



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Friday, September 23, 2022, at 9:00 am

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

9/23/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner LaDon Linde, Commissioner Ron Anderson, Legal Counsel Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Human Resources Director Jacqui Lindsay, Financial Services Director Craig Warner, Human Services Director Esther Magasis, and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE (15 Minutes)

Jacqui Lindsay presented to the Board a request from District Court to eliminate two Office Supervisor (B25) positions. Both positions have been vacant for some time, and the deletion of these positions would provide some extra room in District Court's budget for 2023. The commissioners approved this request.

Assigned Counsel submitted a request to fulfill a budgeted position that the Board approved as part of the 2022 budget. The Office Specialist (B21) position is now ready to be activated and eventually filled. The commissioners approved this activation request.

Financial Services also requested that the vacant Purchasing Manager position be moved from a C44 to a D61, in an effort to recruit a higher quality candidate as a long-term employee. The change would mean the employee would report to the director instead of another manager. The fiscal impact for 2023 would be an additional \$1,152 monthly, plus benefits. Acknowledging that this position has been historically difficult to fill and is of great importance to the County's functioning, the commissioners approved this request.

4. AGENDA ITEM REVIEW (15 Minutes)

Julie Lawrence reviewed for the Board all Agenda items submitted for Tuesday's Regular Agenda Meeting, and also gave a preview of the following week's Agenda items.

The commissioners had no changes for the September 27, 2022, Agenda.

The commissioners had no changes for the October 4, 2022, Agenda.

In response to the Board's questions at a previous work session, Esther Magasis explained the influx of extensions to Human Services' contract end dates. Both the Federal and the Department of Commerce contract end dates have already been extended, so Human Services needs to follow suit and do the same for their grantees. The grant funding in question was awarded during the COVID-19 pandemic and thus took a great deal of time to get all the contracts in place, not leaving grantees much time to utilize their funding (about nine months as opposed to the usual two years). Grantees also had to set up their new projects in HMIS, backlogging the Department of Commerce even further. To Esther's knowledge, all the grantees still have funding that needs to be spent. She noted that the contract extension does not provide any additional funding to grantees. The commissioners were satisfied with this explanation.

In response to Don Anderson's question, Jacqui Lindsay and Craig Warner provided additional background information for Resolution 245-2022, regarding the salary and duties of the new District Court position.

In response to Commissioner Linde's question, Esther Magasis gave a brief summary of Catholic Charities' housing program for youth and young adults, referenced in Agreement 290-2022.

5. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

The commissioners had no updates to discuss.

6. ADJOURN

Commissioner Anderson MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

(Commissioner McKinney EXCUSED)

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

OCT 04 2022

DATE/Minutes



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