

1/28/2020 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The weekly Board of Yakima County Commissioners Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am

PRESENT: Chairman Norm Childress, Commissioner Ron Anderson, Commissioner Vicki Baker, Legal Counsel Don Anderson, Clerk of the Board Melissa Paul

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Earl Lee: Comment and concerns regarding elections and other matters. A written statement was also submitted to the Board by Mr. Lee.

3. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Baker MOTION: Approve Consent Agenda Items

Commissioner Anderson: SECOND

DISCUSSION: None

APPROVED Unanimously

- A. Minutes January 14, 2020
- B. Payroll Warrant Certification
- C. Voucher Warrant
- D. Resolution 23-2020
- E. Resolution 24-2020
- F. Resolution 25-2020
- G. Resolution 26-2020
- H. Resolution 27-2020
- I. Resolution 28-2020
- J. Resolution 29-2020
- K. Resolution 30-2020
- L. Resolution 31-2020
- M. Resolution 32-2020
- N. Resolution 33-2020

- O. Agreement 17-2020
- P. Agreement 18, 2020
- Q. Agreement 19-2020
- R. Agreement 20-2020
- S. Agreement 21-2020
- T. Agreement 22-2020
- U. Agreement 23-2020
- V. Agreement 24-2020

4. REGULAR AGENDA

- A. Resolution 22-2020

Yakima County Treasurer Ilene Thompson presented Resolution 22-2020 authorizing the issuance and sales of Limited General Obligation Bonds to finance capital improvements to the fairground facilities at State Fair Park.

Commissioner Baker: MOTION to Approve

Commissioner Anderson: SECOND

DISCUSSION: Commissioners Anderson, Baker, and Childress all spoke in support of preserving and maintaining the State Fair Park facilities and commended County staff for their efforts to further the projects.

APPROVED Unanimously

- B. Agreement 15-2020

Yakima County Financial Services Assistant Budget Director Forrest Smith presented Agreement 15-2020 with the Yakima Health District for capital and implementation costs related to the Workday ERP system.

Andre Fresco, Yakima Health District Executive Director spoke in support of the partnership between the Yakima Health District and Yakima County and said this agreement will enable the Yakima Health District to implement a platform that will better service Yakima County residents and the Yakima Health District could not have afforded independently.

Commissioner Baker: MOTION to Approve

Commissioner Anderson: SECOND

DISCUSSION: Commissioners Anderson, Baker, and Childress all spoke in support of the agreement and continued collaboration with the Yakima Health District to serve the community.

APPROVED Unanimously

- C. Agreement 16-2020

Yakima County Financial Services Assistant Budget Director Forrest Smith presented Agreement 16-2020: SIED Agreement with the City of Union Gap for the South Broadway Area Sewer Extension.

Jonathan Smith, Yakima County Community Development Association Executive Director explained the Supporting Investments in Economic Development (SIED) program was enacted by Washington State in 1997 and is a rebate of sales tax back to the County for reinvestment in economic development projects. The Union Gap project is exactly the type of project for which the SIED program was intended as the investment will create job growth through infrastructure development to support business.

Dennis Henne, City of Union Gap Works Director commented the sewer extension will also provide additional service to residents of Union Gap and should allow for residential improvement and growth as well as economic development.

Commissioner Baker: MOTION to Approve

Commissioner Anderson: SECOND

DISCUSSION: Commissioners Anderson, Baker, and Childress all spoke in support of the agreement and continued collaboration with the Yakima Health District to serve the community.

APPROVED Unanimously

5. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Public Hearing To Consider Modifying The Existing Yakima County Stop And Yield Ordinance

Yakima County Roads Engineer Mark Cleaver presented recommendations to modify the Yakima County Stop and Yield Ordinance.

No public comment was received at the hearing or in advance by phone, mail, or other means.

The Hearing was Closed

Commissioner Baker: MOTION to move proposed recommendations to resolution.

Commissioner Anderson: SECOND

APPROVED Unanimously

B. Public Hearing To Consider Modifying The Existing Yakima County Speed Limit Ordinance

Yakima County Roads Engineer Mark Cleaver presented recommendations to modify the Yakima County Speed Limit Ordinance.

Public comment was received from residents Peter Rock and Rick Dahl concerning modification of the speed limit on Maple Avenue in Terrace Heights. Mr. Rock and Mr. Dahl spoke in favor of a 25 mph speed limit citing safety, proximity to a school zone and other factors as reasons for a reduction.

Public comment was received from Angela VonEssea West Valley School District Assistant Superintendent in support of creating a school zone on S. 96th Avenue between Tieton and Wide Hollow adjacent to Cottonwood Elementary School.

No other public comment was received at the hearing. No comment was received in advance by phone, mail, or other means.

The hearing was closed.

Commissioner Baker: MOTION to move proposed recommendations to resolution.

Commissioner Anderson: SECOND

APPROVED Unanimously

6. ADJOURN

NEW BUSINESS: Commissioner Baker recognized the passing of former Yakima County Sheriff Brian Winter. The Board members stated their appreciation for his service to the County and to the United States of America and expressed their condolences.

Commissioner Anderson MOTION: to adjourn.

APPROVED DATE

DATE/Minutes