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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of January 15 - 19, 2024

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and French, and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published January 11 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Agreement with Jefferson County Public Health Department for Nurse-Family partnership
- Agreement with Washington State Department of Military and U.S. Department of Homeland Security for Emergency Management Preparedness Grant
- Purchase order for CrowdStrike and Falcon security monitoring and mitigating application suite
- Towne Road update
- Discussion on proposed budget revisions to be considered on January 30
- Discussion of proposed supplemental appropriations to be considered on January 30
- Letter to Department of Natural Resources Commissioner of Public Lands responding to letter dated December 18, 2023 – Clallam County timber

Meeting concluded at 9:55 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Added:

- 1g Letter to Department of Natural Resources Commissioner of Public Lands responding to letter dated December 18, 2023 – Clallam County timber

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the agenda as modified, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on item 1g and 1d

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of January 8
- 1b Approval of payroll for the period ending December 31
- 1c Approval of minutes for the week of January 8
- 1d Letter of support for the Washington State Coastal Climate Resilience Initiative Proposal
- 1e Letter of collaboration and support for the Noth Olympic Peninsula Climate Resilience Collaborative Proposal
- 1f Notice to call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 10 a.m. regarding an Ordinance rescinding Ordinance 963 Employment Contract for the County Administrator
- 1g Letter to Department of Natural Resources Commissioner of Public Lands responding to letter dated December 18, 2023 – Clallam County timber

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the consent agenda as modified, CMOs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMO commented on County Road Crews and thanked them for their work during the weather
- CRJ commented on Lodging Tax Advisory Committee funding requests call for applications, carbon sequestration
- CMF commented on Recompete

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement amendment 1 with Department of Social and Health Services for Developmental Disabilities Programs

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2b Agreement amendment 1 with Administrative Office of the Courts for Blake decision

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2c Agreement amendment 2 with Department of Veterans Affairs for Veterans Service Officer extension

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2d Agreement with Department of Ecology for shoreline management planning

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

ADMINISTRATION

3a Request for qualifications to be received no later than Tuesday, February 13, 2024 for 2024 Architecture/Courthouse Security/Pedestrian Bridge/ Engineering Consulting Services

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMOs, mc

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

4a Request to call for proposals to be submitted no later than Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 10 a.m. regarding Comprehensive Plan Update Services

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC WORKS

5a Easement purchase agreement with Harvey Kailin for Hoko-Ozette Road

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

BUDGET

6a Notice that the following budget revisions will be adopted by Resolution on January 30:
DCD Planning, DCD Building, District Court I – Following adoption of the 2024 General Fund Budget, unanticipated staffing developments were identified within the General Fund's Department of DCD Planning and Building divisions which are expected to result in identified cost savings to the 2024 budget. These savings have been identified as a source of funding to potentially re-establish funding to District Court I to fill a vacant, deferred Court Clerk III position in the District Court I budget beginning April 1, 2024, a position identified as one that is contributor to the collection of legal financial obligation revenue for the County. This budget revision between General Fund departments is needed to transition sufficient funding from the DCD Planning and Building divisions based on these identified cost savings to the District Court I personnel budget to enable refilling of the vacant Court Clerk III position/\$65,891

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMOs, mc

6b Notice that the following supplemental appropriations will be adopted by Resolution on January 30:
Sheriff – OPNET Drug – A currency counter that can integrate with our evidence software was added to our 2023 budget as a supplemental with Drug Task Force JAG grant funding. While we received the currency counter in October of 2023, the vendor did not supply us with an invoice in time to pay it during the 2023 calendar year, so the budget line was entirely unspent. We need this additional funding transferred to the 2024 budget/\$9,932

Board of Commissioners – Recompete Grant – Recompete Strategy Development Grant funding will be used to research the Prime Age Employment Gap (PAEG) in our county to determine the barriers they face preventing their participation in the workforce and how they may be alleviated/\$498,729

Department of Community Development Environmental Quality – Clallam County DCD received a NOAA Grant administered through the Department of Ecology to fund Clallam County Marine

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Resources County projects from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025. This is for the 2024 budget/\$68,000

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Virginia Shogren, Sequim, commented on Clallam Conservation District piping project
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on item 2d
- Paula Lustbader, Blyn, commented on Towne Road
- Gail Baker, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, noise ordinance
- Pepai Whipple, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Thomas Ash, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Rob White, Sequim, commented on Clallam Conservation District
- Derrick Eberle, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Bree Eberle, Sequim, commented on Towne Road

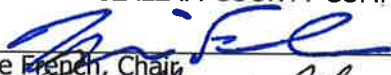
Meeting concluded at 11:13 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, January 22, 2024.

