



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Work Session

Monday, September 11, 2023, at 9:00 am

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

Yakima County Welcomes You to Join Our Open Public Meeting In-Person or Virtually.

Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84767080878?pwd=MjBKcjFsRmpWYlk1NW9qU1V4VnVFdz09>

Meeting ID:

847 6708 0878

Meeting Passcode:

352892

Meeting Phone Number:

1-206-337-9723 (ID & Passcode Above)

9/11/2023 - 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, Financial Services Director Craig Warner, Stefanie Truex, Facilities Director Brian Griff, Kathy Kramer, and Guests.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Was Received.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION #1 (20 Minutes)

The Board met in executive session for 20 minutes at 9:02 a.m., to discuss potential litigation as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Executive Session was extended twice until 9:32 a.m. and 9:37 a.m. The Board returned at 9:37 a.m., and no further action was taken.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION #2 (30 Minutes)

The Board met in executive session for 30 minutes at 10:37 a.m. to discuss current litigation as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Executive Session was extended until 9:20 a.m. The Board returned at 9:20 a.m., and no further action was taken.

6. STATE FAIR PARK (20 Minutes) - Kathy Kramer

Kathy Kramer gave an update regarding the RV Campground renovation project and presented options for Phase A and Phase B for the Board's consideration. Craig Warner suggested that the Board could consider initially awarding and entering a contract for Phase A while waiting for the exact impact of arbitrage to be determined. Once that information is received, the Board could then decide whether to move forward with Phase B at that

time. The Commissioners discussed the importance of keeping the capital reserve for its intended purpose and waiting for Treasurer Ilene Thomson's input on arbitrage. Brian Griff was asked to bring a Resolution for Phase A forward for consideration at an upcoming agenda.

Commissioner McKinney MOTION: To Approve Phase A as Submitted with the Funding Source of \$50,000 Coming from either the SunDome Roof Fund or the Capital Reserve Fund.

Commissioner Curtis SECOND

Approved Unanimously.

7. ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) (20 Minutes) - Commissioner Curtis & Stefanie Truex

Commissioner Curtis discussed the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant and ways that the grant can be used. He highlighted the "blueprints" provided by the Department of Energy for utilization of the grant. Commissioner McKinney raised concerns about the current direction toward green energy and the cost to consumers, and expressed a preference for workforce development, focusing on investing in people rather than buildings. Commissioner Linde reiterated concerns about the state's ambitious goals for green energy and the challenges involved. Commissioner Curtis discussed the potential benefits of preparing for the state's energy initiatives to avoid being left behind and the need to prepare for the changing energy landscape and leverage state funds effectively.

Commissioner Curtis proposed discussing the options with the South Central Workforce Development Council to explore the possibility of using the grant for workforce development, to which the Board agreed. Commissioner Curtis will discuss with the South Central Workforce Board and bring forward their recommendations to the BOCC.

8. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Commissioners gave updates on individual committee/board assignments for the week of September 4, 2023-September 8, 2023.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

10. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Approved Unanimously. Meeting Adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

APPROVED DATE
DATE/Minutes

NOV 2 1 2023

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

LaDon Linde
LaDon Linde, Chair

Amanda McKinney
Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

Kyle Curtis
Kyle Curtis, Commissioner
Constituting the Board of County Commissioners
for Yakima County, Washington

