



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Weekly Agenda Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at 10:00 am

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

2/7/2023 - 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 Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, and guests.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug White gave public comment about the challenges that elderly and/or disabled residents face with trash collection in the County. Julie Lawrence took down his contact information to put him in touch with Public Services and Yakima Waste for further assistance.

David Zanotelli gave public comment regarding the impact of COVID-19 on DOC staff and proposed the use of ARPA funds for first responders, as he had at previous agenda meetings.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner McKinney 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.

5. AUDITOR

A. Payroll Warrant Certification

Issue Dates: 12.24.22 - 1.10.23.

B. Payroll Warrant Certification

Issue Dates: 1.11.23 - 1.25.23.

6.COMMISSIONER

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7.COUNTY ROADS

A.Agreement 25-2023

Supplemental Agreement #1 to Contract with J-U-B ENGINEERS, Inc., Authorizing Additional Hydraulic Modeling and the Post-Construction Bridge Load Rating Analysis and Report Preparation for the Ahtanum Road Improvement Phase 2 Project.

Fiscal Impact: Increasing Maximum Payable Amount by \$24,200; New Maximum Amount Will Total \$183,930.

8.FINANCIAL SERVICES

A.Agreement 26-2023

Agreement with the Port of Sunnyside for SIED Funds for a Renewable Natural Gas Facility and Infrastructure Project.

Fiscal Impact: \$3 Million Grant.

9.HUMAN RESOURCES

A.Resolution 37-2023

Establishing a Temporary Hiring and Recruitment and Enhancement Program in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

Fiscal Impact: Absorbed Within Existing Department Budget.

B.Agreement 27-2023

Agreement between Yakima County and ALTA Language Services, Inc., to Provide Language Testing Services.

Fiscal Impact: See Attached.

10.HUMAN SERVICES

A.Resolution 36-2023

Setting a Public Hearing for the Yakima County HOME Consortium Regarding the Use of HOME-ARP Funds.

Fiscal Impact: Approximately \$600 to Publish Notice in the Yakima Herald and El Sol.

B. Agreement 28-2023

Modification #1 to Public Works Contract for Home Rehabilitation Program Project HM20-001.

Fiscal Impact: Adding \$15,920.03, for a New Total of \$41,678.03 (Federally Funded).

C. Agreement 29-2023

Amendment D to Yakima Consolidated Homeless Grant Agreement 2021-2023, Granting Additional Funds for Housing and Essential Needs.

Fiscal Impact: Adding \$117,848, for a New Total of \$7,164,926.72.

D. Agreement 30-2023

Modification #1 to Latino Community Fund Rental Assistance Partner Applications, Reducing Funds and Moving Up the Contract End Date to December 31, 2022.

Fiscal Impact: Contract Reduced from \$37,500 to \$975.

E. Agreement 31-2023

Contract Awarding Grant Funds to Yakima Neighborhood Health Services for Hotel/Motel Leasing for a 24-Hour Low Barrier Temporary Medical Respite Shelter.

Fiscal Impact: \$191,450 in Grant Funds.

F. Agreement 32-2023

Geocko d.b.a FORWARD Emergency Rental Assistance 2.0 Professional Services Agreement.

Fiscal Impact: \$7,152,586 in Grant Funds.

11. PUBLIC SERVICES

A. Resolution 34-2023

Setting a Public Hearing Date to Consider Revising Fees for the Disposal of Solid Waste at Yakima County Solid Waste Facilities.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.

12. ARPA DISCUSSION

Continuing from last Tuesday's ARPA discussion, Commissioner Linde noted a few projects that he and Commissioner McKinney had previously stated that they would be willing to add to their original priority lists.

He also suggested switching out a Buena filter bed project that all three Commissioners had prioritized, for two other Buena Wastewater System projects (both now confirmed to be eligible for funding) that had been listed as higher priorities by Public Services. In addition, he noted a project from the Port of Sunnyside that had

already been addressed with SIED funds.

With these changes in mind, he proposed allocating the \$18 million in available ARPA funding to the remaining ARPA projects on the combined Commissioner priority lists, capping each project request at no more than \$1 million each. This would leave roughly \$1.5 million left for the Board to allocate; this and any leftover funds from the initial projects could be put into a “pot” to be divided between the three Commissioners to allocate toward individual priority projects. Finally, regarding the fire districts’ concerns, Commissioner Linde stated he would be willing to contribute some of the “pot” to addressing those projects.

Commissioner McKinney stated that she would be interested to see this proposal in writing and have time to review it. She reiterated her preference that each Commissioner receive an allotment of funding to allocate as they choose, as the list of combined Commissioner priorities does not accurately represent all of the individual priorities. Commissioner Curtis concurred and stated that the list is purely a conversation-starter. He suggested instead determining “funding buckets” of project types, instead of going straight to selecting individual projects.

Craig Warner updated the Board that that he is in the process of continuing to get grant funds out for ARPA applications the Board has already approved. The contracts for flock cameras (previously approved by the Board) would be sent out by Friday to the cities who had requested them; once the cities sign, those contracts will be brought to the Board for final approval. Craig also noted that Commissioner Curtis had discovered that the request from the Yakima Valley Convention Center needed to be corrected on the spreadsheet to \$30,000 instead of \$3,000.

Craig and Commissioner McKinney suggested that each Commissioner submit a list of ARPA projects that none of the Commissioners are considering, and summarily have the Board send notice to those entities. Commissioner McKinney and Commissioner Linde both acknowledged, in reference to Mr. Zanotelli’s public comment, that at no time has the current or previous Board engaged in any discussion about funding the Department of Corrections in the manner he suggested. Commissioner McKinney also proposed deciding on a percentage of funds to allocate to nonprofit entities. Finally, she suggested that each Commissioner come to Friday’s Work Session with a list of projects they would choose to fund if each Commissioner were allocated \$3 million for individual priorities. After determining any crossover projects, the balance of funds (including remaining \$9 million) could be used for consensus projects.

Commissioner Curtis conversely suggested three “buckets”: \$1 million for the fire districts, \$3 million for not-for-profit organizations, and \$14 million for cities/government agencies. He made motions to this effect, wanting to move forward in the ARPA timeline. The other Commissioners stated that they wanted more time to consider his proposal and were not yet ready for a vote. Commissioner McKinney noted that, per data provided at a recent WSAC meeting, counties across the state and country have only spent about 32% of their ARPA funds. This is due in part to the decision-making process, a delay in receiving the final grant rules, the need for smaller counties to subcontract out to organizations like CLA to process applications, and a general caution to closely adhere to funding requirements. In Yakima County, the Board also conducted a community survey, originally committed to a 3-year application cycle, and needed to allow extra time for Commissioner Curtis to add input on his priorities after he was elected. Both Commissioners McKinney and Linde expressed a desire to keep moving forward, however.

The Board agreed to add an ARPA discussion to Friday’s Work Session, making sure to send their “no consideration” lists to Craig by Friday, and discussing each Commissioner’s proposal on how to divide and allocate funding.

13. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

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