

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Weekly Agenda Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 10:00 am

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

5/16/2023 - 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 Stefanie Weigand, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, and guests.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Received.

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: April 26, 2023 - May 10, 2023.

B. Resolution 119-2023

Approving Amendments to the Current Certification of Auditing Officers and Alternate Auditing Officers for Various County Funds.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.

6. COMMISSIONER

A. 4.28.23 Work Session Minutes

B. 5.1.23 Work Session Minutes

C. 5.2.23 Regular Agenda Minutes

D. Resolution 124-2023

Appointing Brandon Nelson to the Yakima County Veterans Advisory Board.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

E. Resolution 125-2023

Appointing Nicholas Martinez to the Yakima County Veterans Advisory Board.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

F. Resolution 126-2023

Appointing Jackie Wantland to the Emergency Medical Services Operations Board.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

7. COUNTY ROADS

A. Resolution 121-2023

Accepting as Complete, Contract No.1764 for the RC3711 Cowiche Mill Road Bridge #065 Replacement Project.

Fiscal Impact: Summary of Final Cost Details Is Attached.

B. Agreement 122-2023

Modification #1 to Lease of Naches Branch Rail Line Property.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.

C. Agreement 128-2023

Amendment #1 to the Agreement with the County Road Administration Board to Increase Available Funding for the North Wenas Road Project.

Fiscal Impact: Provides an Additional \$753,161 in Funding

D. Agreement 129-2023

Amendment #1 to the Agreement with the County Road Administration Board to Increase Available Funding for the Independence Road Phase 1 Project.

Fiscal Impact: Provides an Additional \$200,300 in Funding

8. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

A. Agreement 123-2023

EMS Agencies Administrative Interlocal Agreement between Klickitat County Fire District #2 and

Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services.

Fiscal Impact: Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services Will Be Paid \$2,053.32 by Klickitat County Fire District #2.

B. Agreement 124-2023

EMS Agencies Administrative Interlocal Agreement between Grant County Fire District #8 and Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services.

Fiscal Impact: Yakima County Department of Emergency Medical Services Will Be Paid \$2,858.32 by Grant County Fire District #8.

9. FACILITIES SERVICES

A. Resolution 120-2023

Authorizing Advertisement for Bids for Construction Work Associated with the Yakima County Courthouse 4th Floor Remodel Project.

Fiscal Impact: Advertising Costs.

10. HUMAN SERVICES

A. Agreement 125-2023

Modification #1 to ERAP 2.0 Rental Assistance Agreement with OIC of Washington, Allowing for Operation Cost to Be Reimbursed for Case Management and Time Assisting Clients in Applying for Rental Assistance Through the FORWARD Portal.

Fiscal Impact: Contract Remains at \$112,500; the Only Change Is to Billable Categories.

B. Agreement 126-2023

TRAP 2.0 Rental Assistance Agreement with OIC of Washington to Assist Eligible Households in Applying for Rental Assistance.

Fiscal Impact: Contract Awards \$125,550 in Grant Funding to OIC of Washington.

C. Agreement 127-2023

Modification #1 to Public Works Contract for Home Rehabilitation Program Project HM19-012.

Fiscal Impact: Modification Increases Contract by \$9,742.33 to \$56,268.33.

11. PROSECUTOR

A. Resolution 127-2023

Authorizing the Board Chair to Sign the MOU between the Greater Columbia Region Municipalities to Establish an Opioid Abatement Council.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.

## 12. PUBLIC SERVICES

### A. Resolution 122-2023

Increasing Petty Cash for Public Services Utilities Fund 4024260.

Fiscal Impact: Increasing Funds From \$200 to \$5,200.

### B. Resolution 123-2023

Approving an Outdoor Festival Permit Application by Chinook Entertainment, LLC, for an Outdoor Festival - Chinook Fest.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.

## 13. DISCUSSION

ALS Appeal of Protest Denial: Attorney James Carmody, representing Advanced Life Systems (ALS), explained the company's reasons for protesting the Board of County Commissioners' decision to accept the recommendation of McGrath Consulting Group to select and negotiate with American Medical Response (AMR) in the EMS Ambulance RFP process. Since the Prosecutor's Office subsequently denied Advanced Life Systems' protest, ALS has now opted to appeal this decision to the BOCC. He questioned why the Board and staff were never provided with the scoring information and supporting documents they had requested, and noted that submitting a public records request for this information had not been successful, either. He argued that the RFP decision should have rested more fully with the Board, not a consulting firm, and debated various aspects of the scoring criteria and process. He also argued that AMR should have disclosed additional information that would have been relevant to the decision. Finally, he contended that Yakima would be better served by two ambulance companies than one. Jake Grant (General Manager of ALS) and Shawn Baird (Vice President of MetroWest Family of Companies, of which ALS is a member) further expounded on this point, sharing concerns about lack of competition with a single provider, and asserting that a better-regulated two-provider system could be implemented within 30 to 60 days. Mr. Carmody concluded by questioning AMR's track record in other communities.

Commissioner Curtis asked Mr. Carmody about the RFP language requesting proposals based on a one-provider system. Mr. Carmody explained that ALS has submitted one such proposal, but had also submitted a proposal for a two-provider system based on other RFP language stating that the Board still retained the authority to explore other options.

Commissioner Curtis also asked about staff's responses to his public records requests. Mr. Carmody stated that he had requested records such as scoring information and supporting documents from both Yakima County and the City of Yakima, and staff indicated that they would also like to see these records, but hadn't received them either. He added that he would like greater transparency from committees.

The Board proceeded to discuss how soon to deliberate and decide on this matter.

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Immediately Move Forward with Deliberations

(No SECOND; Motion Dies.)

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Direct Staff to Schedule an Executive Session with All Three Commissioners as Soon as Possible

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously.

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Add "ALS Appeal of Protest Denial" to Next Tuesday's Regular Agenda Meeting

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously.

14. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

15. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes