



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Weekly Agenda Meeting

Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 10:00 am

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

7/18/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Received.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board met in Executive Session for 15 minutes at 10:03 a.m. to discuss potential litigation as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Commissioner Linde returned at 10:18 a.m. and 10:28 a.m. to extend the meeting by an additional 10 minutes each time. The Board returned at 10:38 a.m., and no further action was taken.

5. PRESENTATION

A. Presentation

Presentation Focusing on Central Washington State Labor Markets.

Presenting: Don Meseck, Regional Labor Economist

Don explained that he works for the DATA (Data Architecture, Transformation, and Analytics) Branch of the Employment Security Department. His presentation focused on the Yakima County labor economy, including average annual covered employment and wage trends from 2012-2022 – using Quarterly Census Employment and Wage data; average annual and monthly nonfarm employment trends from 2010-2022, from 2019-2022, and through May 2023 – using Current Employment Statistics data; and average annual Civilian Labor Force and unemployment rates from 2010-2022, and up through May 2023 – using Local Area Unemployment Statistics data. He also explained the use of the North American Industry Classification System sectors to analyze wage and employment trends across different industries.

6. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Approve Consent Agenda

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Approved Unanimously.

Commissioner Curtis 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.

7. AUDITOR

A. Payroll Warrant Certification

Issue Dates: 6.24.23 - 7.10.23.

B. Resolution 179-2023

Transfer of Cowiche Sewer Funds to Pay the USDA Loan for August 1st.

Fiscal Impact: Transfer in the Amount of \$173,100.

8. COMMISSIONER

A. 6.23.23 Work Session Minutes

B. 6.26.23 Work Session Minutes

9. CORPORATE COUNSEL

A. Resolution 176-2023

Denying Claim No. 25-2023 Filed by William Picket on Behalf of Nadine German.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.

10. COUNTY ROADS

A. Resolution 180-2023

Setting a Public Hearing Date to Consider an Application Filed by Flock Group Inc dba Flock Safety for a Systemwide Franchise to Construct, Operate, and Maintain Automatic License Plate Reading Equipment In, Along, Over, and Under Various County Rights of Way Within Yakima County, Washington.

Fiscal Impact: Cost of Legal Advertisement

B. Agreement 170-2023

Supplement #4 to the Professional Services Agreement with Sargent Engineers, Inc., for Engineering Services to Complete the Design of Cascade Mill Parkway, Phase 3.

Fiscal Impact: This Supplement Adds \$182,653, for a New Total of \$1,914,000. The County Will Be Reimbursed by the City of Yakima for 50% of This Agreement.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Resolution 177-2023

Additions/Deletions to Budgeted Position in Department 410 (Prosecuting Attorney, Corporate Counsel Division).

Fiscal Impact: Changes Will Be Funded from Existing Department Budget Levels for 2023.

B. Resolution 178-2023

Additions/Deletions to Budgeted Position in Fund 115-450 (Sales Tax, Superior Court) and Department 460 (Juvenile Court).

Fiscal Impact: Changes Will Be Funded from Existing Department Budget Levels for 2023.

12. PUBLIC SERVICES

A. Agreement 171-2023

Amendment #4 to the Agreement between the Department of Ecology and Yakima County Public Services Department for the Naches-Cowiche Levee Setback Project.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.

B. Agreement 172-2023

Amendment #2 to the Agreement between the Department of Ecology and Yakima County Public Services Department for the Donald Wapato Conveyance Improvement Project.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.

C. Agreement 173-2023

Contract with M. Seigny Construction, Inc., for Terrace Heights Transfer Station Crane Pad Construction Project.

Fiscal Impact: \$380,160.

D. Agreement 174-2023

Contract with M. Seigny Construction, Inc., for Cheyne Transfer Station Repairs Project.

Fiscal Impact: \$221,400.

13. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing

Public Hearing to Accept Public Comment on Yakima County HOME Consortium's 2023 Annual Action Plan.

Presenting: Brian Hedengren, Human Services

At the second public hearing on this topic, Brian Hedengren provided a brief overview of the funding sources for the HOME Program. He shared program goals to construct six rental units, construct one single-family housing unit, and rehabilitate four existing housing units for homeowners. Four towns/cities that have historically underutilized their rehabilitation funding are the primary focus for the upcoming year: Zillah, Mabton, Wapato, and Harrah. In response to Commissioner Linde's question, Brian explained the various ways the HOME program reaches out to these communities. He also described examples of the work that goes into home rehabilitations, in response to Commissioner Curtis' question.

Public Comment: Lee Murdock (Director of Homeless Network of Yakima County) noted that she had given public comment at the first hearing and stated that she wanted to continue to show her support for this program's efforts to promote affordable housing in our community.

Commissioner Comment: Commissioner McKinney reaffirmed her support for making it possible for people to stay in their current homes, noting that the best, most-affordable housing is preexisting housing. Commissioner Linde concurred.

Brian confirmed that no action is necessary at this time – these public hearings are solely to accept public comment, and the Annual Action Plan does not have to be approved by the BOCC.

14. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

15. ADJOURN

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Curtis SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes

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Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

Kyle Curtis, Commissioner

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