



**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Weekly Agenda Meeting

Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 10:00 am

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

3/21/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: Chair LaDon Linde, Commissioner Amanda McKinney, Legal Counsel Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, and guests.

EXCUSED: Commissioner Kyle Curtis

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Received.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Approved Unanimously.

Commissioner McKinney 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. AUDITOR

A. Payroll Warrant Certification

Issue Dates: 2.25.23-3.10.23

B. Accounts Payable Warrant Approval

Issue Date: 3.15.23

6. COMMISSIONER

A. 2.17.23 Work Session Minutes

B. 2.21.23 Regular Agenda Meeting Minutes

C. 2.24.23 Work Session Minutes

7. CORPORATE COUNSEL

A. Resolution 72-2023

Approving Settlement of Claim No. 35-2022 Filed by Loren Queen.

Fiscal Impact: \$2,508.86

8. COUNTY ROADS

A. Resolution 73-2023

Adoption of the Yakima County Survey Monument Preservation Policy Pursuant to W.A.C 136-50-050.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

B. Agreement 66-2023

Amendment #1 to the Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Naches for the Demolition and Removal of the County Owned Warehouse Facilities in Depot Park.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

9. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

A. Agreement 67-2023

Amendment #4 to the Inmate Healthcare Services Agreement with Wellpath, LLC to Extend the Contract End Date.

Fiscal Impact: Approximately \$228,358 per Month

10. FINANCIAL SERVICES

A. Agreement 68-2023

Agreement with Accenture LLP to Provide Workday Support Services for Yakima County.

Fiscal Impact: \$48,000 - Budgeted for 2023 in the Technology Services Fund.

11. HUMAN SERVICES

A. Resolution 74-2023

Accepting as Complete, Contract No. 36-2023 for Home Rehabilitation Project HM 19-007.

Fiscal Impact: \$0

B. Agreement 69-2023

Amendment to the Agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce to Reduce the Grant Amount for Refugee Stabilization for those Arriving from the 2022 Ukraine-Russia Conflict.

Fiscal Impact: This Amendment Reduces the Current Grant Amount of \$185,000 by \$175,000, for an Amended Total of \$10,000 in Stabilization Funds for Refugees.

12. PROSECUTOR

A. Agreement 70-2023

Professional Services Agreement with Yakima Process Servers for the Prosecutor's Office Child Support Division.

Fiscal Impact: Annual Estimate of \$8,500 (100% Reimbursable by the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, & Families).

### 13. PUBLIC HEARINGS

#### A. Public Hearing To Consider The Dissolution Of The Cowiche Sewer District.

Public Hearing to Consider the Dissolution of The Cowiche Sewer District.

Presenting: Don Anderson, Corporate Counsel

Don Anderson explained that the Cowiche Sewer District has not been able to conduct any business in over a year due to only having one commissioner on the board. Numerous attempts have been made by the Board of County Commissioners to find an appoint additional members, but no one living within the sewer district boundaries has stepped forward wanting to join. As of December 29, 2022, the State Auditor's Office declared the CSD to be un-auditable, thereby necessitating this public hearing to discuss dissolution. If the BOCC were to find that the CSD is inactive and that it would be in the best interest of the community that the sewer district be dissolved, then Don would proceed to publish notice for an additional public hearing to consider an ordinance to formally dissolve the CSD. Dissolution would take effect 31 days after the ordinance is adopted. At that point, the BOCC would briefly act in the CSD's stead to wrap up any water treatment business and liabilities. Afterward, the City of Tieton has offered to take over the district, as they also utilize the wastewater treatment plant and have been paying the plant manager's salary to continue operations during this process.

The County Treasurer and Auditor also require a court order stating that the CSD has been dissolved. The BOCC (acting in the CSD's stead) will submit a petition to Superior Court. Once the court order is entered, certified, and filed with the Auditor, the Treasurer will have legal authority to disperse funds as needed and transfer any assets and liabilities to the City of Tieton. The County Auditor will also inform the State Auditor of this transfer. Don thanked everyone involved for their work so far in this process.

#### **Public Comment:**

Jan Strand, a Cowiche resident and business owner, expressed her thanks for all the helpful information Don had provided. She stated that she was looking for clarification on liability for several items, and wondering if she should go to a lawyer to get these items on the record before dissolution, or if there is someone else she should contact. In addition, she had questions about next steps for hooking up a residence to CSD, as she had previously received initial approval from HLA and informal approval from CSD. Don responded that the Auditor's Office, the Treasurer's Office, and the City of Tieton will put together an asset list after an ordinance is passed; she could reach out to them at that time to add her items to the list. Regarding the residence, once HLA provides final approval, she could go to the City of Tieton for their approval.

County Auditor Charles Ross noted that situations like these are rare, and usually only occur in smaller districts than the CSD. He stated his belief that condensing into smaller, smarter government will probably improve the outcome in this situation. He thanked everyone who worked to try to find a solution, including the BOCC and their clerks, Corporate Counsel and other attorneys, Auditor and Treasurer staff, and the City of Tieton.

#### **Commissioner Comment:**

Commissioner McKinney noted how diligently all parties had worked to try to avoid coming to this point, and thanked the City of Tieton for providing an answer/solution. She concurred with Charles Ross' comments on condensing government. Commissioners McKinney and Linde promised to continue to provide updates to the community during this uncertain time period, and to do everything in their power to expedite the process.

**BOCC FINDINGS:** That the Cowiche Sewer District is Inactive, and that it is in the Best Interest of the community to dissolve the Cowiche Sewer District

**Commissioner McKinney MOTION:** To Ask Corporate Counsel to Draft an Ordinance Dissolving the Cowiche Sewer District

Commissioner Linde **SECOND**

Motion Passes.

- B. Public Hearing To Consider The Approval Of A 22-Lot Subdivision Known As Golden Ridge Phase 1 (LSP2022-00002/SEP2022-00020).

Public Hearing to Consider the Approval of A 22-Lot Subdivision Known as Golden Ridge Phase 1 (LSP2022-00002/SEP2022-00020).

Presenting: Julia Loudon, Senior Project Planner

Julia explained the proposal for this project, including an annexation by the City of Yakima and a private road. She briefly discussed comments from the Washington State Department of Ecology and the City of Yakima. County Staff and the Hearing Examiner both recommend approval, subject to conditions.

*Closed Record Hearing: No Public Comment.*

Commissioner Linde Closed the Public Hearing.

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Move This Item to Resolution at a Future Agenda

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously.

14. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

15. ADJOURN

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes

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