



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
Work Session

Friday, June 24, 2022, at 9:00 am

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

6/24/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to Order at 9:01 a.m.

PRESENT: Commissioner LaDon Linde, Commissioner Ron Anderson, Legal Counsel Stefanie Weigand, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Human Resources Director Jacqui Lindsay, Financial Services Director Craig Warner, Josh Weiss & Annika Vaughan (Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs), and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE (15 Minutes)

Jacqui Lindsay presented an out-of-class pay request from Juvenile Court. An administrative supervisor (a C45 position) has resigned, and the duties of that position are being covered by a lower tier employee until the open position can be filled. The commissioners gave their assent to this request.

Due to reorganization of staff, the Auditor's Office requested the elimination of an unnecessary financial specialist (B21) position that is currently vacant. The commissioners gave their assent to this request.

Superior Court requested an occupied position be switched from their Sales Tax Fund to their Family Court Fund, remaining at the same pay rate. The commissioners gave their assent to this request.

The Sheriff's Office requested that two newly-hired lateral deputies (formerly from Toppenish Police Department) begin at an Increment 3 with 48 hours of frontloaded sick leave. One deputy has 7 years of experience, and the other is bilingual (English/Spanish) and has 4 years of experience. Jacqui shared that these requests are in line with past practice. The commissioners gave their assent to these requests.

Jacqui also reminded the Board of the upcoming 3% one-time payment based on Union CBA's, non-bargaining, attorneys, and direct reports that will be effective on the July 25th paycheck. It had been decided per past practice that employees would be eligible for this payment only if they had been hired by the County before January 1, 2022. However, direct reports are sometimes handled differently, and the new Director of Technology Services was hired on February 7, 2022. After discussing any known precedents with Stefanie Weigand, Craig Warner, and Jacqui, as well as acknowledging the incredibly positive impact this director has had on his department in such a short period of time, the commissioners decided to include him in the 3% increase. Jacqui confirmed that she would prepare all the necessary resolutions for next Tuesday's agenda meeting.

4. YAKIMA COUNTY DRAFT INTERIM PLAN (60 Minutes)

Josh Weiss and Annika Vaughan from Gordon Thomas Honeywell Governmental Affairs discussed the Yakima County Draft Interim Plan with the commissioners, in order to prepare for the next legislative session. Josh shared that the current financial and political landscape is uncertain. Capital budget and possibly operating budget requests might be successful, but there likely won't be any additional transportation budget. Yakima County is one of a number of counties in need of a new jail, and there are possible revenue sources available. Josh noted that it tends to be difficult to fund those types of facilities out of capital budget unless there is some connection to mental or behavioral health, to which Commissioner Anderson replied that this should be part of the request anyway. Commissioner Linde additionally brought up public safety and the need for deterrents for illegal drug use, gang violence, juvenile crime, etc. Josh confirmed that he would send the commissioners an outline of last year's plans for context, as well as a document explaining what successful capital projects usually look like. He emphasized the need for detailed plans and proposals in order to allow for a successful pitch.

5. FINANCIAL SERVICES (10 Minutes)

Craig Warner shared about the transition in budgeting software that has taken place over the last couple years. He discussed the 2022 budget letter draft that he had previously sent to the commissioners for review. Commissioner McKinney had not requested any changes; Commissioners Linde and Anderson had only suggested minor changes, which Craig confirmed he would make in time to get the Board's signatures on Tuesday.

6. AGENDA ITEM REVIEW (30 Minutes)

Julie Lawrence reviewed for the Board all Agenda items submitted for Tuesday's Regular Agenda Meeting. No changes were made.

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

Commissioner Linde shared his three proposed questions for the Board of Health candidate interviews scheduled for Monday's work session. Commissioner Anderson concurred.

8. ADJOURN

Commissioner Anderson MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner Linde SECOND

(Commissioner McKinney absent.)

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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APPROVED DATE
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