



MEETING INFORMATION

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

H1
4/12/21
@ 1pm

****ATTENTION****

In response to the current Governors order Clallam County has moved Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery Plan. To be in compliance with the Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery Plan the following general requirements for COVID safety for meetings held in the Board of Commissioners Board Room are as follows:

1. All attendees are encouraged to provide contact information on a sign in sheet which will be retained for 28 days for contact tracing purposes.
2. Public seating areas and Board member seating must be arranged to ensure physical distancing is maintained.
3. Meeting attendees must wear a proper face covering and maintain six feet of physical distance between other persons.
4. No food or drink should be consumed in the BOCC Board Room.
5. Meeting organizers shall clean or arrange to have cleaned high-touch surfaces before and after each meeting.
6. Hand sanitizing stations will be available in the BOCC Board Room.
7. Keep doors and windows open where possible to improve ventilation.
8. The Chair of the meeting shall ensure masking and social distancing practices are enforced and practices by all event attendees.

This meeting can be viewed on a live stream at this link: <http://www.clallam.net/features/meetings.html>

If you would like to participate in the meeting via BlueJeans audio only, call 408-419-1715 and join with Meeting ID: 875 561 784

If you would like to participate in the meeting via BlueJeans video conference, visit www.bluejeans.com and join with Meeting ID: 875 561 784

Public comment and questions can be directed to the Clerk of the Board at 360-417-2256 or agores@co.clallam.wa.us.



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

(Must be submitted NLT 3PM Wednesday for next week agenda)

Department: BOCC

WORK SESSION ☐ Meeting Date:

REGULAR AGENDA ☒ Meeting Date: 4-12-21 at 1 p.m.

Item summary:

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| ☒ Hearing | ☐ Contract/Agreement/MOU - Contract # | |
| ☐ Resolution | ☐ Proclamation | ☐ Budget Item |
| ☐ Draft Ordinance | ☐ Final Ordinance | ☒ Other - Charter Review Recommendation |

Executive summary:

The Board of Commissioners will be holding a continued public hearing regarding the following Charter Review Recommendations on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.

- 1) Recommendation ensuring Franchises comply with the National Environmental Protection Act
- 2) Recommendation on Legislation for Ranked-Choice Voting

Budgetary impact: (Is there a monetary impact? If so, are funds for this already allocated or is a budget change necessary? If this is a contract and a budget change is necessary, the budget change form must be submitted with the item at work session and for the regular agenda) **If a budget action is required, has it been submitted and a copy attached?** ☐
None.

Recommended action:

(Does the Board need to act? If so, what is the department's recommendation?)

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County Official signature & print name: Loni Gores Loni Gores, Clerk

Name of Employee/Stakeholder attending meeting: Board of Commissioners and Sue Erzen – Chair of the 2020 Charter Review Commission

Relevant Departments: Board of Commissioners

Date submitted: February 19, 2021

* Work Session Meeting - Submit 1 single sided/not stapled copy

Charter Review recommendations 4-12-21.docx

** Regular Meeting – Submit 1 single sided/not stapled copy and originals (1 or 3 copies)

Revised: 3-04-2019



Charter Review Commission

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Clerk Email: agores@co.clallam.wa.us

Date: September 23, 2020
From: Clallam County Charter Review Commission
To: Clallam County Board of County Commissioners
Re: Consider an Ordinance Ensuring Franchises Comply with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)

Request from Clallam County Charter Review Commissioner to Clallam County Commissioners to Consider an Ordinance Ensuring Franchises Comply with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)

Whereas the Clallam County Charter Review commission voted on July 9, 2020, not to forward a proposed amendment to Article XII, Section 12.30 regarding Franchises to the ballot as a Charter Amendment,

Whereas the Clallam County Charter Review Commission voted on July 9, 2020 to forward a proposed amendment to Article XII, Section 12.30 to the County Commissioners for consideration as an ordinance amending the County Code regarding franchises,

Whereas the Clallam County Charter Review Commission received public input from 40 individuals in support and two opposed to EMF regulation which is the highest responses on any topic that the Charter Review Commission has received,

The Clallam County Charter Review Commission herewith sends to the Clallam County Commissioners the following proposal for consideration as an ordinance amending the County Code regarding franchises.

The BOCC shall take all required and necessary legal actions to ensure that any franchise associated with new radio frequency devices or systems operating in the micro or millimeter wave frequency range, be accompanied by a scientific study determining that such law, regulation or franchise is in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) prior to the enactment or granting of any franchise.

Sue Erzen
Chair - Charter Review Commission

Tony Corrado
Commissioner - Charter Review Commission
Sponsor of Franchise Amendment



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Date: December 14, 2020
From: Clallam County Charter Review Commission
To: Clallam County Board of County Commissioners

Request from Clallam County Charter Review Commissioner to Clallam County Commissioners to pass a resolution calling on the state legislature to pass legislation, which would enable the County (and other jurisdictions in the state) to adopt ranked-choice voting for local elections, if they so choose.

