



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Weekly Agenda Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 10:00 am

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

12/16/2025 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Kyle Curtis, Commissioner LaDon Linde, Commissioner Amanda McKinney, Legal Counsel Stefanie Weigand, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Olivia Story (Yakima County Planning), Aaron Cohen (Yakima County Planning), County Engineer Matt Pietrusiewicz, Financial Services Director Brian Carlson, and guests.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Nathan Krebbs (East Selah), a local farmer, advocated for the creation of another water reservoir to help address ongoing water issues. He also spoke about his desire to expand his work with a Dungeons and Dragons community program for kids and families through Yakima Valley Regional Library.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Approved Unanimously.

Commissioner Linde 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. COMMISSIONER

A. 10.6.25 Work Session Minutes

B. 10.7.25 Special Agenda Minutes

C. 10.9.25 Work Session Minutes

D. 11.13.25 Work Session Minutes

E. 11.25.25 Regular Agenda Minutes

F. 12.1.25 Work Session Minutes

G. 12.2.25 Regular Agenda Minutes

H. 12.4.25 Work Session Minutes

I. Resolution 311-2025

Reorganizing the Board of Yakima County Commissioners and Selecting a Chair of the Board.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

J. Resolution 312-2025

Amending the Appointments of Yakima County Commissioners to Certain Boards.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

K. Resolution 313-2025

Appointing Members to the Yakima County Board of Equalization.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

L. Resolution 314-2025

Appointing Dr. Jennifer Maxwell to the Yakima Health District Board of Health.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

6. COUNTY ROADS

A. Resolution 300-2025

Adopting the Yakima County 2026 Road Construction Program, as Required by W.A.C. 136-16 and the 2026 ER&R Equipment Replacement List.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

7. FACILITIES SERVICES

A. Resolution 308-2025

Accepting as Complete, the Yakima County Sheriff's Office Precinct 3 Solar Project.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

8. FINANCIAL SERVICES

A. Resolution 301-2025

Approving Amendments to the 2026 Property Tax Levies.

Fiscal Impact: See Attached

B. Agreement 371-2025

Professional Services Agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations to Provide State Economic Development Lobbying and Related Consulting.

Fiscal Impact: \$54,888 Annually, Plus Expenses Not to Exceed \$2,500 Annually

C. Agreement 372-2025

Professional Services Agreement with Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations to Provide State General Government Lobbying and Related Consulting.

Fiscal Impact: \$6,924 Annually, Plus Expenses Not to Exceed \$3,500 Annually

9. HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Resolution 302-2025

Adopting a 2026 Pay Plan and Employer Medical Contribution for Non-Represented Attorneys for Yakima County.

Fiscal Impact: See Attached

B. Resolution 303-2025

Adopting a 2026 Pay Plan and Employer Medical Contribution for Non-Represented Employees for Yakima County.

Fiscal Impact: See Attached

C. Resolution 304-2025

Adopting a 2026 Pay Plan and Employer Medical Contribution for Information Technology Management Employees for Yakima County.

Fiscal Impact: See Attached

D. Resolution 305-2025

Adopting a 2026 Pay Plan and Employer Medical Contribution for Engineering Management Employees for Yakima County.

Fiscal Impact: See Attached

E. Resolution 306-2025

Adopting a 2026 Pay Plan and Employer Medical Contribution for Certain Direct Reports.

Fiscal Impact: See Attached

F. Resolution 307-2025

Adopting a 2026 Pay Plan and Employer Medical Contribution for Certain Elected Officials.

Fiscal Impact: See Attached

10. HUMAN SERVICES

A. Resolution 309-2025

Awarding 2025 Medical Detoxification Services Request for Proposal to Triumph Treatment Services.

Fiscal Impact: \$6,000,000

B. Agreement 365-2025

Modification #1 to the Generating Hope 2026 Outreach Contract to Increase the Funding Amount.

Fiscal Impact: \$2,280

C. Agreement 366-2025

Modification #2 to the Generating Hope 2026 Shelter Contract to Increase the Funding Amount.

Fiscal Impact: \$24,338

D. Agreement 367-2025

Modification #2 to the Yakama Nation 2026 Extreme Winter Weather Contract to Increase the Funding Amount.

Fiscal Impact: \$81,125

E. Agreement 368-2025

Modification #1 to the Rod's House 2026 Outreach Contract to Increase the Funding Amount.

