



BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting

Work Session

Monday, September 12, 2022, at 9:00 am

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

9/12/2022 - 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 Stefanie Weigand, Clerk of the Board Julie Lawrence, Deputy Clerk of the Board Erin Franklin, Public Services Director Lisa Freund, Planning Official Thomas "Tommy" Carroll, Noelle Madera (Planning Department), Olivia Story (Planning Department), County Engineer Matt Pietrusiewicz, Technology Services Director Dale Panattoni, Human Services Director Esther Magasis, Jayme Khoo (Department of Commerce), Ellen Hatleberg (Department of Commerce), Kyle Gitchell (Department of Commerce), and guests.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

3. PUBLIC SERVICES (20 Minutes)

Commissioner McKinney explained that a conditional use permit is required per the update to County Code regarding short-term rentals and Airbnb's, and expressed concern that the current type of permit required may be cost-prohibitive to many people. Noelle Madera outlined the differences between a type 1 and a type 2 conditional use permit. Type 1 costs \$485 and does not require that notice be given to neighbors. Type 2 costs \$1925 and was chosen for short-term rentals and Airbnb's because 1) it's the same type used for accessory dwelling units, and 2) it was the lowest type available that still requires notice be given to neighbors. Noelle explained that the Board could either switch short-term rentals and Airbnb's to a Type 1 (which would require changing Title 19 and would have to go back through the Planning Commission and the BOCC), or remain at a Type 2 but specify a unique fee that is lower than other Type 2 permits (which would require changing Title 20 and would only have to go through the BOCC). The Board opted to change to a Type 1 and directed the Planning Department to present these changes to the Planning Commission for their review.

4. COUNTY ROADS (15 Minutes)

Matt Pietrusiewicz presented a draft letter to Senator Murray, Senator Cantwell, and Representative Newhouse, thanking them for their support of the East West Corridor Project. The commissioners each voiced their support for this letter, citing good manners and a desire to highlight the project, and directed Matt to proceed with sending it.

5. TECHNOLOGY SERVICES UPDATE (30 Minutes)

Dale Panattoni had three updates for the Board. The first was regarding an updated Help Desk ticketing system for Technology Services. Dale has researched and selected a new system that offers many more useful features and reports, including asset tracking. He noted that he would be able to fund this purchase out of his 2022 budget, and would be putting the item forward for approval at an upcoming Agenda meeting.

Next, Dale explained that County WiFi has traditionally been viewed as more of a novelty and not as critical as wired internet. He feels this needs to change with the times, and stated that our wireless internet ought to be enterprise grade – not the consumer or pro grade that it is currently. He noted the Sheriff's Office specifically has great need for reliable WiFi with all of their equipment. The new system is almost halfway deployed, but TS has

been encountering some problems that the vendor may not be able to fully address; if not, TS will look at other vendors to see what solutions they offer.

Finally, Dale shared that TS's pilot group has their multifactor authentication licenses to begin testing. Ultimately, the County will have to license roughly 1,000 users, which will cost about \$50,000 annually. He confirmed for Commissioner McKinney that the County will continue utilizing Duo.

Commissioner McKinney also requested that Dale reach out to County Auditor Charles Ross to see about ensuring that there is security camera coverage of all ballot boxes in the County Courthouse.

6. HUMAN SERVICES (120 Minutes)

Esther Magasis reviewed her previous presentation to the Board regarding Systems Mapping Priorities to help determine how best to allocate mental health sales tax dollars. She highlighted priorities from the various categories based on greatest need and most realistic action steps. She also noted that although increased workforce availability is a top priority in order to effectively implement and operate various programs, it is unlikely that mental health sales tax dollars could be used for this purpose. After discussion about post-incarceration, domestic violence, and housing programs, Commissioner McKinney stated that she would like the Law & Justice Workforce to start meeting every other week in order to be ready to present to the BOCC around November 1st.

Next, Jayme Khoo, Ellen Hatleberg, and Kyle Gitchell of the Department of Commerce gave a presentation of the Homeless System Data Dashboards on the DOC website. Commissioner McKinney asked Jayme to follow up about how the data points were selected to determine priorities for serving the homeless population. Esther suggested that it is likely a person or group from the Department of Commerce, since the data points appear to be in alignment with their 5-year plan and also related to coordinated entry and the Homeless Management Information System. Commissioner McKinney also questioned how the funding each county receives in the future might be related to the scores they receive on key measures/system priorities. Commissioner Linde and Commissioner McKinney requested that the Department of Commerce restore/update the dashboards providing data on subgrantees. Jayme shared a spreadsheet with the raw data, but noted that DOC is planning on eventually creating a much more comprehensive dashboard; however, there is currently no timeline for this project. Commissioner McKinney requested that this spreadsheet link be added to the webpage with the other dashboards in the meantime, similar to what was done with COVID dashboards.

Esther went on to discuss the pro's and con's of emergency shelters vs. transitional housing. While the cost is much greater for transitional housing, the success rate is also much greater. She stated that transitional housing needs to be expanded to give more people the opportunity to access those services; however, many people will continue to utilize emergency shelters for some time before they feel ready for the commitment involved in transitional housing. Commissioner McKinney requested more details on how full each of these programs are to determine how imminent the need is for expansion.

Kyle Gitchell presented on equity in both access to services and outcomes from services. Esther Magasis stated that none of our programs restrict access by race, except those funded by the Yakama Nation directed at the Native American population. She added that ensuring outreach and services are operating in locations appropriate to various populations is important. Commissioner McKinney asked how the County can ensure that people take advantage of the resources we offer. Kyle stated that the data collected by DOC doesn't necessarily answer "why" people access programs and utilize them successfully or not – it only answers "who". Commissioner McKinney noted that while offering equal access is important, equal outcomes are impossible to predict or achieve because it doesn't necessarily account for human choice or other factors.

7. COMMISSIONER UPDATES/ GENERAL DISCUSSION

The commissioners did not have any updates to discuss.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The commissioners had no new business to discuss.

9. ADJOURN

Commissioner Linde MOTION: To Adjourn

Commissioner McKinney SECOND

(Commissioner Anderson stepped out.)

Motion Passes to Adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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