Clallam County Charter Review Commission: Recommendation in Favor of Legislation for Ranked-Choice Voting

WHEREAS, an engaged electorate is foundational to the healthy civic life of the community; and

WHEREAS, voter turnout in our primary elections is, without exception, significantly lower than in the general election, and is not reflective of the general electorate; and

WHEREAS, reasons for voter disengagement may include: fear of wasting your vote on a candidate who is not "electable"; pressure to vote tactically for the "lesser of two evils" rather than for the candidate you actually like best; limited choices on the general election ballot; negative campaigning; feeling that your vote doesn't matter; and

WHEREAS, an alternative to our "Top Two" primary system is Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV), whereby instead of being limited to choosing just one candidate in a given race, voters are empowered to rank as many candidates as they like in order of their preference (e.g., 1st choice, 2nd choice, 3rd choice); each voter has only one vote, but can indicate their backup choices; and

WHEREAS, with RCV, voters know that if their 1st choice doesn't have enough support to win, their vote will count for their 2nd choice; if their 2nd choice is defeated, their vote will count for their 3rd choice, and so on;

WHEREAS, using RCV means that the primary and the general elections can be combined into a single, high-turnout election; and

WHEREAS, demonstrated benefits of RCV include:

- saves costs for jurisdictions by preventing costly and low-turnout primary elections;
- frees voters to choose their true favorite candidate without fear of throwing away their vote;
- encourages more candidates to run because they won't fear "splitting the vote" with other similar candidates, or being a "spoiler";
- encourages candidates to reach out to more voters and build a broad coalition of support to win;
- reduces political polarization and mudslinging, and promotes civil, issue-oriented campaigns; and

WHEREAS, more than twenty U.S. jurisdictions have adopted some version of ranked-choice voting, including Minneapolis (MN), New York City (NY), Santa Fe (NM), Memphis (TN), Oakland (CA), Payson (UT), Boulder (CO), Takoma Park (MD), Benton County (OR), and the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Clallam County voters were able to consider a charter amendment that would have adopted ranked-choice voting for County elections; and

WHEREAS, today, Clallam County voters no longer have the option to consider adopting ranked-choice voting, because Washington state law presently mandates a "Top Two" primary system for all jurisdictions that effectively prohibits them from adopting RCV; and

WHEREAS, two bills currently before the Washington State Legislature, HB 1722 and SB 5708 (the "Local Options Bill") as they are presently drafted, would amend state law to give local jurisdictions the option to adopt RCV; and

WHEREAS, HB 1722 and SB 5708 are merely permissive bills which do not dictate or impose any policies upon any jurisdictions, but simply provide jurisdictions with the ability, should they choose, to adopt RCV.

THEREFORE, THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners pass a resolution calling on the state legislature to pass legislation, which would enable the County (and other jurisdictions in the state) to adopt ranked-choice voting for local elections, if they so choose.

Sue Erzen
Chair - Charter Review Commission

Therese Stokan
Commissioner - Charter Review Commission
Sponsor of Choice-Ranked Voting

PUBLIC HEARING

Charter Review Commission Recommendations Recommendation Ensuring Franchises Comply with the National Environmental Protection Act And Recommendation on Legislation for Ranked-Choice Voting

NOTICE: The Clallam County Board of Commissioners will conduct public hearings on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. and on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Clallam County Courthouse, 223 East 4th Street, Room 160, Port Angeles, Washington. The public hearing is to take public comment on the Charter Review Commission recommendations listed above. All recommendations are available on the County website <http://www.clallam.net/bocc/homerulecharter.html>

Public comments are encouraged. Submit written comments to the proponent below before the hearings or present comments at the public hearing.

****ATTENTION****

In response to the current pandemic, to promote social distancing, and in compliance with Governor's Proclamation which prohibits in-person attendance at meetings, the Board of Commissioners strongly encourages the public to take advantage of remote options for attending open public meetings. The Board of Commissioners also strongly encourages public comments to be submitted in writing if possible.

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No in-person attendance will be allowed until Governor's Proclamation is lifted.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations are available upon request. The facility is considered "barrier free" and accessible to those with physical disabilities.

PROPONENT: Clallam County Board of Commissioners
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FORMAL IDENTIFICATION: Charter Review Commission Recommendations:
Recommendation Ensuring Franchises Comply with the National Environmental Protection Act
And
Recommendation on Legislation for Ranked-Choice Voting

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

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- Recommends that the Clallam County Board of County Commissioners pass a resolution calling on the state legislature to pass legislation, which would enable the County (and other jurisdictions in the state) to adopt ranked-choice voting for local elections, if they so choose.

Publish: March 28 and April 9 (PDN)
March 31 (Sequim Gazette)
April 1 (Forks Forum)

Loni Gores, CMC, Clerk of the Board

Bill: Board of Commissioners