Fiscal Impact: \$4,417

F. Agreement 369-2025

Modification #1 to the Catholic Charities of Yakima 2026 Rental Assistance Contract to Increase the Funding Amount.

Fiscal Impact: \$40,563

G. Agreement 370-2025

Modification #1 to the Triumph Treatment Services 2026 Shelter Contract to Increase the Funding Amount.

Fiscal Impact: \$40,563

11. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Agreement 364-2025

Agreement with the State of Washington Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) for Funding to Construct the W. Powerhouse Road Improvement Project.

Fiscal Impact: \$515,847 of County Roads Funds

Matt Pietrusiewicz provided an overview of the W. Powerhouse Road improvement project, sharing maps and photos of the area and describing how new roundabouts will be constructed to prevent further backups onto the highway. The state also intends to add lanes for acceleration and deceleration. The project will cost \$3.5 million, with \$2 million being granted from the state, \$1 million from the federal government, and \$500,000 in local funds.

Commissioner Linde MOTION: To Approve Agreement 364-2025

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously.

12. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Public Hearing To Consider The Recommendations Of The Yakima County Planning Commission For The Urban Growth Area (UGA) Boundaries For The City Of Yakima.

Presenting: Aaron Cohen, Yakima County Planning

Aaron Cohen and Olivia Story shared relevant maps and information on future growth, community facilities, land capacity, and development patterns for Yakima. Yakima can accommodate about 78 years of growth, so Planning staff and the Planning Commission recommend no change to the UGA.

Public Comment: No Public Comment Received.

Commissioner Comment: The Board thanked Planning staff for all their hard work, and Commissioner McKinney highlighted the many state-mandated projects such as this that Planning staff works on in addition to local projects.

Commissioner Linde MOTION: To Move Forward to Resolution at a Future Agenda All Cities Discussed Today and Previously at Public Hearings According to the Planning Commission's Recommendation

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously.

13. PRESENTATION

- A. BUDGET DISCUSSION (30 Minutes) - Brian Carlson, Financial Services Director

Brian began his presentation by highlighting next steps for 2026, including resolutions for the adoption of the 2026 budget and the amendment of the 2025 budget on December 23rd. A public hearing for a Facilities Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will also be held on the 23rd. The corresponding resolution will appear on an agenda in January, and a formal budget amendment will likely not be required. Brian then discussed the current budget "punch list", including requests from the Sheriff's Office for a new Axon contract and mobile crime lab; "interest sweep" (findings will be presented December 23rd); BOCC items including July 4th fireworks and other 250th anniversary programming; and a "Budget in Brief" booklet (hopefully finalized mid-January in a more leveraged format condensed for analytical clarity). Finally, Brian shared a few of his long-game observations. He discussed concurrent planning for development of the strategic plan and a multi-year financial plan. He addressed the ongoing evaluation of mandatory vs. elective functions, best practices, and the "algorithm". Lastly, he gave a "field report" of how the budget process is going. While there are differences in his approach vs. past approaches, the goal is to take steps to avoid the "algorithm" (i.e. prorated cuts across all departments).

In response to Brian's presentation, Commissioner McKinney gave an update on 4th of July and 250th anniversary festivities, noting that the Fair Board does not have the necessary funding or resources for these events, nor is the state offering any. However, there are robust opportunities for partnership with outside entities. She suggested that potential celebrations might not all take place on the 4th of July.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner McKinney shared that Naches Fire Chief Baird intends to begin raising awareness on the need for a cohesive wilderness rescue plan in conjunction with Yakima County's wildfire plan update. Commissioner Curtis stated that he will pass this information along to Nicole Parpart with the Office of Emergency Management.

Commissioner Curtis shared his updated draft letter to the state that he would like to send in conjunction with the 5-Year Homeless Housing Strategic Plan, which the Board will consider for adoption next Tuesday. This open letter is addressed to Governor Bob Ferguson, Washington State legislators, and the Department of Commerce. Commissioner McKinney expressed her appreciation that Commissioner Curtis recognized the need for this letter. She observed that the Board has a front row seat to the negative impacts of state laws and policies on Yakima County. Commissioner Linde expressed his hope that the state might listen to the detailed points in the letter.

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Sign and Send This Letter

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously

15. ADJOURN

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes

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BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LaDon Linde, Chair

Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

Kyle Curtis, Commissioner
*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners
for Yakima County, Washington*

Attest:

Julie Lawrence, Clerk of the Board *or*
Erin Franklin, Deputy Clerk of the Board