



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Monday, February 13, 2023, at 9:00 am

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

2/13/2023 - 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 Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Long Range Planning Manager Noelle Madera, Financial Services Director Craig Warner, and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Daniel Moehrbacher of AED Advocates clarified his reasons for making public comment at a previous work session, explaining that a TV station had incorrectly reported that he had requested money from the Board for AED's. He stated that he has, however, been working with the Sheriff's Office and the Prosecutor's Office to try to get stolen AED's back from a former employee.

3. PUBLIC SERVICES

Noelle Madera provided an update on the Golden Ridge Annexation (LSP22-002). She stated the Yakima City Council voted to approve this annexation at their hearing last Tuesday, and they will forward the information on to the State Boundary Review Board for their approval. There was no negative public comment in response to the annexation. Commissioner Curtis asked about County's window of protest. Noelle explained that once the State Boundary Review Board receives the City's information, they will send out a "notice of intent to annex" to local affected local entities, including the County. At that time, any of those entities can object ("invoke jurisdiction") within a 45-day period. The Board directed Noelle to continue forward with scheduling the BOCC hearing.

Lisa Freund had also been scheduled to brief the Board on the Building Division permitting status; however, this discussion was postponed.

4. ARPA DISCUSSION

The Board agreed to direct Craig Warner to ask the fire districts who had applied for ARPA funding to inform the Board of any cost updates for their projects. The Board also asked Craig to provide a separate figure for applications involving the hiring of new staff, as they each had concerns about how these positions would continue after one-time funding from ARPA. Although the Board had approved funding of new staff positions for the Sheriff's Office, this was done with the understanding that the Sheriff's Office would eventually have additional room in their budget as other staff members retire. The Board had agreed to continue to partner with the Sheriff's Office by advocating for state and federal funding.

Craig went on to clarify for Commissioner Curtis some of the details and requirements for ARPA applications.

Commissioner Linde also asked Craig to find out from the fire districts if they would be able to utilize partial funding, or only full funding. Commissioner McKinney noted that the Yakima County Fire Educational Center from Yakima Youth Fire Prevention will likely be eligible for another state/federal funding source opening up soon, once the County finishes its Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Craig confirmed that he would be ready to update the Board at Friday's Work Session.

5. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Board agreed to discuss Commissioner Updates once Commissioner McKinney returned from Washington D.C. and Olympia, Washington.

6. NEW BUSINESS

In response to Commissioner Curtis' question, Commissioner McKinney confirmed that she would attend the WSAC Timber Caucus meeting on Wednesday.

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

(Commissioner McKinney stepped out just prior to adjournment to attend another meeting.)

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

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APPROVED DATE

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Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

Kyle Curtis, Commissioner

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