



CHELAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Dates & Time:

Monday, January 12, 2026 – 9:00 A.M

Location: Chelan County Administration Building, 400 Douglas St. Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 9:00 A.M.

Location: CTC 285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee, WA 98801

Monday, January 12, 2026

08:30:36 AM Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith.

Attendance

Present: Chairman Smith, Commissioner Overbay, County Administrator Cathy Mulhall, Deputy Clerk of the Board Ana Arroyo, and Clerk of the Board Anabel Torres. Commissioner Hawkins was excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment Period - *No Comments Received*

Chairman Smith opened the public comment period. No public comment was received. The public comment period was closed.

Employee Recognition

The following employees were recognized for their years of service:

Cindy Grubb	Public Works	40 years
Cindy Dietz	Prosecuting Attorney's Office	35 years
Kami Aldrich	Regional Justice Center	15 years
James Harvill	Superior Court	10 years

08:37:32 AM Consent Agenda

Upon motion by Commissioner Overbay and second by Commissioner Smith, the Board of County Commissioners approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved Items:

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| 1) Approval of Minutes | | 20260112-MIN-1 |
| 2) Vouchers as submitted and Listed | | 20260112-BDG-1 |
| 3) Payroll Changes: | | 20260112-PCN-1 |
| a) Raul Mendez | Assessor | Longevity Bonus |
| b) Mark Miller | Assessor | Step Increase |
| c) Peggy Fenhaus | Assessor | Step Increase |
| d) Lee O'Brien | Prosecuting Attorney | Step Increase |
| e) Michael Munneke | Prosecuting Attorney | Step Increase |
| f) Baxter Cecil | Sheriff | New Hire |
| g) Blaine Puckett | Public Works | Resignation |
| h) Kami Aldrich | Regional Justice Center | Longevity |
| i) James Moore | Regional Justice Center | Termination |
| j) Seth Wendzel | Economic Services | Layoff |
| k) Caleb Knowlton | Juvenile | Promotion |
| l) Silvestre Vargas-Mata | Juvenile | Step Increase |

08:38:36 AM Executive Session RE: Contract Negotiation

Upon motion by Commissioner Overbay and second by Commissioner Smith, the Board entered into a 5-minute Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(d), for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations.

08:44:01 AM The Board returned to regular session.

08:44:18 AM Board Discussion

Commissioner Hawkins joined session at 8:47 a.m.

08:59:42 AM Public Works Director Eric Pierson

09:00:13 AM Executive Session RE: Real Estate

Upon motion by Commissioner Overbay and second by Commissioner Hawkins, the Board entered into a 15-minute Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(b), for the purpose of discussing acquisition or lease of real property

09:15:14 AM The Board returned to regular session.

Departmental updates continued.

09:22:59 AM Recessed

09:32:08 AM Returned to regular session

09:32:32 AM Community Development Director Deanna Walter

Discussion:

- 1) Departmental Updates

09:36:00 AM Action

Upon motion by Commissioner Overbay and second by Commissioner Hawkins, the Board of County Commissioners approved the action items as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1) Granicus Preferred Payer Contract 20260112-AGR-1

09:47:25 AM Executive Session RE: Performance of a Public Official

Upon motion by Commissioner Overbay and second by Commissioner Hawkins, the Board entered into a 10-minute Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), to evaluate qualifications or performance of a public employee.

The Executive Session was extended by 58 minutes.

10:55:31 AM The Board returned to regular session.

10:55:59 AM Recessed

11:00:31 AM Returned to regular session

11:00:44 AM Natural Resources Director Mike Kaputa

Discussion:

- 1) Departmental Updates

11:12:57 AM Action:

Upon motion by Commissioner Overbay and second by Commissioner Hawkins, the Board of County Commissioners approved the action items as presented. Motion carried unanimously

- 1) Contract Change No. 9 with Aspect/Geosyntec Consulting for Mission Ridge Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Support 20260112-AGR-2
- 2) Amendment to Grant Agreement with WA Recreation and Conservation Office/Fish Barrier Removal Board for Derby Canyon Orchards Project 20260112-GRT-1
- 3) Amendment to Grant Agreement with WA Recreation and Conservation Office/Fish Barrier Removal Board for Derby Creek BNSF Railways Crossing Project 20260112-GRT-2
- 4) Execute Agreement with Blue Pine Fuels for Upper Wenatchee Defensible Space Project 20260112-AGR-3

11:22:38 AM Economic Services Director Ron Cridlebaugh

Discussion:

- 1) Departmental Updates

11:31:50 AM Action:

Upon motion by Commissioner Overbay and second by Commissioner Hawkins, the Board of County Commissioners approved the action items as presented. Motion carried unanimously

- 1) YWCA Capital Funding Agreement 20260112-GRT-3
- 2) Amendment: Common Ground Community Housing Trust CPIF grant. 20260112-GRT-4
- 3) Memo: LTAC Funding Distribution 20260112-GRT-5

11:34:24 AM Recessed

11:46:47 AM Returned to regular session

11:46:57 AM Executive Session RE: Performance of a Public Official

Upon motion by Commissioner Overbay and second by Commissioner Hawkins, the Board entered into a 5-minute Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(g), to evaluate qualifications or performance of a public employee.

The Executive Session was extended by 6 minutes.

11:58:03 AM The Board returned to regular session.

11:59:06 AM Recessed

The Board recessed and will reconvene in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. at the following location:

Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority Board Meeting

Confluence Technology Center
285 Technology Center Way
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

9:00:00 AM The Board reconvened in regular session

Joint Meeting with Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority Board

Discussion:

- 1) Review of the draft Interlocal Agreement between Chelan County and Chelan-Douglas Regional Port Authority regarding the Malaga Tax Increment Area.

10:36:00 AM Adjourned

The Board of County Commissioners adjourned until Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Weekly Voucher Approval for Payment

<i>Current Expense</i>	\$ 450,073.15
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$ 1,390,206.13
<i>Total all Funds</i>	\$ 1,840,279.28