

Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes – Meeting of Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Morning Workshop Session

Chairman Dan Christopher called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Commissioners present: Dan Christopher, Jacob Anderson and Lori Zoller. Adding to agenda for and executive for landfill

Workshop Session Agenda

10:00 AM – Public Works/Road Department Update

Attendance: Public Works Director Jeff Hunter, Interim County Engineer Seth Scarola, HR and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave, HR Manager KC Sheridan and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Hunter provided an update on the consent agenda and pay estimate.

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

Director Hunter provided an update on the East and West End Maintenance projects, upcoming facilities work and events, Trout Lake Community Council meeting in regards to the Guler Park and the Dallesport Wastewater Hearing.

A discussion followed in regards to Wastewater Grinder Pumps being provided to Dallesport residents.

10:15 AM – Public Health Update

Attendance: Public Health Director Erinn Quinn, HR Manager KC Sheridan, Sheriff Bob Songer, Karen Ellings, Undersheriff Carmen Knopes, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Quinn provided an update on the Public Health Clinical Department, the Environmental Health Department and the Behavioral Health Department.

10:32 AM - HR and Administrative Services Director Robb Van Cleave requested and received verbal approval to advertise for an Investigator position, Grade 71, Steps 1-5 for the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

HR Manager KC Sheridan requested and received verbal approval to advertise for the Clerical Administrative Assistant/Deputy Clerk of the Board, Grade 34, 35, 36, Steps 1, 2 & 3 in the Commissioner's Office.

10:45 AM -Elected Official Report/Update

Attendance: Sheriff Bob Songer, Undersheriff Carmen Knopes, Chief Deputy Loren Culp, Chief Civil Deputy Karen Elings and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Sheriff Songer provided an update on the calls for service, the Posse Meeting in White Salmon, the KVH Safe Room, the Monument Road and Cedar Valley Neighborhood Crime Watch Group, the KLASAC Key Leadership Event, the Central Posse Meeting in Goldendale and the KCSO employee meeting,

Undersheriff Carmen Knopes provided an update on the Patrol Division.

Chief Deputy Loren Culp provided an update on the Jail Staff, Training, Equipment, Jail Statistics, Mental Health issues and the “End of Watch Ride to Remember” Rolling Memorial.

Undersheriff Knopes commented on an inmate in need of long term care. Chairman Christopher commented on the crisis our county is facing and is in hopes of receiving funding from the State Legislature.

A discussion followed in regards to Medicare being stopped when a person is arrested.

Chief Civil Deputy Elings provided an update on the budget and the sex offender program. Sheriff Songer commented about sex offender levels.

Chief Civil Deputy Elings continued with an update on the Range-Timer Program, the Body-worn Camera Program, the K-9 Program, the Marine Program and the Posse program at the Home and Garden Show.

Sheriff Songer commented that there will be sign-ups for the Posse Scout Program for ages 10-18 years old at the Home and Garden Show.

A discussion followed in regards to FirstNet cell service.

EM Director Jeff King clarified that the broadband is only for first responder phones.

Chairman Christopher Proclaimed National Corrections Office Week to be May 7-13, 2023.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously). To recess for lunch at 11:40 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 with 4 add-ons 1) being an Amendment to Resolution #03720 regarding the redistribution of funds for the taxes collected in fund 647 County Human Services. 2) RFP to enter into negotiations for Network Redesign and Support. 3) Potential letter to Skagit County under Old Business. 4) Executive Session on Landfill negotiations.

Approval of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

Approved (M/Zoller, S/Anderson. Passed unanimously): the Klickitat County Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes for April 18, 2023 as presented.

Citizen Comment:

Kathy Moco, resident of Goldendale, commented on the Home and Garden Show at the Fairgrounds and the Klickitat County Republicans Lincoln Day Dinner in Bingen June 3rd at 4:30 PM.

Sheri Bousquet, resident of Husum, commented about EFSEC and Land use Planning.

Greg Wagner with CEASE commented on the Comprehensive Plan and short term rental ordinances.

Pat Arnold, resident of Trout Lake, commented on EFSEC, large Solar Farms, climate change and the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Zoller responded to comments from Ms. Moco and Ms. Bousquet.

Commissioner Anderson responded to comments from Ms. Bousquet, Mr. Wagner, Ms. Arnold and Ms. Moco.

Chairman Christopher responded to comments from Ms. Bousquet, Mr. Wagner, Ms. Arnold and Ms. Moco.

Unfinished Business:

1:30 PM - Add-On- IT Manager Randy Christianson informed the Commissioners that he would like to enter into negotiations with Right Systems Inc. for network redesign and support. A discussion followed in regards to the cost, the budget, the redesign and the scoring of the proposals. The Board decided to hold it over until the next week for further discussion.

2:05 PM Board of Health meeting.

Motion (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): to recess the regular Board of County Commissioner Meeting and conduct a Klickitat County Board of Health Meeting.

2:33 PM Chairman Christopher reconvened the Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

2:33 PM Department Update/Report: Senior Services Director Sharon Carter

Attendance: Senior Service Director Sharon Carter, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Director Carter provided an update on Transportation Services, requested a letter of support for Klickitat Valley Health for a Zap Grant. Ms. Carter provided an update on the two way radio issue, a new applicant for the Senior Advisory Board from the Goldendale area, Staff time off, a contract amendment to add funding for the Senior Nutrition Services and Senior Farmers Market vouchers.

Consent Agenda:

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): Consent Agenda with 11 items.

- 1) Agreement (**C09023**) between Klickitat County and *The Goldendale Sentinel* for publication of all legal notices and delinquent tax lists as well as notices to be published by a newspaper of "general circulation" for the 2023-2024 contract period at a rate of \$7.50 per column inch for each insertion. This agreement is effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
- 2) Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. WROCR-VERI-KICNRD-00011 between The State of Washington Department of Ecology and Klickitat County Natural Resource Department (**C09123**) extending the end date from June 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023 for grant funds to review of the Switzler Water Storage Project under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).
- 3) Request from the KC Building Department to temporarily increase credit card limit ending in 9580 from \$2000.00 to \$3000.00. Because of expenses from Building Officials Short Course, along with annual subscription fee for Autocad and a staff member attending an annual WSAPT Spring Education

- 4) Memorandum of Agreement (**C09223**) between Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission and the Klickitat County Sheriff's Office to document the agreement to govern the co-use of a vessel and trailer owned by State Parks; the vessel "Osprey" Hull Identification # 1NM23002D414; and Trailer Identification # 1ZEZANUG9FA012642.
- 5) Contract Amendment No. 1 between Klickitat County Senior Services (**C09423**) and the Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities of Southwestern Washington for increasing Senior Nutrition Services allocation by \$112,200, from \$171,213 to \$283,413 from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- 6) Concurrence to award Small Works Contract Bond between Klickitat County Public Works (**C09423**) and Day Wireless for the installation of the Satus Pass Radio Equipment. Specific work includes, but not limited to furnish, install, commission, test and transition all radio systems, all in accordance with the Contract Provisions and the Standard Specifications. Bids were solicited and one (1) bid was received at a total bid amount of \$143,2016.93.
- 7) Change Order No. 1 between Klickitat County Public Works Department and Rotschy LLC for additional testing of the waterline required by the City of Goldendale adding a cost increase of \$4,635.94 from original bid price of \$16,232.50 for a total of \$20,868.44.
- 8) Contract (**C09523**) between Klickitat County Public Health and Culture Seed for Behavioral Health Services for Klickitat, Trout Lake and Glenwood School districts. Public Health was awarded funds through SWACH to support administration of Behavioral Health Services in Klickitat County Schools. The contract ends December 31, 2023.
- 9) **Resolution No. 04823** in the matter of approving a new Community Services Department Organizational Chart and new Community Services Department Director Position Grade 76, Exempt.
- 10) Amendment 11 (**C09623**) to Water Resource Inventory Area 31 Watershed Plan Implementation Service agreement C05309 between Klickitat County and Aspect Consulting to extend from June 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023 and amendment eight (8) to task order nineteen (19) to extend from June 30, 2023 to December 31, 2023.
- 11) Proclamation for National Corrections Officer Week May 7-13, 2023, in honor of the men and women who deserve recognition for their service and should be commended by leaders in the profession, the public and elected officials for the tremendous job they do and exceptional performance of duties under the most difficult of circumstances

Voucher Certification and Payment Approvals:

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): pay estimate # 9 for Courtney Road, CRP 342 & CRP 343 in the amount of \$128,204.86.

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

Accounts Payable: (#321454 – 321534)

For a total of \$247,595.41 for the date ending May 1, 2023.

There were no Payroll warrants requiring approval.

New Business: Add-on

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller, passed unanimously): to approve the amended resolution **Resolution No. 04723** amending Resolution #03720 regarding the distribution of funds for the taxes collected in Fund 647 for County Human Services. Resolution # 03720 authorized 50% of tax funds collected to be sent to Comprehensive Mental Health. Comprehensive Mental Health will be closing its locations in Klickitat County. This amendment is to authorize the transfer from Fund 647, 50% of tax collected to Klickitat County Behavioral Health, Fund 145 on a monthly basis.

New Business:

Attendance: Deputy Clerk of the Board Alisa Grumbles, Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad, Associate Planner Denice Lee, and various County elected officials, employees, and members of the public present in person and via Zoom.

Deputy Clerk Alisa Grumbles provided a review of the Application Proposals for the 2023 Historic Preservation Grant.

The Board had a brief discussion in regards to the Grant proposals, fund balance and recommendations.

3:30 PM – Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad and Associate Planner Denice Lee followed up on the Pitt Site Shoreline Trailhead Hearing, stating that after consulting with the Prosecuting Attorney, in order to break the tie vote, Commissioner Zoller would need to participate in voting based on the doctrine of necessity.

The Board discussed providing comments in support of the EIS for the Pump Storage Project.

Dave McClure stated that he will be providing written comments to show support Energy Regulatory Committee

Old Business:

Chairman Christopher commented on the Poll Company online survey.

Commissioner Zoller commented on the packet for the EFSEC hearing. Planning Director Mo-chi Lindblad explained that as EFSEC goes through the process, more comments may be made.

Director Lindblad explained the SEPA appeal process.

A discussion followed in regards to the relationship with Skagit County and Republic Services.

Executive Session:

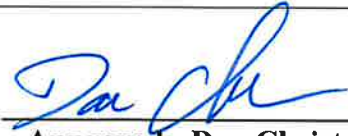
At 4:25 PM Chairman Christopher announced that the Board would be convening into Executive Session for fifteen (15) minutes in regards to the Solid Waste Contract Update, in accordance with RCW 42.30.110(1)(d) to review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs. At 4:40 PM it was announced that the executive session will be extended for another ten (10) minutes. At 4:50 PM it was announced the executive session will be extended for another ten (10) minutes. The Board reconvened from executive session at 5:00 PM. No actions were taken.

It was announced that The County Commissioners will be attending a Klickitat County Public Economic

Development Authority Board meeting either virtually or in person the evening of May 2, 2023. The meeting will be held in the Mt. Adams meeting room in the County Services Building at 115 W Court, Room 100, Goldendale, WA.

Approved (M/Anderson, S/Zoller. Passed unanimously): There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM. There is no scheduled workshop on Thursday, May 4, 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 05-02-2023 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



5-23-23

Date