

# BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Weekly Agenda Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10:00 AM

City Council Chambers, 129 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Yakima, Washington

- **PRESENT:** Michel D. Leita, Norm Childress, Ron Anderson, Legal Counsel, Don Anderson, Acting Clerk of the Board, Kendra Dorais
- **PUBLIC COMMENT: Pamela Noreen Bassett:** My Indian name is Princess (inaudible) and so you don't pronounce the last name, it's just respect but it's the syllables are different so it's very quiet, so that's how that works. We get completely and totally runned over by all kinds of ethnicities and so my dad didn't hurt me or anything but he drove it in to my head to respect everybody, respect all different cultures, you know, whatever they are. So, kind of the problem 1981 in Seattle, I was (inaudible) the University of Washington. The people came up out of the water, they were from Spain, they had an under-water city there. So, trying to understand pressure of over crowding was that I made a baby board for the student Pow-Wow Native American Students of the University of Washington. So, what I'm saying is that the sex cults are kind of hard to deal with. Is that they can ruin lives of student's mid stride in that they are trying to read and it's real hard with gonorrhea diarrhea, syphilis. So, what I am saying is that I did talk about this over at the Yakima Nation, so what I am saying is that I still do that. But it is that your redundant, superfluous you don't really matter is that they were there but they just keep on rolling over the people just rolling over them until they find somebody that they that will be turned over the signed papers for their property, so you do have a Harmon Center that has a computer center so that access to Interpol or access to police records is right here. But, I'm running for United States of America Supreme Court Chief Justice and so I'm trying to read all of these books. But part of it is community relations to try to understand, you know, what's going on so. I donate all the time, so I try to donate here, but I was turned down here. But what I donate to other people is soap and brushes for the fingernails so that the lice may get in there. But it is hysterical to meet people that are transients, that they just got here. Some of these people are here for like 3 hours, they just got here. And some of them are here for 3 weeks, 3 months, 3 years. So, communicate that they have to have long Johns on, they have to be clean, and you've got to be clean, because it may get under here, it may get all over you. But the problem here is there is no water in the sex cults, you know, they have to be clean. So, what I'm saying is, that this problem is really, really, really, big is that the people attack the land right across from the house. Took down all the orchard. Old, old, old apple orchard, act of son and a father, act so it was rehearsed. But that's, but they had names for each tree, each tree. But they now have these poles to hold up the young trees that have apples grow on it. In no way, shape or form are those young trees going to be productive to compete against old, old, old trees that have abundant, prolific apples. So, these people are high. So, I am saying these guys are numb-nuts and that they are still frequenting with sex cults. To have Indian woman tiny little Indian woman say that you have a fourteen year engagement, you know they're not going to do that. But they still have to do something for the Lord with their hands, make moccasins for the Lord, so I am Indian from over there and they say Oh, this does not apply to me. And I say, if you are a transient you've got to hit the road, because you know summer coming its going to get really hot. But its real hard to communicate and so I have to bend over backwards. So, that's what I'm saying is that to care to demonstrate then I was yelling at this women. But in real life when their hit on the head so that I am old, so that is what I'm saying is that I really did live through a cult attack in California. But hit on the head, but when I look at the mouth, then the mouth doesn't move, but I still hear it. I still hear the voices. So that's what I'm saying, to communicate with these people that my mouth doesn't move, but they still hear voices. That's what I'm saying, is that they still have to say their prayers and make things with their hands or talking about somebody who is an atheist that's been attacked so that in California, that happened in training of massive war, that they gave illegal shots for these people to become as hairy as apes in real life, real life. So, were talking about aliens really did land and I really did witness illegal research, so this research is in the Berkley area warehouse. So, I have to have references that this Berkley storage really does exist, so you believe me. What I'm saying is, that the family did go through this.

