



BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of December 25 – 29, 2023

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EXECUTIVE SESSION – December 20, 23 at 1 p.m.

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office requests an Executive Session with the Board of Commissioners on Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, an executive session will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, December 20, 2023 in the Commissioners Small Conference Room, 223 East 4th Street, Port Angeles, Room 150. No Zoom option will be available.

The Board of Commissioners will discuss with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office potential/pending litigation.

Per RCW 42.30.110(i), the Board may recess into executive session "to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation . . . to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency."

Any action will be taken in a open public meeting.

The Board convened in open session at 1:01 p.m. to discuss potential/pending litigation. Present were Commissioners Ozias, French and Johnson, Chief Civil Prosecuting Attorney Boughton, Prosecuting Attorney Nichols, Deputy Director Human Resources/Administrator/Risk Reyes, Administrator Mielke, and Chief Financial Officer Lane.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to recess to executive session for 1 hour, CMFs, mc

Board recessed into executive session at 1:03 p.m.

Board convened in open session at 2:02 p.m. and CMO noted the executive session will be extended for 30 minutes.

Board convened in open session at 2:32 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to direct staff to draft a letter consistent with the conversation held in executive session. The letter will be signed by all three Commissioners and delivered to Judge Neupert, CRJs

Discussion was held.

AMENDED ACTION TAKEN: CMF amended the motion to direct staff to draft a letter consistent with the discussion held in executive session. The letter will be signed by all three Commissioners and delivered to Judge Neupert. The letter will also be added to the consent agenda at the next open public meeting, CRJs

Discussion was held.

AMENDED ACTION TAKEN: CMF amended the motion to direct staff to draft a letter consistent with the discussion held in executive session. The letter will be signed by all three Commissioners and delivered to Judge Neupert. The letter will be addressed during the correspondences section during the work session on December 26, 2023, CRJs, mc

Meeting concluded at 2:53 p.m.

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WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Tuesday, December 26, 2023. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and French, and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published December 21 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution reappointing Ioana Bociu to the Marine Resources Committee
- Resolution appointing Patricia Willits to the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board
- Developmental Disabilities funding recommendations 2024
- Pre-application questionnaire with Department of Commerce for Secure Federal Funding Initiative Grant Recompete
- Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County for American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA)

Meeting concluded at 10:03 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Ozias called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 26, 2023. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and French and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the agenda as presented, CMFs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Gayle Baker, Sequim, commented on Towne Road (see attached)
- Henry Howe, Sequim, commented on Towne Road

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the weeks of December 11 and 18
- 1b Approval of payroll for the period ending November 30
- 1c Approval of minutes for the week of December 11

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the consent agenda as presented, CMFs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMF commented on Recompete, Operational Area meeting, meeting with Beaver Grocery and Health and Human Services Environmental Health
- CRJ commented on subset Housing Solutions Committee meeting, Natural Resources Innovations Center (NRIC) meeting, Winter Ice Village
- CMO commented on Legislative Steering Committee

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 2a Contract amendment 15 with Department of Health for WIC Nutrition, Drinking Water Group A Programs, and On-Site Sewage System Local Management Plan Implementation

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

- 2b Agreement with Department of Ecology for Clallam County Marine Resources County Projects

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

- 2c Agreement with Harper Ridgeview Funeral Chapel for Coroner services

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

- 2d Agreement with Department of Commerce for STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

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2e Agreement with Department of Commerce for STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2f Agreement amendment 1 with Olympic Peninsula Humane Society for animal sheltering services
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2g Agreement amendment 7 with Terraphase Engineering dba Robinson Noble to extend the contract to finish the scope of work
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2h Agreement amendment 1 with Public Works for Hotel/Motel Tax Fund agreement extension
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2i Agreement amendment 2 with Public Works for Hotel/Motel Tax Fund agreement extension
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2j Agreement with DCG Watershed for Bullman Beach Water System
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2k Agreement with Peninsula Behavioral Health for Behavioral Health Funds/\$39,529.69
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2l Agreement with Peninsula Behavioral Health for Behavioral Health Funds/\$166,500
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2m Agreement with Peninsula Behavioral Health for Behavioral Health Funds/\$24,000
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2n Agreement with First Step Family Support Center for Behavioral Health Funds/\$200,000
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2o Agreement with The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula for Behavioral Health Funds/\$25,446.30
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2p Agreement with West End Outreach Services for Behavioral Health Funds/\$77,468
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2q Agreement with Transformations by Olympic Angels for Behavioral Health Funds/\$39,674.77
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2r Agreement with Sequim School District for Behavioral Health Funds/\$306,450
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2s Agreement with Reflections Counseling Services Group for Behavioral Health Funds/\$205,500
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2t Agreement with Reflections Counseling Services Group for Behavioral Health Funds/\$284,700
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2u Agreement with Port Angeles Fire Department for Behavioral Health Funds/\$351,871.24
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2v Agreement with Olympic Personal Growth Center for Behavioral Health Funds/\$58,860
ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

