



**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting  
Work Session

Monday, November 21, 2022, at 9:00 am  
BOCC Conference Room, Room 232, 128 N 2nd Street, Yakima, WA 98901 or Zoom

11/21/2022 - Minutes

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

PRESENT: Chair Amanda McKinney, Commissioner LaDon Linde, Commissioner Ron Anderson, Legal Counsel Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Prosecuting Attorney Joe Brusic, Corporate Counsel Stefanie Weigand, Financial Services Director Craig Warner, Senior Project Planner Tua Vang, Long Range Planning Manager Noelle Madera, Long Rang Project Planner Phil Hoge, and guests.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment Received.

**3. AMBULANCE RFP UPDATE (15 Minutes)**

Joe Brusic explained that the Ambulance RFP has come down to a decision between two companies, using a consulting group. Stephanie Weigand and Joe have been working with the City of Yakima's Purchasing Department on this process, and have sought additional legal counsel and information from an attorney in Seattle. Christina (City of Yakima Purchasing Department) has drafted a proposed notice to each party (both the selected company and the non-selected company) that Joe hopes will be dropped off at the County today, after which he stated that he would have the Seattle attorney evaluate the notices, too. The Board has already agreed to uphold the consulting group's decision, but Joe promised to send the Commissioners all the scoring information this week for context and review. He hopes to get this item on the Agenda for November 29th or December 6th. In response to Commissioner Linde's question, Stephanie stated that she did not recall precisely how soon the company is required begin after approval, but that a delay of up to 6 months had been discussed at one point.

**4. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board met in Executive Session at 9:10 a.m. to discuss potential litigation as allowed by RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Commissioner McKinney returned at 9:30 a.m. to extend the meeting by an additional 30 minutes, at 10:00 a.m. to extend by an additional 15 minutes, and at 10:15 a.m. to extend by an additional 25 minutes. The Board returned at 10:40 a.m. as agreed upon, and no further action was taken.

**5. PUBLIC SERVICES (75 Minutes)**

Tua Vang presented a minor rezone application (ZON2022-00001/CUP2022-00023) from single-family to two-family to allow for 13-18 dwelling units, and a conditional use permit for a 16-unit condo development. The land use designation (urban residential) will remain the same. The site is located north of Selah City limits, directly adjacent to other two-family zoned areas. A comment letter was received from WSDOT, supporting the removal of direct access on to North Wenas/State Route 823. No opposing comments were received. Yakima County staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval. In response to Commissioner Anderson's question, Tua stated that he believes these units will be for sale, not for rent. The Board directed the Planning Department to move forward with the public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, November 29th, during the Board's Regular Agenda Meeting.

Noelle Madera and Phil Hoge presented two of the 2022 Biennial Map Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan - Horizon 2040 and Yakima County Code Title 19 zoning map. LRN21-005/SEP20-004 (Caton/Strutner) is an application to add a mineral resource overlay to this site of 18 parcels, with no change in zoning or underlying comprehensive plan amendments. The Planning Commission recommends denial of this application based on a large volume of opposing comments from neighbors. The same property was involved in another amendment application two years ago to try to add the mineral resource overlay and get rezoned; this application was denied. Phil stated that a resolution has been submitted to the Board to schedule a public hearing date for the December 13th Regular Agenda Meeting.

LRN22-002/SEP22-004 (Granite) is an application to add and remove a mineral resource overlay in some areas of this site, as well as add and remove land from the mining zoning district. Noelle noted that the mineral resource overlay is different from zoning, but it does allow for mining related land uses if the property is within the MRO; a property owner cannot apply for long-term mining without the MRO. If a property has the MRO and is also in the mining zoning district, the property owner can batch (create asphalt and cement). Noelle also explained that this application has been split into two staff reports (Area 1 and Area 2) for ease of review criteria. She provided further detail on each area and request, noting that staff and the Planning Commission recommend approval for both areas. Staff also would like to add an additional parcel for overlay in Area 1 that had previously been overlooked. They received 5 comment letters and one commenter present at the Planning Commission Hearing, with mixed support and opposition, for a variety of reasons. Don Anderson and Noelle explained that the Yakama Nation is still in litigation with the applicant over some of these parcels, but that matter is working toward settlement, and this application is part of that process. Noelle stated that a resolution has been submitted to the Board to schedule a public hearing date for the December 13th Regular Agenda Meeting. In response to Commissioner McKinney's question about whether staff has any geological concerns about mining deeper into the ravine, Noelle explained that the applicant purposefully chose the area they did because the slope stability would be easier to maintain. More questions could be posed at the hearing for additional information.

#### 6. ARPA DISCUSSION

Commissioner McKinney noted that Craig Warner's meeting with CLA regarding ARPA applications is scheduled for tomorrow, after which more information should be available.

#### 7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Commissioners did not discuss any updates.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners had no new business to discuss.

Julie Lawrence reminded the Board and the public that the work session on Friday, November 25, 2022, has been cancelled due the observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

#### 9. ADJOURN

Commissioner Anderson MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE      **DEC 06 2022**  
DATE/Minutes

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