



**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting  
Work Session

Monday, October 24, 2022, at 9:00 am

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

10/24/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: Chair Amanda McKinney, Commissioner LaDon Linde, Commissioner Ron Anderson, Legal Counsel Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Facilities Director Brian Griff, Kathy Kramer (Central Washington State Fair President & CEO), Mike Heit (HLA Engineering), Mike Battle (HLA Engineering), Financial Services Director Craig Warner, and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. STATE FAIR PARK RV/CAMPGROUND RENOVATION PROJECT (30 Minutes)

Brian Griff summarized that HLA has been working on a proposed site plan for renovations to the State Fair RV Park. Mike Heit explained that while the park currently contains 187 stalls, many modern RVs and campers are large enough to take up multiple spaces, so the number of available spaces at full capacity is probably half or two-thirds of that. In the revised plan, the park will hold 123 larger stalls (44 of which will be larger still) with hookups for water, sewer, and power. Brand new lines will be run for water and increased power, and gravity sewers will also be installed for all but 10 spaces, which could still make use of the dumping stations. Each of the sites will have gravel pads, and a 14 ft. road will run through the park with a 5 ft. gravel shoulder on either side, totaling 24 ft. in width to accommodate turning radius. The paved road will hold up better over time and cut down on dust. The grassy area will not be reseeded, only repaired, with a heartier pasture-style grass. HLA is not proposing a new sprinkler system – just adding a few extra heads to the current system off the well. They are proposing renovating the existing bathroom to allow for handicap stalls and showers.

Mike then shared a cost estimate sheet comparing the partial-gravel/partial-paved option (\$2,810,000) to an all-gravel option (\$2,657,000). In response to Commissioner Linde's question, Brian explained that between the bond and grant funds, the County has \$2,790,000 available to spend. Craig Warner added that the County will also earn interest on those funds in the meantime, making either option possible.

Commissioner Linde MOTION: To Approve Option 1 (Partial-Gravel/Partial-Paved)

Commissioner Anderson SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously.

Brian stated that he would begin working on a contract that would come before the Commissioners sometime in the next 4 to 6 weeks. He suggested going out to bid in spring or summer of 2023, acquiring

the necessary materials, and breaking ground after the 2023 fair, so that the renovations would be completed in time for the 2024 fair. This would allow even more time to accumulate interest, as well.

Commissioner McKinney asked that Brian and HLA keep the Board apprised of any anticipated changes in cost.

#### 4. ARPA DISCUSSION

Craig stated that he did not have anything new to report, as his focus last week and over the weekend has been on preparing the preliminary budget.

Commissioner Linde referred to the conversation during Friday's work session about waiting to award any funding to infrastructure projects, as grant funding specific to those types of projects is expected to become available next year. He stated that he had a few other ARPA applications he would like to begin discussing instead, relating to public safety. These represent the top three items on the priority list provided by the Sheriff's Office, as well as other requests from local cities.

The first request was for \$350,000 to purchase an armored vehicle (Application #38272). This vehicle would be incredibly helpful when the Sheriff's Office must respond to violent crime on the Reservation, as the City of Yakima has stated it will not send in the SWAT armored vehicle. Commissioner McKinney noted that this public safety request further highlights the reason for the joint letter between Yakima County and the Yakama Nation requesting greater aid and resources from the state legislature.

Commissioner Linde MOTION: To Approve Application #38272 for \$350,000 for the Sheriff's Office to Purchase an Armored Vehicle

Commissioner Anderson SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously.

Craig Warner added that the Board should put an official resolution on the Agenda for approval, so it's clear to the State Auditors when each ARPA application was approved. Then Financial Services can begin working with the Sheriff's Office on the purchase.

The second request was funding for a proactive unit (Application #38025). This unit would be utilized in tandem with intel from the future Crime Lab, focusing on chronic issues, suspects, and locations in order to more effectively manage hotspots of criminal activity. The original request was for \$5.2 million, but has been adjusted down to about \$4.4 million or less, since it would no longer be a full 5 years of funding (2023-2026). The funding would cover the costs of 1 sergeant, 4 deputies, vehicles, tools, equipment, and training. This unit could even be used in conjunction with the cities. Commissioner McKinney requested that Commissioner Linde reach out to the Sheriff to get a more solid number before taking a vote – by Friday, if possible.

The third request was for a traffic detective (Application #38168), but as that request would also decrease to 4 years instead of 5, Commissioner Linde confirmed that he would reach out to the Sheriff to get a revised figure for that item, as well. Commissioner McKinney stated that hopefully the County's use of ARPA dollars to temporarily fund these public safety items would further prove the point that our County is in need of state and federal aid to proportionately address the volume of crime in our area.

Finally, there were additional requests from four cities in Yakima County for security or flock cameras: Wapato (\$23,000), Sunnyside (\$103,000), Selah (\$29,000), and Toppenish (\$340,000). Commissioner Linde explained that Toppenish's request was higher because it was for a 5-year lease for equipment and maintenance, as opposed to a purchase and a 1-year maintenance agreement. The Commissioners all agreed that it might be a better plan to approve a purchase and 1-year maintenance agreement for each city to keep everything consistent. Commissioner Anderson suggested the cities work together to get the same equipment and hopefully bulk pricing. Commissioner McKinney suggested the Board offer the same funding to other cities who did not apply, also for the sake of consistency. She stated that she would work with Craig and Julie to that end; Commissioner Linde confirmed that he would reach out to Toppenish to see

if they would be amenable to the change. The Board agreed to revisit this topic at Friday's work session.

5. CLOSED SESSION (60 Minutes)

The Board met in closed session at 9:50 a.m. as allowed by RCW 42.30.140(4)(a). Commissioner returned at 10:20 a.m. as agreed upon, and extended the meeting by another 20 minutes. She returned again at 10:40 and 10:55, extending the meeting by additional 15-minute increments each time. The Board returned at 11:10, and no further action was taken.

6. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Board did not discuss any updates.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The Board had no new business to discuss.

8. ADJOURN

Commissioner Anderson MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE  
DATE/Minutes