



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Work Session

Friday, September 1, 2023, at 9:00 am

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

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9/1/2023 - 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, Human Services Director Esther Magasis, Treasurer Ilene Thomson, Public Services Director Lisa Freund, County Engineer Matt Pietrusiewicz, and Guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Was Received.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE (15 Minutes)

Judy Kendall presented 3 actions memos to the Board.

4. COUNTY SURPLUS PROPERTIES PUBLIC HEARING AND AUCTION SCHEDULE DISCUSSION (30 Minutes) - Lisa Freund, Ilene Thomson, & Matt Pietrusiewicz

Lisa Freund provided an overview of 14 properties that have been declared surplus. She also provided information on the upcoming public hearing and the marketing plan to ensure transparency and outreach to potential buyers.

The Board inquired about the process and the history of surplus property sales, including whether minimum bid prices are typically met.

Matt Pietrusiewicz spoke about the properties, which are former mining sites or leftover pieces from road construction.

Treasurer Ilene Thomson explained that the funds from the property sales would go back to the department that originally purchased them. If the properties do not sell, the minimum bid may be reconsidered.

5. HUMAN SERVICES (15 Minutes)

Esther Magasis presented a Superior Court Drug Project amendment. Jessica Humphreys, who was absent from the meeting, had requested additional funding for various positions within the project. The original budget for the Superior Court project was \$199,146, and the requested amendments bring the new total to \$251,556. The additional funds are primarily for benefits related to an Office Specialist position and salary adjustments for an Administrative Supervisor for Therapy Court and Drug Court Coordinator.

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Approve the Request

Commissioner Curtis SECOND

Approved Unanimously.

6. AGENDA ITEM REVIEW (10 Minutes)

Julie Lawrence reviewed for the Board all agenda items submitted for the September 5, 2023 Regular Agenda Meeting.

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Linde presented a Letter of Support to Attorney General for expanding the DEA program and addressing the fentanyl crisis in Yakima County. The Board agreed to sign and send the letter.

Commissioner Linde brought forward the idea of creating a strategic plan for the County to better address its overall needs, projects, budget, and capacity. There was an agreement among the Commissioners that a strategic plan would be beneficial and that an outside facilitator should be brought in to help with the process.

Julie Lawrence brought forward a proclamation request for National Disability Awareness Month. The Commissioners decided not to issue a formal proclamation.

Commissioner Curtis discussed the possibility of a joint meeting with ESD 105 to discuss various topics including Human Services efforts, drug campaigns, resources officers, and more. The Commissioners expressed interest in this meeting.

Commissioner Curtis proposed funding up to two individuals to participate in the Leadership Yakima program. The Commissioners discussed the potential benefits of the program and agreed to support it, with an emphasis on strategic selection and the need to involve department heads in the decision-making process.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner McKinney moved to enter executive session to discuss potential litigation. The Board met in executive session for 10 minutes at 10:11 a.m. to discuss potential litigation as allowed by RCW42.30.110(1)(i). The Board returned at 10:21 a.m., and no further action was taken.

Commissioner Curtis gave a reminder that work session for Monday, September 4, 2023, has been cancelled.

9. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Approve Unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE
DATE/Minutes

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Kyle Curtis
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