



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Work Session

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 9:00 am

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

4/25/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Amanda McKinney, Commissioner LaDon Linde, Commissioner Ron Anderson, Legal Counsel Stefanie Weigand, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, DOC Director Jeremy Welch, HR Director Jacqui Lindsay, Financial Services Director Craig Warner, Facilities Director Brian Griff, and guests

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES (30 Minutes)

1. Special pay request from the Sheriff's Office. – Jacqui Lindsay stated that the Sheriff would like to hire one dispatcher at step 14 in the B23P pay plan. The pay plan was not extrapolated out to step 14 in the updated plan as the plan is due to end in December 2022. If hired at step 14, Jacqui worries about the message it would be sending to the other 4 dispatchers and that it would decrease morale. Commissioner McKinney is in favor of hiring at increment 14 as this is a dire situation that needs to be remedied and states there are so few dispatchers that they are working long hours without time off. Commissioner Linde and McKinney approve the request to hire the individual at step 14 and would like further discussion at increasing the pay rate for the other dispatchers. Jacqui to extrapolate the pay plan to step 14 and will give the Board an update on Friday April 29, 2022.

4. FACILITIES SERVICES (60 Minutes)

1. Yakima County Sheriff's Office next steps. -Commissioner McKinney, Commissioner Linde, and Commissioner Anderson approve of the continued use of HOK. Brian will revise scope for the 2040 master plan to focus on YCCC and the Sheriff's office location.

2. RV Event Center Upgrade at State Fair Park – Ron was given notice from Kathy Kramer that Senator Curtis King had come to her for a project in which he can help provide funding. The Fair Board would like to get it into Senator King's hands before the legislative session starts to help expand and upgrade the RV event center. Commissioner McKinney and Commissioner Linde would like a business plan/financials and scope of work. Ron said they will be having a board meeting on June 30th. Brian to reach out to Kathy Kramer to get a plan/outline in writing for Board consideration.

3. Commissioners Office Remodel/Security – Facilities had been working with BORArchitecture for the BOCC office remodel and the scope had grown to over \$300,000. Brian Griff stated that Facilities is trying to resolve the security issue at hand with the most cost effective idea. Blake Erickson of facilities found a low cost security issue under \$10,000. Commissioner Anderson would like to greatly reduce the scope of what the architect was suggesting and increase the security in the

BOCC office. Commissioner Linde concurs with commissioner Anderson and confirms the original reason for the remodel was the security of the BOCC office. Craig Warner has concern with moving forward with the vestibule design as it does not answer his concern for security in financial services and that the project is "throw away" if the Commissioners were to move forward with the full remodel. Commissioner McKinney would like to treat financial services security as a separate issue. Brian Griff and Craig Warner are to meet and come up with some suggestions for potential options that remedy the issue for both departments. Commissioner Linde would like to review some fiscally conservative options.

4. Jail Facility Contingency Planning – Director Jeremy Welch discussed partnerships with other facilities in case of emergency.

5. ASSIGNED COUNSEL UPDATE (50 Minutes)

1. Recruiting/Retention – Paul Kelly stated that Assigned Counsel is still experiencing challenges with recruiting for attorneys and office staff.

2. Caseload Statistics and Standards – caseloads are creeping back up.

3. Blake Response Update – Paul stated that it has been over a year since the Blake case came down. Assigned Counsel has handled 505 different cases with a total of 240 individuals. It has been a significant hit to their workload.

4. Juvenile Resentencing Update -Assigned Counsel made a request to the Board for a unit. They still have high resource requirements for these cases. There are 11 cases where these persons have very significant sentences in the adult system for offenses committed when they were juveniles. These cases are just in the beginning stages of the investigation involved in presenting these cases to court.

5. Office Expansion – Paul is exploring office expansion issue but has not met with Brian Griff yet to discuss details.

6. Reassessing Contract Compensation – Paul stated that compensation is an issue for contractors. He may be coming to the board in 2023 for significant latitude to retain that resource and attract private counsel to come in and contract with the program. It is a significant and necessary commitment to the County's defense. He has been able to increase contract compensation within budget but will not be able to increase in the near future.

7. Increased Costs (Investigators, Experts, Interpreters) - Investigators, experts, and interpreters are needed more often and are asking for higher fees.

6. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioners gave updates on individual committee/board assignments for the week of April 18, 2022- April 22, 2022.

Julie Lawrence discussed a proclamation request for Provider Appreciation Day 2022. The Commissioners would not like to move forward with the Proclamation but said they would acknowledge the day during new business of Agenda on May 3rd, 2022.

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Anderson Motion: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Commissioner McKinney stepped out of meeting before adjournment.

Motion passes to Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes