



CHELAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Dates & Time:

Tuesday, February 17, 2026 – 9:00 A.M.

Location: Chelan County Administration Building, 400 Douglas St.

Wenatchee, WA 98801

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

9:00 A.M. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith.

Attendance

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Public Comment Period

Chairman Smith opened the public comment. Public Comment was received from:

- Joe Grentz
- Eric Pierson

The public comment period was closed.

09:14:38 AM Consent Agenda

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

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| 1. Approval of Minutes | 20260217-MIN-1 |
| 2. Vouchers as submitted and Listed | 20260217-BDG-1 |
| 3. Payroll Changes: | 20260217-PCN-1 |
| a) Briar Applebury, Facilities Maintenance – Correction | |
| b) Omar Ornelas, Facilities Maintenance – Step Increase | |

- c) Karrie Wolsborn, Sheriff – Correction
- d) Mathew Barnes, Sheriff – Step Increase
- e) Zachary Moran, Sheriff – Step Increase
- f) Stanley Smoke, Sheriff – Step Increase
- g) Diana Owens, Sheriff – Step Increase
- h) Lorena Orozco, District Court Probation – Reclassification
- i) Penny Greve, District Court Probation – Reclassification
- j) Melissa Gibbs, District Court – Promotion
- k) Heather Bertomeu, Regional Justice Center – Step Increase
- l) Jeffrey Aldrich, Regional Justice Center – Longevity
- m) Kyle Lemons, Regional Justice Center – Step Increase
- n) David Hisey, Regional Justice Center – Longevity
- o) John Campbell, Assessor – Step Increase
- p) Kristoffer Perry, Public Works – Step Increase
- q) Aiden Cockrum, Public Works – Resignation
- r) Jeremiah Rath, Natural Resources – Step Increase
- s) Brianne Hensley, Community Development – Retro Pay

09:15:00 AM Public Works Director Eric Pierson

Discussion:

- 1. Open Item

09:15:25 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 with LaRiviere Inc. for Totem Pole Road Phase I Project, County Road Project 650 (CRP 650) 20260217-AGR-1

09:21:04 AM Action

**Add-On*

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. Emergency Work Contract with WA Department of Transportation 20260217-AGR-2

9:23:01 AM Board Discussion

- 1. Request for additional funding for the Therapeutic Court/Recovery Support Coordinator from Opioid Funds

09:34:33 AM Action

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Overbay and seconded by Commissioner Hawkins, the Board of County Commissioners approved the request for a two-year contract for the Superior Court Request Re: Therapeutic Court/Recovery Support Coordinator, with a total amount not to exceed \$165,000.

1. Request for additional funding for the Therapeutic Court/Recovery Support Coordinator from Opioid Funds 20260217-GRT-1

09:35:25 AM Executive Session RE: Pending Litigation with PA Robert Sealby

Upon motion by Commissioner Hawkins and second by Commissioner Smith, the Board entered into a 5-minute Executive Session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i), for the purpose of discussing matters of litigation or legal risk with legal counsel.

The Executive Session was extended by 3 minutes. -Public Notified

9:43:32 AM The Board returned to regular session

9:44:14 AM Executive Session Re: Pending Litigation with PA Robert Sealby

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)(i), for the purpose of discussing Discuss matters of litigation or legal risk with legal counsel.

9:49:24 AM The Board returned to regular session

9:50:18 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. Memorandum of defense and indemnification 20260217-AGR-3

09:51:04 AM Executive Session RE: Pending Litigation with PA Robert Sealby

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)(i), for the purpose of discussing matters of litigation or legal risk with legal counsel.

The Executive Session was extended by 5 minutes. -Public Notified

10:01:52 AM The Board returned to regular session

10:01:55 AM County Administrator Cathy Mulhall

Discussion:

1. Departmental Updates

10:02:25 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. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for Superior Court Documents with CW Title and Escrow 20260217-AGR-4
2. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for Superior Court Documents with Kayla Murphy 20260217-AGR-5
3. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for District Court Documents with Kayla Murphy 20260217-AGR-6
4. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for Superior Court Documents with Kathy O'Connell 20260217-AGR-7
5. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for Superior Court Documents with Gatens Green Weidenbach, PPLC 20260217-AGR-8
6. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for Superior Court Documents with First American Title 20260217-AGR-9
7. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for Superior Court Documents with Chelan-Douglas County CASA 20260217-AGR-10
8. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for District Court Documents with Chelan-Douglas County CASA 20260217-AGR-11
9. Hiring Authorization Request Jail – Facilities Nurse 20260217-HR-1
10. Hiring Authorization Request Community Development – Permit Clerk 20260217-HR-2

10:02:32 AM PUBLIC HEARING RE: TIF Moratorium

Chair Smith opened the public hearing. Members of the public participated both in person and via Zoom. Testimony was received in person and via Zoom. 20260217-PH-1

Public testimony provided by:

- Quentin Batjer
- Tammy Donaghue
- Vicky Malloy

10:09:14 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) Adoption of Resolution #2026-26 Re: Extending the TIF Moratorium

10:09:52 AM Recessed**10:16:19 AM The Board returned to regular session**

10:16:28 AM Community Development Director Deanna Walter

10:16:43 AM PUBLIC HEARING RE: ZTA 25-248 (ptn) Titles 7, 11, & 14
(continued from 1/27/26) 20260217-PH-2

11:27:54 AM Action

Upon motion by Commissioner Overbay and second by Commissioner Hawkins, the Board of County Commissioners continued the public hearing regarding ZTA 25-248 Zoning Text Amendment to CCC Titles 7, 11 & 14 to **March 10, 2026 at 10:15 a.m.** Motion carried unanimously.

11:28:50 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. Refund Request – BP 250645 (Cummings) 20260217-RFND-1

11:29:47 AM Recessed

11:36:27 AM The Board returned to regular session

11:36:35 AM Economic Services Director Ron Cridlebaugh

Discussion:

1. Department Update

11:38:12 AM Executive Session RE: Real Estate

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)(b), for the purpose of discussing acquisition or lease of real property.

The Executive Session was extended by 5 minutes. -Public Notified

11:53:57 AM The Board returned to regular session

12:00:43 PM 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. Request for .09 Fund Allocation – Company Creek Road Emergency Assessment and Repairs 20260217-BDG-2
2. Request for Lodging Tax Funding – Cashmere Boat Ramp Restoration Project 20260217-BDG-3
3. 2026 Lodging Tax Framework Grants Agreement with Lake Chelan Chamber of Commerce 20260217-GRT-2
4. 2026 Lodging Tax Grant Agreement with Cascade Celtic Festival 20260217-GRT-3

5. 2026 Lodging Tax Grant Agreement with Wenatchee River Institute 20260217-GRT-4
6. 2026 Lodging Tax Grant Agreement with Plain Valley Ski Trails 20260217-GRT-5
7. Washington State Department of Agriculture Capital Project Grant Agreement for Chelan County Fair (Agreement No. K6377) 20260217-AGR-12
8. Approval to move forward with Purchase and Sale 20260217-CORR-3

Departmental updates continued.

12:03:39 PM Recessed

01:00:48 PM The Board returned to regular session

1:00:57 PM Natural Resources Director Mike Kaputa

1:01:13 PM Executive Session RE: Potential Litigation with PA Robert Sealby

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)(i), for the purpose of discussing matters of litigation or legal risk with legal counsel.

1:37:15 PM The Board returned to regular session

1:37:28 PM Continued Board Discussion

01:42:38 PM 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. Agreement with American Forest Management for Chumstick- and Plain-Area Forest Health Planning and Treatments 20260217-AGR-13
2. Agreement with Washington Department of Ecology for Upper Wenatchee FRB Alluvial Storage and Streamflow Restoration Projects 20260217-AGR-14
3. Contract Change with Aspect Consulting for Klonaqu Lake SEPA Checklist 20260217-AGR-15
4. Amendment #2 with City of Leavenworth for Icicle Water Conservation Program/Modernization Plan Development 20260217-AGR-16
5. Agreement with Mountain Barge Services for Stehekin Emergency Flood Repairs. 20260217-AGR-17
6. Agreement with Natural Systems Design for Stehekin Emergency Flood Repairs Phase 1 20260217-AGR-18

Departmental updates continued.

1:51:18 PM 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. Letter of Support for Senate Bill 6239

20260217-CORR-4

2:02:04 PM Adjourned

The Board of County Commissioners adjourned until Monday, February 23, 2026.

Weekly Voucher Approval for Payment

<i>Current Expense</i>	\$ 221,574.10
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$ 495,900.91
<i>Total all Funds</i>	\$ 717,475.01