**Mike Leita:** So, you're talking about Berkley now and this is about Yakima County

**Pamela Noreen Bassett:** ....(inaudible) The storage for you to believe me. The other Sam Creek Indian massacre the storage is in New Mexico, Albuquerque New Mexico, so that's what I'm saying in real life, I really do try to understand how this works. So that, God Bless you.

**Mike Leita:** And God Bless you and thank you.

**Pamela Noreen Bassett:** Yeah, and so what I am saying is this same building, the Harmon Center was supposed to be a home, a private home.

**Mike Leita:** So, that's for the City of Yakima

**Pamela Noreen Bassett:** Yeah, but it was built by my father.

**Mike Leita:** OK

**Pamela Noreen Bassett:** So, that my experience here going on in life, that I witnessed this and witnessed that. So that I am no insane, my father really did build it. So, that is what I am saying is peace be with you. You're not insane, You know, I'm not insane, this stuff really does happen.

**Mike Leita:** I appreciate your comments.

**Board:** Thank you.

**Mike Leita:** Anyone else wishing to come forward to make public comment may come forward at this time.

**Jean Mendoza:** My name is Jean Mendoza, I'm from White Swan. And I sent all of you a letter last week and I haven't heard a response, so I'm here to ask for a response to my letter. In essence I was treated very disrespectively by a designee from the Yakima County Commissioners at a recent meeting of the Yakima Regional Clean Air Community Forum. Those forums happen four times a year, its an opportunity for the public to talk to the people from the Clean Air Agency. And your designee, Dr. Steve Jones, prevented me from presenting information at that meeting. So, I'm here to ask if you've read my letter and if you have a response for me.

**Mike Leita:** Have you read her letter, that is the first question.

**Ron Anderson:** I read the letter

**Norm Childress:** Yeah, I read the letter

**Mike Leita:** And I've read your letter as well. We're not prepared at this time to offer you a response. And perhaps no response is our response. But, I can't speak for the other two Commissioners.

**Jean Mendoza:** Are you speaking for yourself, you have no response?

**Mike Leita:** Yes.

**Ron Anderson:** I will re-read it and then give you a response.

**Norm Childress:** I think Dr. Jones responded and according to him it was just a misunderstanding. He said he was sorry if you took offensive at his remarks, that was not his intent, he was just asking a question and somehow that got misinterpreted. But to him, it was a communication error, and he said he did not mean to offend you and I truly believe that.

**Jean Mendoza:** I'm sorry I have not heard from Dr. Jones. I don't know if any of you took the time to listen to the recording of that meeting.

**Mike Leita:** Well, Dr. Jones gave us his response relative to the events that happened at that meeting and I've not reviewed the tape, but then again echoing Commissioner Childress' comments, that I think an apology was offered. I thought that was sent to you, if not we can forward that to you.

**Jean Mendoza:** Here's the issue Commissioner Leita. I came to that meeting prepared to share what I consider to be very important air quality information. I was not allowed to share that. The next meeting of this group will be in June, so this postpones the sharing of that important information until June. That is the only opportunity for the public to interact with the Clean Air Agency.

**Mike Leita:** So, am I confused here, but have you not been attending Clean Air Authority meetings regularly, prior to this incident?

**Jean Mendoza:** You're not confused. The Clean Air Agency has in-acted new rules. Where in the public cannot come up and speak to the board members, we can only speak to something that is on the agenda and we can only speak for three minutes. The issues that I wanted to share with the Clean Air Agency are fairly complex. For example, they relate to the State implementation plan for the Clean Air Act, which is under revision at the State level and at the local level. My perception is that the public is entitled to engage in those discussions and development. I first brought this up in December. The Clean Air Agency has not told me when the meetings are taking place, or when I can participate, or what their plans are. I attempted to bring that up in March and I was prevented from doing that in my opinion by Dr. Jones. So, the next meeting will be in June. So, this is kind-of keeping me out of the loop on something I believe the public has the right to participate in.

**Norm Childress:** Just for clarification, the meeting in June, you are talking about the forum, right? Not the Clean Air Board meeting?

