



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Monday, September 18, 2023, at 9:00 am

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

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9/18/2023 - 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, Judy White (Human Resources), Human Services Director Esther Magasis, Sheriff Udell. David Haws, Selah-Moxee Irrigation District Members, 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 September 19, 2023, Agenda.

4. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE (15 Minutes)

Judy White presented a series of action memos to the Board. The first was a request for an out of class extension for Judy Kendall until December 31st, 2023. The Commissioners approved this request.

The second request was to delegate Jacqui Lindsay's Workday inbox to Judy Kendall. The Commissioners approved this request.

The third request was to establish an Office Specialist I in Superior Court, effective September 16, 2023. This position would be responsible for administrative tasks related to operation of the Drug Court Program. The Commissioners approved this request.

The fourth request was from the Prosecutor's Office to reclassify position #410-108 Office Specialist II to Office Specialist I in the Child Support Division, effective October 1, 2023. The Commissioners approved this request.

The fifth request was from the Auditor's Office for a Financial Specialist in the newly created passport office. The Commissioners approved this request.

The sixth request was from District Court for a limited term (not to exceed one year) full-time Office Specialist. This position is being created to respond to the Blake vs Washington decision. The Commissioners approved this request.

The seventh request was to reclassify PCN position number 426-04 Utilities Maintenance Technician I to Utilities Maintenance Technician II in Fund 426 Public Services Utilities, effective September 16, 2023. The Commissioners approved this request.

The last request is to reclassify 426-05 Utilities Maintenance Technician III to Utilities Maintenance Technician I in Fund 426 Public Services Utilities. The Commissioners approved this request.

5. PUBLIC SERVICES (60 Minutes)

The Commissioners met with the Selah-Moxee Irrigation District Board of Directors and Yakima County Environmental Services Director David Haws to discuss the purchase of water rights from the SMID Water Bank.

SMID will meet as a Board to determine their readiness and ability and will reach back out to David Haws and Commissioner McKinney when ready to work on contractual negotiations.

6. HUMAN SERVICES (45 Minutes)

Esther Magasis discussed YCCC Funds from the legislature. She stated that the funds were initially awarded by the legislature for predesign work related to the YCCC. Since then, it has been determined that the YCCC project is not the most effective use of funds. Esther outlined three options that are available to the Board for those funds.

The Board asked Esther to work connect Facilities Director Brian Griff with Commerce to transition the project over to him. Brian and the Sheriff's Office can then serve as the lead and determine what title change would be appropriate.

7. BURN BAN REVIEW (5 Minutes) - Commissioner Curtis

Commissioner Curtis discussed the need to streamline burn ban communication and the possible need for code modifications for a permanent burn ban specified each year so that it does not need to be issued.

Commissioner McKinney stated that it is germane to what she has been working on with the Community Fire Protection Plan, the Forest Service, and the Regional Clean Air Board. She was surprised that there was confusion surrounding burn ban communication this year, as she was assured last year that it would be remedied. She will be following up to ensure holistic, effective communication.

Commissioner Curtis will be sharing Code modifications from Chelan County and Benton County for Board review.

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Commissioners gave updates on individual committee/board assignments for the week of September 11, 2023-September 15, 2023.

The Commissioners reviewed two Leadership Yakima Applications.

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Approve the Two Applicants to be Funded by the Commissioners Budget to attend Leadership Yakima.

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Approved Unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

Commissioner McKinney wished Commissioner Curtis a Happy Birthday.

10. ADJOURN

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Approved Unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

All work sessions are recorded and will be available to view on the BOCC website at <https://www.yakimacounty.us/AgendaCenter/Board-of-Commissioners-2>.

APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes

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Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

Kyle Curtis, Commissioner
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