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2w Agreement with Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic for Behavioral Health Funds/\$220,000

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc (CMF abstained)

ADMINISTRATION

3a Resolution authorizing the Board of Equalization to convene

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

3b Resolution reappointing Charles Meyer, Lourene O'Brien, and Alan Barnard to the Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Committee

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

3c Resolution reappointing Annie O'Rourke, Mattias Jarvegren, and Carla Sebastian to the Permit Advisory Board

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

3d Resolution reappointing Gregory McCarry to the Housing Solutions Committee

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

3e Resolution reappointing Nikki Booth, Thomas Butler, and Kenneth Reandeau to the Planning Commission

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

3f Resolution reappointing Sarah Woodard and Sharon Maggard to the Homelessness Task Force

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

3g Resolution reappointing Bill Hermann, Johanna Bartee, and Joseph Murray to the Opportunity Fund Board

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

3h Resolution reappointing Robert Vreeland, Ann Soule, and Lyn Muench to the Marine Resources Committee

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

3i Resolution appointing and reappointing various members to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

3j Resolution reappointing various members to the Trails Advisory Committee

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

3k Resolution reappointing Richard Hendrickson to the Boundary Review Board

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to public comment, a Towne Road update is given from Bruce Emery, Director of Community Development and Joe Donisi, Road/Public Works Department

- Karen Hubert, Sequim, commented on item 2r, Towne Road
- Gayle Baker, commented on Towne Road
- Isabelle Dunlop, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Eileen Damian, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Tom Ash, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Pepai Whipple, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Enid Phreaner, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- John Zey, Sequim, commented on Towne Road
- Derrick Eberle, Sequim, commented on Towne Road

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Board held discussion regarding Towne Road.

ACTION TAKEN: CMF moved to affirm that Clallam County has selected Option 2 as the preferred option for completion of Towne Road, and has requested that the Public Works Department bring back to the Board a strategy to accomplish Option 2, and to be completed in a timely fashion with the desire to complete the project by the end of the 2024 construction season, CRJs, mc

Meeting concluded at 12:16 p.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Tuesday January 2, 2024.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of January 2024.

ATTEST:

Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

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Mark Ozias


Randy Johnson


Mike French

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



Gayle Baker
Public Comment
12/26/23

Public Comment
December 26, 2023
Gayle Baker

Commissioners! Please pass a resolution to commit to the completion of Towne Road in 2024 within the budget set by the grant you previously signed off on. The electronic gate is a waste of taxpayer money with the primary beneficiaries Mr. & Mrs. Eberle and the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe; the Tribe gets more land and the Eberle's get a gate they don't have to pay for, but which yields them access to lower Towne Road whenever they desire to use it. Yay for them!

Too bad for those people whose homes may burn down or those who may not be able to evacuate the area in case of a tsunami or flood. So sorry for the folks on the other two roads that now have the traffic that used to use Towne Road. And not so good for the taxpayers that have paid for all the changes to the road and surrounding land in the first place—including the overpayment for 24th District Representative, Steve Tharinger's house—a house that was purchased with county funds to facilitate relocation of the berm and road.

Too bad for the taxpayers who paid for the Tribe's premature breach of the levy—and I'm not convinced that wasn't on purpose considering the benefit they have derived as a result of that premature breach—which shuts down Towne Road and gets them their wish that the road remains closed. Is it true the land around the levy reverts to the tribe if Towne Road remains closed for another two and a half years?

Mark Ozias has shown his utter disregard for the citizens of Clallam County, instead catering to the interests of the Eberles' and the Jamestown Tribe. According to PDC records, Mr. Ozias had \$3,425 in campaign donations in 2023--\$1,800 (or 53%) of that amount was from the Jamestown Tribe--Commissioner Ozias's biggest donor by far. Makes me wonder if Towne Road would be open if not for those two big donations.¹ No PDC record of any donation to Mr. French or Mr. Johnson by the Jamestown Tribe. Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner French, you two have the votes that can open this road. You are supposed to be voting independently according to your district needs and the needs of the county as a whole. Do what's right for the community and open Towne Road!

The Sherriff is on record that the road should be open and stay open, the Fire Chief is on record that the road should be open. More people have written letters to the Commissioners wanting Towne Road open than letters to keep it closed. Open Towne Road! Director Energy is on Record to open Towne Rd.

It is your duty as commissioners to uphold the oath you swore when you took office. It goes something like this:

I, _____, do solemnly swear [or affirm] that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, and all local ordinances, and that I will faithfully and impartially perform and discharge the duties of the office of _____, according to the law and the best of my ability.²

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¹ <https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110161472>

² <https://mrsc.org/stay-informed/mrsc-insight/october-2023/oath-of-office>