



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Work Session

Monday, October 3, 2022, at 9:00 am

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

10/3/2022 - 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, Financial Services Director Craig Warner, and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. ARPA APPLICATIONS DISCUSSION

Commissioner McKinney summarized the ARPA process so far, explaining that the Board was not able to meet its self-imposed deadline of September 30, 2022, for awarding ARPA grant funds, due to the unexpectedly large volume of applications received and the time it took to secure Clifton Larson Allen's services in reviewing said applications for eligibility and feasibility. She noted that the Board has sent out both an email and a letter to all applicants, informing them of the delay.

Craig Warner confirmed that the County has contracted with Clifton Larson Allen through October 14th, and the firm is already 1/3 of the way through the applications, which will be sorted into three categories: those that fit the ARPA guidelines, those that do not fit the ARPA guidelines, and those that could fit but need additional information/clarification (which the Board will seek out). Craig affirmed that having an independent review is wise, because the County is both responsible and liable for ensuring that this funding is distributed according to ARPA guidelines, and the Federal government could take action on any issues up to 6 years after the money has been spent.

Commissioner McKinney suggested the Board revisit this topic at next Monday's work session (October 10th). She asked that each commissioner be ready to discuss a timeline to award funding (all at once vs. in stages, to allow for another round of applications, as originally discussed) and how much funding to set aside for various projects. It was noted that more types of grant funding might become available later on (e.g. infrastructure funding), so awarding ARPA funds in stages might allow for applicants to also take advantage of grants from other sources.

Commissioner Linde asked if Craig could have Clifton Larson Allen also look at whether or not water-related purchases would be eligible for ARPA funding. Commissioner McKinney noted that Water Resources Manager Joel Freudenthal and Public Services Director Lisa Freund would need to be involved in the process.

4. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

The Commissioners gave updates on individual committee/board assignments for the week of September 26, 2022-September 30, 2022.

Craig Warner was directed to reach out to the various cities and municipalities who submitted multiple ARPA applications, in order to better prioritize their requests.

5. NEW BUSINESS

The Board did not have any new business to discuss.

6. ADJOURN

Commissioner Anderson MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE

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