



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Weekly Agenda Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 10:00 am

BOCC Basement Conference Room, Room 33B, 128 N 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901 or Zoom
IN PERSON OR VIRTUAL

1/13/2026 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair LaDon Linde, Commissioner Amanda McKinney, Commissioner Kyle Curtis, Legal Counsel Stefanie Weigand, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Public Services Director David Haws, Financial Services Director Brian Carlson, and guests.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Received.

4. PROCLAMATION

A. 2026 Martin Luther King Day Proclamation

Commissioner Linde read the proclamation into the record before presenting a signed copy to Reverend Trimble. The reverend recalled joining marches as a teenager in Atlanta, Georgia, to stand against segregation and injustice. He encouraged everyone to continue to stand for truth and justice and to make America great by treating each other as God's children.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Curtis SECOND

Approved Unanimously.

Commissioner Curtis gave a reminder that all BOCC meetings are open to the public and can be attended both in-person or virtually. All meetings are recorded, and the meeting links and recordings can be found on the BOCC webpage

6. AUDITOR

A. Special Warrant

Issue Date: 1.6.26

7. COMMISSIONER

- A. 12.11.25 Work Session Minutes
- B. 12.15.25 Work Session Minutes
- C. 12.16.25 Special Agenda Minutes
- D. 12.22.25 Work Session Minutes

8. CORPORATE COUNSEL

A. Resolution 16-2026

Approving Settlement of Claim No. 37-2025 Filed by Jeri Dale.

Fiscal Impact: \$3,335.48

B. Resolution 17-2026

Denying Claim No. 41-2025 Filed by Jada Thompson.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

C. Resolution 18-2026

Denying Claim No. 45-2025 Filed by Ryan Cyr.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

D. Resolution 19-2026

Approving Settlement of Claim No. 50-2024 Filed by Moises Ramirez.

Fiscal Impact: \$20,000

9. COUNTY ROADS

A. Resolution 15-2026

Awarding Bid for Hot Mix Asphalt and Gravel Products for the Yakima County Road Department.

Fiscal Impact: Approximately \$750,000 of Road Maintenance Budgeted Materials

10. HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Resolution 12-2026

Additions/Deletions to Budgeted Positions in Fund 426 (Utilities).

Fiscal Impact: Position Change Requests Are Based on the Budgeting and Staffing Needs of the Respective Departments.

B. Resolution 13-2026

Adopting HR 037 Yakima County Remote Work Policy.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

C. Resolution 14-2026

Establishing Miscellaneous Payment for Certain Attorneys in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

11. TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

A. Agreement 5-2026

Contract with Televate for Countywide Radio System Project.

Fiscal Impact: Not to Exceed \$100,640.26 to be Paid from the 2/10ths Sales Tax Revenue

12. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Resolution 11-2026

Authorizing the Public Services Solid Waste Division to Round Cash Disposal Transactions to the Nearest \$0.05.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

Public Services Director David Haws explained that the federal government stopped minting pennies at beginning of 2026. Public Services Solid Waste Division has a large volume of cash transactions and is thus starting to run low on pennies. Many landfills (and other businesses) have started rounding to nearest \$0.05 on cash transactions only, which is what David proposes in this resolution.

Commissioner McKinney observed that this change will help the federal government become more frugal, as the penny costs more to produce than it is worth. Commissioners Linde and Curtis concurred that David's solution can also be reassessed in the future if/when a more comprehensive County policy is proposed.

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Approve Resolution 11-2026

Commissioner Curtis SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously.

13. BUDGET DISCUSSION (30 Minutes) - Brian Carlson, Financial Services Director

Brian began his presentation by reviewing the 2026 Budget Mission Statement and introducing the Financial Planning Mission Statement: "To ensure adequate and sustainable resourcing of mandated services as

identified in statutes, and strategic priorities as identified by the BOCC." He then reviewed the Triage List for the Financial and Strategic Plans, outlining topics and tasks for 2025 and 2026. The Commissioners confirmed their agreement with Brian's list, as well as adding the next round of union contracts. Brian acknowledged that although the list does include steps toward self-insurance, the Board is still exploring this topic and has not yet made a final decision.

Next, Brian discussed financial planning tactics. A variety of venues will be harnessed, including the BOCC, the Budget Elect Team (potentially with a new format/focus), directors, the Law & Justice Committee, and department "families". Regarding Commissioner engagement specifically, the Board agreed to have financial updates during agenda meetings as needed for guidance and decision-making, rather than weekly. Outside of this, individual Commissioners will coordinate with Brian and other groups on their own selected topics before eventually bringing them back to the full Board. The Board also discussed Brian's financial planning themes, including multi-year financial planning, urgent coordinated action, harmonization of all plans, "must/not-must", best practices, lifecycle costs, "bring something", "it all goes together", and "the algorithm". The Commissioners agreed that their preference is to get buy-in from all departments in this financial planning work, in order to avoid having to utilize "the algorithm" – prorated cuts across all departments.

Finally, Brian confirmed that he will add a resolution to the January 20th Agenda resetting the investment officers in order to allow for interest sweep in select funds. In response to Commissioner Curtis' question, he added that he plans to have financial planning policies ready to present by mid-February. The Commissioners also discussed possible methods to clarify to the public which budget tactics are being discussed, explored, or fully approved and implemented. This could take the form of a bullet-point summary of topics that were discussed vs. decided.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Curtis noted that the meeting minutes listed in the official agenda posted for the public online had not been read into the record as part of today's slide deck.

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Approve Meeting Minutes from December 11th, 15th, 16th, and 22nd

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously.

15. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes