



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Monday, January 5, 2026, at 9:00 am

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

1/5/2026 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: Chair LaDon Linde, Commissioner Amanda McKinney, Commissioner Kyle Curtis, Legal Counsel Dan Clark, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Human Resources Director Judy Kendall, County Prosecutor Joe Brusic, County Engineer Matt Pietrusiewicz, Public Services Director David Haws, Financial Services Director Brian Carlson, and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Received.

3. 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 January 6, 2026, Agenda.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES (15 Minutes)

Judy Kendall presented two action memos to the Board. The first was a request from Public Services for out-of-class pay for a Solid Waste Field Supervisor (B25) fulfilling the duties of an Operations Manager II (C45) from January 1, 2026, through February 15, 2026. The current Operations Manager II is out on an approved leave of absence during that timeframe. The Commissioners approved this request.

The second was a request from the Prosecutor's Office for an exception to the Classification and Compensation Policy to move a Program Analyst II (C43) from Step 4 to Step 6. Joe Brusic spoke to the importance of this position and noted that the employee has taken on additional duties in the last year. Judy spoke to other increases that the employee will already be receiving this year, as well as projected costs for overtime. She noted that providing an additional step increase in this case would set a dangerous precedent for other departments to ask for step exceptions for workers they also consider exceptionally important to their mission. Due to shared concerns about setting a precedent, the Commissioners asked Joe to work with Human Resources to review the employee's position to see if it meets the qualifications to be reclassified to a higher level instead of providing an additional step increase. Finally, regarding this same Program Analyst II (C43) position, Judy noted that a resolution will also appear on a future agenda to change this position from 7.5 to 8.0 hours per day.

5. FINANCIAL SERVICES (25 Minutes)

2026 Budget – Countywide Interest Sweep: Brian Carlson revisited the interest sweep report he received back from a third-party CPA contracted by the County. The roster of funds from which the BOCC could sweep interest

earnings into the General Fund was actually slightly larger than what Brian originally proposed. After last Monday's Work Session, he created a new table showing the "yes", "no", and "maybe" categories and outlining fund types, specific funds, and estimated sums. The Board directed Brian to move forward with interest sweep on the "yes" categories and to work with Corporate Counsel on a potential ordinance update for Mental Health Sales Tax interest earnings. A week from Tuesday, he will bring a resolution before the Board to update investment officers as a first step. Matt Pietrusiewicz and David Haws each had questions about how this would affect their enterprise funds and budgets, and Brian offered to make himself available after Work Session to follow up in greater detail.

Discussion on Yakima Chamber of Commerce Membership Invoice: Commissioner Curtis and Brian explained that the Chamber had temporarily waived the County's membership fee several years ago as a courtesy, and it was never reactivated. This was discovered after a staffing transition, and the Chamber is now requesting that the County resume paying the membership fee. The Board agreed to resume payment.

6. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Commissioners gave updates on individual committee/board assignments for the week of December 29, 2025 – January 2, 2026.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners briefly touched on how the use of flock cameras has been a growing point of discussion that may come up during the legislative session.

8. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes

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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