The Board of Commissioners attended Board of Health Meeting, Coffee with Colleen, Clallam Transit Meeting, EDC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Finance Committee Meeting during the week of January 15.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2024.

ATTEST: 
Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

 BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mike French, Chair


Randy Johnson


Mark Ozias

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

ATM Administrator Todd Mielke
CMO Commissioner Mark Ozias
CRJ Commissioner Randy Johnson
CMF Commissioner Mike French

m moved
mc motion carried
s seconded

Comment to Clallam County Commissioners
January 16, 2024
Gayle Baker, Sequim

I would like to address the hypocritical comments from the “environmentalists,” who proclaim a trail only road is better for the environment. Before the levee was breached and people walked and fished from the old trail, there were dozens upon dozens of cars parked along the road, at the gate, and in the Old School House parking lot. That’s a lot of car and truck pollution just to take a one-to-two-mile walk. Now add to that the extra five miles to get to the trailhead if the road is closed—even more pollution. And these environmentalists, with their dogs on or off leash, are the same ones leaving behind bags of dog poop, if they bother to bag it at all. According to biologists, dog poop is not good for the river. I’m sick of the virtue signaling, sanctimonious outpouring from so called environmentalists.

The pro-trail group doesn’t seem to understand that heavy equipment—like tractors, fire engines, farm equipment and other heavy machinery—cause extraordinary damage to a gravel road. I have a gravel driveway and I can categorically state that maintenance of a graveled Towne Road will be much more expensive in the long run. From comments put out by the pro-trail group—on their website and speaking last week—they speak as if paving Towne Road is somehow new, that Towne Road has never been open, never had a foot of pavement to mar its pristine surface. Towne Road has been in service for over a century!

The pro-trail/anti-road group think it’s no big deal to open a gate or two in an emergency. What about an emergency during a power outage? What if one minute is the difference between life and death for someone? The pro-trail group thinks it’s ok to spend a million of our tax paid dollars to pay for that gate or two—these gates were NEVER in the original plan. Not to mention the side-talk of the need for a parking lot to accommodate all the vehicles needing a place to park at the trailhead and that the money will come from the original cache that was supposed to be used to finish the road. Will the environmentalists complain? Doubtful? Afterall, it’s for their convenience.

Towne Road is not the ONLY option in Sequim for anyone wishing to take a beautiful, nature-filled stroll or bike ride. The Dungeness River Trail System is extensive and readily accessible. Or here’s a novel idea...I walk nearly every day and I do so in my neighborhood—walking from my house in a two-and-a-half-mile loop that takes me along Old Olympic Hwy, through my neighborhood on roads with no sidewalks, and up Heath Road, which has a ton of traffic and no shoulder. I walk this route because I really do believe in protecting the environment and I do what I can to walk my talk (pun intended). I meet my neighbors, welcome new ones to the neighborhood and seldom do I see a bag of poop left behind. That’s so refreshing. I just can’t understand how driving a car to a trailhead to take a walk is environmentally friendly.

And if anyone thinks that we have a majority (two) of the commissioners on our side to open Towne Road, I doubt it. We know where Commissioner Ozias stands, always at the side of the Tribe, and I like Commissioner Johnson but he can be outvoted if Commissioner French sides with Ozias. And I believe he will unless we continue to press to have Towne Road opened as originally promised. Please stick to the original plan and Open Towne Road! It’s the right thing to do environmentally, fiscally, and morally.

Thank you,
Gayle Baker, Sequim, WA

BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions

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