



**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Friday, April 15, 2022 at 9:00 am

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

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**Meeting Link:**

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**Meeting Phone Number:**

1-206-337-9723 (ID & Passcode Above)

4/15/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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, Human Resources Director Jacqui Lindsay

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE (30 Minutes)

1. Worker's Compensation Fund - Jacqui Lindsay stated that Yakima County is currently obligated to pay \$496,509 in worker's compensation claims. She wants to ensure this topic is top of mind for the Board and that Yakima County can continue to maintain reserves.
2. Recruitment & Retention Challenges - Jacqui Lindsay stated that Yakima County is experiencing many challenges with recruitment and retention across all positions and departments, including a record high number of job openings and a higher than normal turnover rate. She asked that the Commissioners take a look at a potential increase to the pay plan to attract candidates and retain employees. Commissioner McKinney proposed a 5% increase to the current pay plan. Human Resources will submit resolutions for consideration at an upcoming agenda.

4. AGENDA ITEM REVIEW (30 Minutes)

Review of all Agenda items Submitted for Tuesday's Regular Agenda Meeting. All Agenda items to move forward for consideration at Agenda on April 19, 2022.

5. BOARD OF HEALTH ORDINANCE DRAFT DISCUSSION (30 Minutes)

Legal Counsel Don Anderson discussed proposed changes to the Board of Health Ordinance. Eric Johnson, Director of WSAC, stated that the BOCC draft is the correct approach, follows the intent of the statute, and is being used by other counties. Corporate Counsel is to send a letter to James Elliot, Board of Health attorney, stating that the BOCC intends to move forward with the updated BOCC draft and ask that he forwards that letter to all Board of Health members. A resolution scheduling a public hearing date will be submitted to the BOCC for consideration.

6. ARPA UPDATE (30 Minutes)

Commissioner McKinney stated that the ARPA application is now live and discussed the need for an ARPA advisory group to assist in vetting all submitted applications and make sure they fall within BOCC priorities. It was recommended that each Commissioner suggest 2-3 members for the creation of a 6-9 member advisory group. Commissioner McKinney stated she will create guidelines for the ARPA advisory group.

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Anderson stated that the City of Yakima has completed the ARPA application for swimming pool funding. He also discussed a possible local improvement district on Ahtanum.

Commissioner Linde stated that he has been steering those interested in applying for ARPA funds to the website.

8. ADJOURN

Commissioner Anderson MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

Approved Unanimously to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

All work sessions are recorded and will be available to view on the BOCC website at <https://www.yakimacounty.us/AgendaCenter/Board-of-Commissioners-2>.

APPROVED DATE  
DATE/Minutes

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BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

*Amanda McKinney*

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Amanda McKinney, Chair

Absent

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LaDon Linde, Commissioner

*Ron Anderson*

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Ron Anderson, Commissioner

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for Yakima County, Washington*