

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Friday, May 19, 2023, at 9:00 am

BOCC Conference Room, Room 232, 128 N 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901 or Zoom

5/19/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair LaDon Linde, Commissioner Kyle Curtis, Legal Counsel Stefanie Weigand, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Human Resources Senior Manager Judy Kendall, and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Received.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE (15 Minutes)

Judy Kendall presented hiring exception request from Prosecutor's Office to hire a new employee at an Attorney 2, Step 1, and to reclassify the position from Attorney 1 to Attorney 2. An Attorney 2 position usually requires 4 years of experience, but the potential employee does have some comparable experience, as well as extensive military service. Citing intense competition and need for attorneys, the Commissioners approved this request.

4. AGENDA ITEM REVIEW (10 Minutes)

Julie Lawrence reviewed for the Board all Agenda items submitted for Tuesday's Regular Agenda Meeting.

In response to Commissioner Curtis' question about Resolution 129-2023 from County Roads, Commissioner Linde provided some background information on this type of item and the public hearing being scheduled.

The Commissioners asked that Esther Magasis be present at Monday's Work Session to discuss Human Services' Agreement 131-2023 and Agreement 132-2023.

In response to Commissioner Linde's question, Judy Kendall provided additional background information on Human Resources' Agreement 130-2023, regarding a temporary supervisor position in Juvenile Corrections. She also noted that Agreement 135-2023 from the Sheriff's Office was to institute a new schedule for Dispatch with more consistent days off.

Commissioner Curtis asked that Public Services' Resolution 132-2023 be moved to Regular Agenda for deliberation and a final decision. He further explained that Agreement 139-2023 from Technology Services included both the screen for digital signage that the BOCC had approved, as well as necessary software agreement updates and additional digital signage for the Courts.

Commissioner Linde asked if Julie Lawrence was able to reach out to Attorney Chris Wright about setting up an Executive Session with the BOCC. Stefanie Weigand stated that both Joe Brusica and Julie had reached out, and should hear back soon. The Commissioners directed Julie to preliminarily schedule an Executive Session for Tuesday's Agenda in hopes that Mr. Wright would be able to be in attendance.

5. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Linde shared about a recent meeting at Yakima Valley College in honor of Treatment Court Recognition Month. Superior Court Judge Tutsch, District Court Judge Schweppe, and retired Superior Court Judge Elofson were also in attendance, along with County Prosecutor Joe Brusica, Sheriff Bob Udell, Merit staff, current enrollees or graduates of Treatment Court, and their family members. The enrollees and graduates expressed their thankfulness for the opportunity to go through the program and be held accountable, acknowledging that this program saved their lives. Commissioner Linde noted that this program has a high rate of graduation, and both he and Commissioner Curtis praised the Treatment Court program and those involved in the work.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Julie Lawrence informed the Board of a request from the Fire Marshalls to use the County logo on a Yakima Valley Fire and Injury Prevention Association sponsor banner. The Commissioners approved this request.

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes

