



CHELAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Dates & Time:

Monday, March 16, 2026 – 9:00 A.M

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – 9:30 A.M.

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

Monday, March 16, 2026

9:02:19 A.M. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Attendance

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

Public Comment Period

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

- Patty Wilsey

The public comment period was closed.

9:07:17 AM Consent Agenda

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

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| 1. Approval of Minutes | 20260316-MIN-1 |
| 2. Vouchers as submitted and Listed | 20260316-BGD-1 |
| 3. Payroll Changes: | 20260316-PCN-1 |
| a) Jamie Davis, Natural Resources – Rehire | |
| b) Timothy Roach, Natural Resources – Rehire | |
| c) Stephanie Corona-Patino, Parks – New Hire | |
| d) Tanner Adeval, Parks – End of Season | |
| e) Betty Mills, Parks – Rehire | |
| f) Derek Shastko, Parks – Rehire | |
| g) Teresa Coffman, Superior Court – End of Season | |
| h) Morgan Mott, Superior Court – End of Season | |

- i) Dillon Sugg, Superior Court – End of Season
- j) Tyler Wells, Regional Justice Center – Incentive
- k) Janet Guerrero-Ramirez, District Court – Step Increase
- l) Chancey Crowell, District Court - Rehire

Board Discussion

9:15:46 AM Recessed

10:01:04 AM The Board returned to regular session.

10:01:18 AM County Administrator Cathy Mulhall

Discussion:

- 1. Departmental Updates
- 2. ADA Compliance

10:13:11 AM Action:

Upon motion by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Chairman Smith, 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 Douglas County OPD 20260316-AGR-1
- 2. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for District Court Documents with Douglas County OPD 20260316-AGR-2
- 3. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for Superior Court Documents with Becky Subido 20260316-AGR-3
- 4. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for District Court Documents with Becky Subido 20260316-AGR-4
- 5. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for Superior Court Documents with Kottkamp, Yedinak & Esworthy 20260316-AGR-5
- 6. 2026 Data Access Subscription Casual Use Agreement for District Court Documents with Kottkamp, Yedinak & Esworthy 20260316-AGR-6

10:22:42 AM Recessed

10:33:38 AM The Board returned to regular session.

10:33:44 AM Economic Services Director Ron Cridlebaugh

Discussion:

- 1. Departmental Updates

10:55:03 AM Recessed

11:30:11 AM The Board returned to regular session.

11:30:23 AM Natural Resources Director Mike Kaputa

11:31:05 AM Executive Session RE: Potential Litigation with PA Robert Sealby

Upon motion by Commissioner Hawkins and second by Commissioner Smith, the Board entered into a 10-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 25 minutes. -Public Notified

12:06:42 PM The Board returned to regular session. No action was taken.

12:13:51 PM Action:

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

1. Contract for Professional Services with Anchor QEA, Inc., for Wenatchee Chiwawa Irrigation District Piping Design Project 20260316-AGR-7
2. Contract Order No. 1 with Geosyntec for Lower Chiwawa Project—Clear Creek 20260316-AGR-8
3. Amendment 2 with Natural Systems Design for Nason Creek Rivermile 12 Floodplain Reconnection Project Design 20260316-AGR-9
4. Amendment to Subaward Agreement with Heartwood Biomass, Inc., for Forest Products Business and Market Assessment 20260316-AGR-10
5. Notice of Award with US Bureau of Reclamation for Clear Creek Ecosystem and Alluvial Watershed Restoration Project Design 20260316-AGR-11
6. Agreement with WA Department of Ecology Dam Safety Office for Icicle and Peshastin Irrigation Districts Alpine Lakes Dam Safety Improvements Design Project 20260316-AGR-12
7. Contract for Professional Services with Anchor QEA, Inc., for Icicle and Peshastin Irrigation Districts Alpine Lakes Dam Safety Improvements Design Project 20260316-AGR-13
8. Work Order 2026-000 with WA Department of Natural Resources for Stemilt Upper Wheeler Cross-Boundary Prescribed Burn Project 20260316-AGR-14
9. Independent Contractor Agreement with Ecological Services, LLC, for Stemilt Upper Wheeler Cross-Boundary Prescribed Burn Project 20260316-AGR-15

12:14:26 PM Recessed

The Board recessed and will reconvene in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 9:30 A.M

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

9:31:10 AM The Board reconvened in regular session

9:32:05 AM Public Works Director Eric Pierson

Discussion:

1. ~~Franchise Compensation~~ * *Postponed until next week*
2. Event Permit – Manson Apple Blossom Parade
3. Open Item

9:38:12 AM Action:

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

1. Resolution #2026-31 RE: to Authorize the Director of Public Works to Declare an Emergency, Waive Competitive Bidding, and Award Contracts
2. Resolution #2026-32 RE: to Authorize the Director of Public Works to Make Purchases and Contracts up to \$100,000 During an Emergency
3. Sign Letter to Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council Regarding Funding for Chumstick Highway/North Road Intersection Improvement Project, County Road Project 686 (CRP 686) 20260316-CORR-1

9:42:29 AM Recessed

10:15:15 AM The Board returned to regular session.

10:15:47 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 2 minutes. -Public Notified

10:22:35 AM The Board returned to regular session. No action was taken.

10:23:13 AM Community Development Director Deanna Walter

10:27:03 AM Action:

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

1. McKenna CUP Application Fee Waiver Request 20260316-CORR-1
2. Final 2026 Docket Approval 20260316-PLN-1

Discussion:

1. Wineries - Permits

11:00:36 AM Recessed

11:07:42 AM The Board returned to regular session.

11:08:26 AM County Assessor Wes Cornelius

Discussion:

1. Departmental Updates

11:24:13 AM Recessed

11:34:09 AM The Board returned to regular session.

11:34:16 AM City of Cashmere Mayor Jim Fletcher

11:54:13 AM Adjourned

The Board of County Commissioners adjourned until Monday, March 30, 2026.

Weekly Voucher Approval for Payment

<i>Current Expense</i>	\$ 123,294.31
<i>Other Funds</i>	\$ 3,363,226.77
<i>Total all Funds</i>	\$3,486,521.08