



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Work Session

Friday, April 28, 2023, at 9:00 am

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

4/28/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Amanda McKinney, Commissioner Kyle Curtis, Legal Counsel Josie Mesa, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Human Resources Director Jacqui Lindsay, Technology Services Director Dale Panattoni, Financial Services Director Craig Warner, and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment Received.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE (15 Minutes)

Jacqui Lindsay presented a request from Technology Services for two vacant positions to be eliminated as of May. Dale Panattoni explained that the positions had been vacant since before he was hired a little over a year ago, and have proved unnecessary in the meantime. Eliminating the positions (an IT43 Technology Administrator 1 position, and an IT24 Support Technician 2 position) will allow for more room in Technology Services' budget. The Commissioners approved this request.

The second request was from Superior Court, to reclassify one vacant Program Coordinator (C41) position to Legal Investigator (C41). There would not be any fiscal impact to this change – the position would just be posted with more relevant duties. The Commissioners approved this request.

The third request was from the Sheriff's Office, to post for new positions that were previously approved for ARPA funding: one deputy for a Traffic Detective role, four deputies for a new Proactive Unit, and one sergeant for the Proactive Unit. These positions would be funded via ARPA dollars for 4 years, after which time the Sheriff's Office would have to come up with another funding source. The Commissioners approved this request.

Finally, Jacqui clarified a decision at a previous Work Session to create a new Program Specialist (B22) position in Human Services. However, the correct position based on job duties would actually be an Office Specialist (B21). The Commissioners approved this correction.

4. AGENDA ITEM REVIEW (10 Minutes)

Julie Lawrence reviewed for the Board all Agenda items submitted for Tuesday's Regular Agenda Meeting.

The Commissioners had no changes for the May 2, 2023, Agenda.

In response to Commissioner Curtis' questions about Corporate Counsel's Resolutions 104-2023 and 105-2023, Josie Mesa clarified that any fee changes must always come before the Board for approval. She also explained the role that public records specialists play in each department.

In response to Commissioner Curtis' questions about Technology Services' Resolution 108-2023 and Agreement 114-2023, Dale Panattoni clarified interlocal agreement language and pricing categories from Microsoft.

5. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Curtis asked when the Board might be interested in discussing a possible drug ordinance in response to the State Legislature's recent failure to pass drug possession legislation. Commissioner McKinney responded that she is waiting to hear back from County Prosecutor Joe Brusic about this very topic; she hopes to meet with him next week. Both Commissioners noted that a number of other municipalities have already drafted their own ordinances; Commissioner Curtis stated that he would forward Snohomish County's ordinance to Julie Lawrence as an example for discussion. Both Commissioners agreed that they would like to have an ordinance ready by the July 1st deadline, and acknowledged the meetings and public hearings that will have to be held before the Board can officially adopt anything.

Commissioner McKinney also expressed her frustration over recent legislation banning assault weapons. She stated that this is likely to be challenged in court as infringing on Second Amendment rights.

In response to Commissioner Curtis' question, Commissioner McKinney confirmed that Yakima County's lobbyists will hold a meeting with the Board soon to recap important events from the recent legislative session, besides the hard copy report the Board already received. She did note that Yakima County will receive full funding for many Water Resources requests. An important statewide study of jails and juvenile facilities will also receive funding, as many facilities across the state are struggling to function with insufficient and inefficient infrastructure.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

7. ADJOURN

Commissioner Curtis MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes