PM.
- 11) Final project acceptance and release of retainage for the Klickitat County Services Building project in the final contract amount of \$17,514,099.69.
- 12) Advertisement for the Public Hearings for the Dallesport Sewer Rate Increase for the period June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024 to be held Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Dallesport Community Center located at 136 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 1:30 PM in the Commissioners Room located in the Klickitat County Services Building, Goldendale
- 13) **Resolution No. 04523** in the matter of setting a Public Hearing to consider the Supplemental Budget and amendments to the 2023 budget expenditures in the sum of \$ 597,534.00.

Commissioner Anderson noted that the Board of County Commissioners may be at the Bi-state (Bridge) working group for a photo op.

**Voucher Certification and Payment Approvals:**

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

Accounts Payable: (#321300 - 321382; for a net of \$1,019,742.31.

County Benefit Warrants #321287 - 321295, Electronic Transfer #997, for an amount of \$1,107,843.62.

For a combined total of \$ 2,127,585.93 for the date ending April 24, 2023.

There were no Payroll warrants requiring approval.

**Executive Session 3:00 PM**

At 3:00 PM Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes 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. It was noted that after the Executive Session the meeting will reconvene to have a discussion.

The Board reconvened at 3:15 PM and discussed the Republic Services rate change request and agreed to get more information from Skagit County before making a decision.

Commissioner Anderson recommended that at least one Commissioner attend the SWAC meeting in Skagit County on Wednesday April 26, 2023.

**Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously):** There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM there is no scheduled workshop on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

It was noted for the record that:

The Board of County Commissioners will be attending the Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council's (EFSEC) open house (4:30 PM – 5:30 pm), and the public meeting regarding the Carriger Solar project at 5:30 PM at the Goldendale Grange located at 228 E Darland, Goldendale on April 25, 2023.

The Senior Services Department has invited the Board County Commissioners to attend their Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, April 28th in the Mt. Adams Room at the Klickitat County Administrative Services Building in Goldendale.

Chairman Christopher and Commissioner Anderson will be attending the Dallesport Wastewater Treatment tour at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

More than one Commissioner may attend the Skagit County Solid Waste Advisory Council Meeting.

\*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 4.25.2023 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



5-9-23  
Date