



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Work Session

Friday, July 21, 2023, at 9:00 am

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

7/21/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: Chair LaDon Linde, Commissioner Kyle Curtis, Legal Counsel Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Human Resources Senior Manager Judy Kendall, Public Services Director Lisa Freund, Financial Services Director Craig Warner, and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Received.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE (15 Minutes)

Judy Kendall reported that Human Resources had no action memos to present to the Board. However, she requested that the Board appoint one of the Commissioners to the Personnel Committee, due to a resurgence of reclassification requests. Julie Lawrence noted that the Board had recently appointed Commissioner Linde to the Personnel Committee via resolution. Commissioner Linde confirmed that Judy and Julie could coordinate regarding his schedule for committee meetings.

4. AGENDA ITEM REVIEW (10 Minutes)

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

The Commissioners had no changes for the July 25, 2023, Agenda.

The Board briefly discussed Agreement 176-2023, regarding a SIED agreement for road improvements. Craig explained that the only time these require additional discussion with the Board are when they go beyond the normal scope. Commissioner Curtis confirmed that as the Commissioner assigned to the SIED Board, he would also provide updates on any applications of note; Commissioner Linde concurred that this would be prudent. Craig also suggested that the Board could have any approved applicants come and present at a Work Session if desired.

Lisa Freund was present to answer the Board's questions about Agreement 180-2023, regarding funding for community litter cleanup. Lisa explained that this funding from the Department of Ecology has actually been available for many years, solely to solid waste programs and only on public property. The grant

amounts weren't usually this large, so the County would utilize other groups for cleanup, such as crews from the Department of Corrections; however, this was eventually disbanded due to cost and supervision.

The County then entered into an informal agreement with Ecology's Youth Corps for cleanups in various locations as time allowed, but now the gentleman who ran this program for many years is retiring, and there have been some safety concerns that are causing Ecology to rethink the program. Thus, Solid Waste Manager Karma Suchan has suggested applying for this grant from Ecology to cover the costs associated with encampment cleanups primarily along the Yakima and Naches Rivers and other areas. Commissioner Curtis stated that he would also be in favor of using some of the funding to support the Youth Corps if that program continues. Lisa added that Karma has also been able to fill a lot of open positions at the Cheyne Landfill since the classification and compensation study, and she might be able to periodically designate staff for cleanups along the road to the landfill. Commissioner Linde noted the efforts the County has made to educate people about securing their loads, going as far as to offer free bungee cords and tarps to cut down on litter. The Sheriff's Office has also patrolled the area at times for enforcement, as the frequent litter has tended to frustrate the neighbors along that road.

5. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Commissioners did not discuss any updates.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Curtis asked about the agenda for the Work Session on Monday, July 24th. Julie noted that Commissioner McKinney might not be present, and that Commissioner Linde would be out of office for the Work Session on Friday, July 28th. Human Services is on the agenda for July 24th to discuss Mental Health Sales Tax Internal Projects; Commissioner Linde noted that there might be an opportunity to fund the previously-denied application from the Clerk's Office. The Commissioners also agreed to add a discussion with County Prosecutor Joe Brusic and Department of Assigned Counsel Director Paul Kelley to that same Work Session, if they are both available. In addition, Commissioner Linde asked Julie to add a discussion about Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) funding. Finally, Julie received approval to move a SIED Board application discussion from Friday, July 28th to Monday, July 31st, when the whole Board could be present.

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes