



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Friday, April 21, 2023, at 9:00 am

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

4/21/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: Chair LaDon Linde, Commissioner Kyle Curtis, Legal Counsel Stefanie Weigand, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Human Resources Director Jacqui Lindsay, Human Resources Senior Manager Judy Kendall, Human Services Director Esther Magasis, Human Services Program Coordinator Melissa Holm, and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Received.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE (15 Minutes)

(This item was moved to the end of the meeting due to staff availability.)

Jacqui Lindsay and Judy Kendall presented a request has request to move an "extra help" Veteran's Program Specialist position to a full-time position. 50% of the funding for this position would come from the Veteran's Program, and 50% would come from Human Services. A full-time position would add more capacity to serve the Lower Valley, since at least 90% of the veterans receiving services come from that area. In response to Commissioner Linde's question, Esther Magasis spoke to the outreach efforts made by the Veteran's Program. The Commissioners approved this request.

Jacqui also referred to County Prosecutor Joe Brusic's discussion with the Board at last Monday's Work Session, regarding a pay exception for an attorney coming to the Prosecutor's Office from the Department of Assigned Counsel. Human Resources needed the Board's official decision on this request; the Commissioners reaffirmed their approval.

4. 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 April 25, 2023, Agenda.

Esther Magasis and Melissa Holm provided additional detail on Human Services' Agreement 102-2023 and 103-2023. The Anchor Community Initiative in Agreement 102-2023 is to help decrease homelessness in youth and young adults. Melissa Holm will be the lead coordinator for this initiative, and the County will be reimbursed for their work. Agreement 103-2023 only reflects a change to the contract end date, not the funding amount. Even if the complete funding amount is not utilized by June, it was specifically designated for quarantine/isolation units due to COVID, so it cannot be reallocated for other purposes. Per Commissioner Curtis' request, Esther confirmed that she would reach out to Human Services Data & Finance Manager Lance Larsen and Yakima Neighborhood Health Services to determine how much of the funding has been spent.

5. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Curtis mentioned the email that went out to all department heads and elected officials to nominate a member of their staff by Friday, April 28th, for a BOCC recognition award. He asked if it would be possible for the Commissioners to each review the nominations over the weekend and be ready to discuss their selections at Monday's Work Session on May 1st, in preparation for handing out awards at the May 9th Agenda Meeting. Commissioner Linde stated that he would be out of office on May 1st, but might be available to tune in for that discussion.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Linde noted that due to lack of discussion items, the Work Session for Monday, April 24, 2023, would be cancelled.

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes

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LaDon Linde, Chair

Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

Kyle Curtis, Commissioner

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