



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Friday, February 17, 2023, at 9:00 am

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

2/17/2023 - 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 Josephine Mesa, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Lance Larsen (Human Services), Human Resources Director Jacqui Lindsay, Financial Services Director Craig Warner, and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Received.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

(This item was switched with Agenda Review due to technical difficulties.)

Jacqui Lindsay shared a request from the Prosecutor's Office to reclassify a vacant Attorney II position to Attorney III, based on the qualifications of a current applicant. The Commissioners approved this request.

Jacqui also shared a request from the Department of Assigned Counsel to approve the same \$12,000 hiring bonus as was granted to the Prosecutor's Office, so that attorney pay in both departments is consistent. This bonus would be paid in two installments: half at time of hire, and half after 6 months of employment; it would also be in effect from March 1, 2023, to March 1, 2024, like the Prosecutor's Office. The Commissioners approved this request.

4. AGENDA ITEM REVIEW

(This item was switched with the Human Resources Update due to technical difficulties.)

Erin Franklin reviewed for the Board all Agenda items submitted for Tuesday's Regular Agenda Meeting.

The Commissioners had no changes for the February 21, 2023, Agenda.

In response to Resolution 51-2023 from Corporate Counsel, the Commissioners briefly discussed the role of the Board in the upcoming public hearing for a hospital district.

Lance Larsen of Human Services was present to provide additional detail on Agreement 38-2023, granting over \$1 million in additional funding for Emergency Rental Assistance. Lance noted that Human Services recently brought on another service provider to help distribute these funds to the community: Catholic Charities. Commissioner Linde added that last week, the Board had allocated \$670,000 to other community needs, as well.

Staff was not available to discuss Tuesday's public hearing on extending the solar moratorium, so the Board agreed to save their questions for Tuesday.

5. ARPA DISCUSSION

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(Commissioner McKinney had a concurrent meeting she needed to attend, but logged in to the Work Session for this discussion.)

The Commissioners discussed Craig Warner's spreadsheet of fire-related ARPA applications and determined specific amounts to award each item, up to a maximum amount of \$1 million total. Commissioner McKinney had previously noted that the Yakima Youth Fire Prevention item will likely be eligible for funding from another grant in the near future. The Board also agreed to reexamine the request from Emergency Medical Services at a later date.

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Allocate a Total of \$1 Million to the Fire District ARPA Requests in the Amounts Listed Onscreen

Commissioner Curtis SECOND

Motion Passes Unanimously.

Continuing the ARPA discussion, the Board directed Craig Warner, Erin Franklin, and Julie Lawrence to work on sending out a letter to the applicants whose projects the Commissioners had all indicated would not be considered for funding. Commissioner Curtis volunteered to have a draft letter prepared by Tuesday. The Board also agreed to discuss their individual priority lists on Tuesday, in preparation for allocating their \$3 million each in ARPA funding.

6. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

Special Occasion License Objection Letter: Staff was not available to provide additional detail on this item; however, based on the information provided and imminent deadline, the Commissioners agreed to sign this letter.

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Sign the Special Occasion License Objection Letter

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes.

The Commissioners agreed to save further board/committee updates for next Friday's Work Session, when Commissioner McKinney could be present to share about her time in Washington, D.C.

7. NEW BUSINESS

In response to Commissioner Curtis' question, Commissioner Linde stated that despite conversations with Prosecuting Attorney Joe Brusic, he does not have any significant updates to share on the Ambulance RFP at this time.

Erin Franklin noted that Monday's Work Session would be cancelled as the County would be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.

8. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

(Commissioner McKinney stepped out after the ARPA Discussion.)

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE
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EXCUSED

Kyle Curtis, Commissioner
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