**Jean Mendoza:** Correct

**Norm Childress:** It's different, there is a forum and then there's a Clean Air Board meeting. I sit on the Clean Air Board and the forum, board members sometimes attend those, but that's more of an informal exchange in the forum.

**Jean Mendoza:** That's the idea. Is the forum an opportunity for the public to talk....(inaudible)?

**Norm Childress:** And this is what were talking about the forum not the Board meeting

**Mike Leita:** So, you will have an opportunity at the forum to present your opinions.

**Jean Mendoza:** Possibly, unless the same thing happens again.

**Mike Leita:** Well, let's not conjecture what might or might not happen. I guess what I'm understanding is that a forum is being held at the direction of the Clean Air Authority for the public to give input. I won't conjecture. I guess we'll have to wait to see what happens at that forum. I'm understanding from Commissioner Childress who is on the Clean Air Board, that those opportunities will be provided to the public.

**Jean Mendoza:** I'm saying that waiting six months to participant in revision of the rules is too long to ask the public to wait. I'm also saying that in spite of what Dr. Jones may have told you. This was not a communication problem. This is the same thing as though Commissioner Childress turned to you right now and said to you let's go on with the meeting and totally ignored me. That's exactly what happened. I was attempting to speak, Dr. Jones interrupted me and addressed the facilitator. If the Commissioner's here really believe in public engagement, which we all at least pay lip service to, you need to instruct your designee to listen to the public. And as I said, I have not heard from Dr. Jones. I've heard no offer to talk this over.

**Mike Leita:** I respect your comments. Thank you.

**Jean Mendoza:** So, will I receive a response?

**Mike Leita:** From whom?

**Jean Mendoza:** Well, I'm addressing you right now. I asked you to take action in my letter.

**Mike Leita:** So, we are listening and that is our response.

**Ron Anderson:** Like I said a minute ago I'm going to reread the letter you sent and Dr. Jones sent and then I will reply to that.

**Mike Leita:** Cuz your comments are related to the Clean Air Authority.

**Jean Mendoza:** Exactly and I'm saying.....

**Mike Leita:** So, we are listening, we are members of the Clean Air Authority, one Commissioner and one designated appointee by the Commissioners, so we have two seats effectively on a panel of five. Correct? So, your comments have been heard by our designee and that will be handled within the Clean Air Authority. But the Board of Commissioners here is now is respectively listening to your public comment and we have no response at this time to give you. We don't engage in this moment in dialog, we listen.

**Jean Mendoza:** Let me make one summary comment, because I want to make sure that I am heard. The Commissioners are presumed to represent the public. So, my opinion Dr. Jones because he is your designee is also presumed to represent the public. If Dr. Jones is having conversations with you and deliberately excluding the public which is me, not just me, anybody else that wants to engage on this. I think that's a very bad road to go down. I think the public has a right and should engage in air quality issues in Yakima County.

**Mike Leita:** Anyone else wishing to come forward?

**Tony Coursey:** Tony Coursey, as I told you last time I was here, just trying to clear up the desk. Making it a lot easier for people to do business in this city. Water right claim, so those who are watching, those who are listening and those who don't wish to answer, it's totally up to you. But I've got water right claim, just to save people money to do business when you do a design and a program. First you have to have a project. Don't forget that word project, because the program could go away. And we'll deal with Yakima City Council tonight. But, for those let you know, I am holding a water right claim, that I legally own. And you guys who do not do research on who owns what property and whatever, that's totally on you guys. Because I know I lost the house, because of that last statement I just made, lack of research. So, with that said, yeah, I just like to do business straight up.

