



EMERGENCY MEETING NOTICE

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners will be holding an emergency board meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. This meeting is being held virtually only to request approval of a Resolution – Courthouse Closure for COVID-19 Event in Clallam County.

ADMINISTRATION

1a Resolution – Courthouse closure for COVID-19 Virus Event in Clallam County

****ATTENTION****

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AGENDA

BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

223 East 4th Street, Room 160

Port Angeles, Washington

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CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may recess into Executive Session to consider employment or dismissal of personnel, to review the performance of a public employee, to consult with legal counsel, to consider the position to be taken in collective bargaining, to consider acquisition or sale of real estate, or other matters per RCW 42.30.110



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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

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1/6/22

Department: BOCC

EMERGENCY MEETING ☒ Date: 1-6-22

Item summary:

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| ☐ Call for Hearing | ☐ Contract/Agreement/MOU - Contract # | |
| ☒ Resolution | ☐ Proclamation | ☐ Budget Item |
| ☐ Draft Ordinance | ☐ Final Ordinance | ☐ Other |

Documents exempt from public disclosure attached: ☐

Executive summary:

Emergency Meeting:

Review and approve a Resolution – Courthouse Closure for COVID-19 Virus Event in Clallam County. Courthouse closure will take place on Thursday, January 6 and Friday, January 7, 2022.

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?** ☐

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

Review and approve a Resolution – Courthouse Closure for COVID-19 Virus Event in Clallam County.

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

Name of Employee/Stakeholder attending meeting: Board of Commissioners, Human Resources – Rich Sill and Tom Reyes

Relevant Departments: Board of Commissioners

Date submitted: January 6, 2022

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

COVID courthouse closure 1-6-22
Revised: 3-04-2019



RESOLUTION _____, 2022

COURTHOUSE CLOSURE
FOR COVID 19 VIRUS EVENT IN CLALLAM COUNTY

THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS finds as follows:

1. On January 21, 2020, the Washington State Department of Health confirmed the first case of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States in Snohomish County, Washington, and local health departments and the Washington State Department of Health have since that time worked to identify, contact, and test others in Washington State potentially exposed to COVID-19 in coordination with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and
2. COVID-19, a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death, is caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can easily spread from person to person; and
3. The CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high", and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and
4. On January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020; and
5. Clallam County Board of Commissioners approved a Resolution declaring an emergency for COVID-19 virus event in Clallam County on March 17, 2020 under Resolution 37 and modified June 26, 2020 under Resolution 52.
6. Viruses constantly change through mutation and sometimes these mutations result in a new variant of the virus. On December 4, 2021 the Washington State Department of Health confirmed that the Omicron variant had been detected in Washington State. The Omicron variant likely will spread more easily than the original SARS-CoV-2 virus.
7. During the months of November and December 2021 Clallam County started to see a rise of positive cases and exposures within the Community.
8. During the week of January 3, 2021 the positive cases and exposures in Clallam County Employees dramatically increased. This increase has left some departments with the inability to open to the public due to the lack of employees to staff the office and assist public members.
9. On January 5, 2022 the Clallam County Administrator, with the guidance of the Clallam County Health Office Dr. Allison Berry, recommended closing the Clallam County Courthouse to all public and staff as a precautionary measure to reduce the risk of further local transmission of COVID. The Courthouse will undergo deep cleaning and sanitation during this time.
10. During the closure the Courthouse will remain open for the Courts and essential staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Clallam County Commissioners, in consideration of the above findings of fact:

1. That the Clallam County Courthouse will be closed on Thursday, January 6 and Friday, January 7, 2022 as a precautionary measure to reduce the risk of further local transmission of COVID.
2. Encourages all Citizens and Staff to take all necessary steps to stay healthy and follow guidelines outlined by the local Health Officer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of January 2022

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Ozias, District 1

ATTEST:

Randy Johnson, District 2

Loni Gores, CMC, Clerk of the Board

Bill Peach, District 3