**Board:** Thank you

**Mike Leita:** Anyone else wishing to make public comment? Hearing and seeing none we will move to our consent agenda.

**Ron Anderson:** Mr. Chair I move that we approve and accept the consent agenda as presented.

**Norm Childress:** I would second that

**Mike Leita:** Motion has been made and seconded. Discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor say Aye.

**Board:** Aye

**Mike Leita:** And so, ordered. We have no regular agenda items, so we are adjourned. Thank you.

• **CONSENT ITEMS:** Approved as Presented

<b>FUNDING LEVEL: A=No Impact B=Under \$100,000 C=\$100,000- \$500,000 D=Over \$500,000</b>				
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FUNDING LEVEL</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Auditor</b> Charles Ross, Auditor	Reso 125-2019	Change in 2019 Auditing Officers for Specific Funds:	A	APPROVED
<b>Commissioners</b> Michael D. Leita, Chairman	Voucher/Warrant	Certification of Salary Clearing Warrant No. 663184 through 664255 in the net amount of \$ 2,766,877.12:	A	APPROVED
	Minutes	Approve Agenda Minutes of 4/9/19:	A	APPROVED
<b>Corporate Counsel</b> Don Anderson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney	Reso 126-2019	Claim 12-2019 as filed by Gail Barton:	B	APPROVED
<b>County Roads</b> Matt Pietrusiewicz, County Engineer	Agreement BOCC 87-2019	Interlocal Agreement with the City of Yakima to provide Contract Administration for the North First Street Revitalization:	B	APPROVED
	Agreement BOCC 88-2019	Agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc., to Provide Engineering Services for Right-of-Way Plans and Construction:	C	APPROVED
<b>Human Resources</b> Jacqui Lindsay, Director	Reso 127-2019	Additions and Deletions to Budgeted Positions; In Fund 121, Public Services, County Road; in Fund 502, Technology Services; In Dept. 640, Public Services, Planning:	B	APPROVED
	Agreement BOCC 89-2019	2019 Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Board of Yakima County Commissioners and Teamsters Local Union #760, Representing Technology Services Employees:	B	APPROVED
	Agreement BOCC 90-2019	2019 Labor Agreement By and Between the Board of Yakima County Commissioners, the Yakima County Sheriff and Teamsters Local Union #760, Representing Office Clerical, Dispatch and Program Specialist (Animal Control):	B	APPROVED
<b>Public Services</b> Lisa Freund, Director	Reso 128-2019	Accepting as Complete Contract No. 103-2018 for the Yakima County Lead Hazard Control Program, Project No. LD16-005:	A	APPROVED
	Reso 129-2019	Accepting as Complete Contract No. 102-2018 for the Yakima County Lead Hazard Control Program, Project No. LD16-013:	A	APPROVED
	Agreement BOCC 91-2019	Intergovernmental Local Agreement with the Cities of Selah, Union Gap and Sunnyside for Stormwater Permit Compliance Activities:	A	APPROVED
<b>Purchasing</b> Sue Ownby, Director	Reso 130-2019	Awarding Bid C11902 to Scelzi Truck Service Bodies and Installation for Public Services Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund:	A	APPROVED
	Agreement BOCC 92-2019	Agreement with Scelzi Truck Service Bodies and Installation for Public Services Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund:	B	APPROVED
<b>Sheriff</b> Robert Udell, Sheriff	Agreement BOCC 93-2019	STOP Violence Against Women Subrecipient Agreement with the City of Yakima:	B	APPROVED

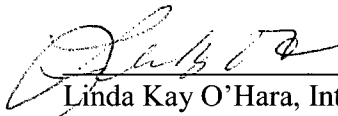
FUNDING LEVEL: A=No Impact B=Under \$100,000 C=\$100,000-\$500,000 D=Over \$500,000				
DEPARTMENT	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	FUNDING LEVEL	ACTION
Technology Services Gene Pugnetti, Director	Agreement BOCC 94-2019	Agreement with Sousley Sound and Communication for Designing, Building and Installing Court Evidence Presentation Solution for Two Superior Court Courtrooms:	B	APPROVED

Approved this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May 2019

  
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 Linda Kay O'Hara, Interim Clerk of the Board

