



MEETING INFORMATION

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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4/26/21
5pm

****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.

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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: 4-26-21 at 5 p.m.

Item summary:

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

Executive summary:

The Board of Commissioners will be holding a continued public hearing regarding the following Charter Review Recommendations on Monday, April 26 at 5 p.m.

- 1) Recommendation increasing monitoring of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) management of its trust lands by hiring a Forester.
- 2) Recommendation to meet all housing needs by creating permanent housing

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 4-26-21.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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Date: September 28, 2020
From: Clallam County Charter Review Commission
To: Clallam County Board of County Commissioners
Re: Charter Review Commission recommendation to increasing monitoring of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) management of its trust lands by hiring a forester.

Request from Clallam County Charter Review Commission to Clallam County Commissioners to increase their monitoring of the DNR's management of its trust lands by hiring a forester.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages approximately 92,000 acres of Clallam County Trust Lands for commercial forestry with a mandate to return revenue to the county and junior taxing districts. Hiring a forester would provide County oversight and involvement in the DNR activities associated with the County's state managed trust lands.

Therefore, the Charter Review Commission recommends that Clallam County increase their monitoring of the DNR's management of its trust lands by hiring a forester.

Sue Erzen
Chair - Charter Review Commission
Commission

Joe Murray
Commissioner - Charter Review
Sponsor of Forester Amendment



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Date: September 16, 2020

From: Clallam County Charter Review Recommendation

To: Clallam County Board of County Commissioners

**Subject: CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
RECOMMENDATION TO MEET ALL HOUSING NEEDS BY CREATING
PERMANENT HOUSING**

Whereas: The Universal Declaration of human rights, adopted by the United Nations in 1948 Article 25 states: 'Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of self and of family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services.' One in 588 Americans is homeless. Washington State is one of the ten states with the highest homelessness rate. Seven percent of homeless people are veterans, but seven percent also are unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age (HUD, 2018), and

Whereas: Homelessness in Clallam County is 0.38% of the population (approximately 285 individuals) and include families with children, as well as individuals across all age, health, income levels, racial and ethnic groups, and

Whereas: nearly all homeless people living locally have roots in Clallam County, and

Whereas: The Clallam County Housing Crisis Response Plan 2020-2024 (CCHCR) states the "the major causal factors for homelessness in Clallam are related to safe housing availability: "...low vacancy rates, high rental rates, available affordable housing stock" and also "assumes...no additional shelter or housing capacity" will be available, and

Whereas: Homeless citizens' high rates of physical, psychological, emotional and behavioral problems result in higher usage of expensive public services (crime and law enforcement services, emergency medical and behavioral health services, food banks, etc.). The annual average cost to local government to meet these needs is estimated between \$30,000 and \$50,000 per person (Interagency Council on Homelessness), and

Whereas: Permanent housing and wrap-around services not only reduces the need for community services but allows homeless citizens and families to be able to become more stable, more reliably employable and more productive members of society.

Housed children are more able to learn academically, socially and emotionally. And housed families are usually less isolated, and

Whereas: Experiencing homelessness is a high-scoring Adverse Childhood Experience (current ACES national studies, acknowledged by the American Pediatric Academy as the most significant modern childhood health findings) for young children--effecting basic learning, neurological development, nutrition and school attendance. Additionally, the social sciences now, after 50 years of wide acceptance of a hierarchical "needs theory," now recognize that human needs are fluid rather than hierarchical. This fluidity of basic needs increases the recidivism of those experiencing homelessness who may be in shelters, couch surfing and street life cyclically. Reliable basic permanent housing is proven to be the best solution to break this chain, and

Whereas: The CCCHCR plan was approved by the BOCC November 18, 2019 and is due for updating. Since then, several communities across the country have successfully significantly reduced their rate of homelessness and its concurrent problems, and

Whereas: Acceptance by the BOCC to the plan's statement that there will be *no additional housing capacity in the next four years* does not move the community toward working actively to permanently shelter citizens experiencing homelessness, and

Whereas: Clallam County Ordinance 829 amending Section .280, Section .510, and Section .520 of Clallam County Code Chapter 31.02, Countywide Comprehensive Plan, as relates to housing was adopted in 2007 and needs to be updated. Nevertheless, it is as relevant today as it was when adopted. It provides the road map for BOCC to directly again address housing inequities in this county, and

Whereas: Section 3.31.02.520, of the above ordinance states affordable housing goals.

(1) Clallam County's affordable housing efforts should be directed at preserving and creating housing that is affordable to those with Very Low, Low, and Moderate income...

(2) Based on extensive local need for affordable housing as well as its unique local circumstances, the County shall encourage retention and creation of affordable housing, as defined in subsection (1) above, and

(3) Clallam County should consider the following strategies to encourage the retention and creation of affordable housing which:

Coordinates the reforms, supports with renewed participation in the Clallam County Affordable Housing Task Force (CCAHTF) to be comprised of representatives from local governments, the local agencies that work on homelessness and affordable housing issues, previously homeless individuals, financial institutions (lenders), major employers, developers, contractors, real estate professionals, chambers of commerce and economic development leaders. Their collective focused goal would be to move Clallam County forward to creatively build economic stability and decent housing options that move people in need toward self-sufficiency.

CCAHTF will be established and convened by the BOCC, with a county commissioner chairing the task force, giving pronounced emphasis to the importance of working to seriously solve local affordable permanent housing needs, and

Whereas: Monies flowing into the County resulting from HB1406 are designated for Affordable Housing, and

Whereas: Efforts to reduce community homelessness in other places vary but the element they commonly share is "leadership by elected community officials."

Therefore, be it recommended:

The Clallam County Board of Commissioners immediately take active leadership to reclaim and renew their primary leadership role in engaging a group of public and private organizations and businesses to creatively increase affordable housing availability, apply forward thinking ideas proven to be successful in communities that have reduced the experience of homelessness effectively, and report progress back to the community every six months.

Sue Erzen

Chair, Clallam County CRC

Candace Pratt

Chair CRC Committee on Homelessness

Clallam County Charter Review Commissioner

PUBLIC HEARING

Charter Review Commission Recommendations
Increasing monitoring of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
management of its trust lands by hiring a forester
And
Meet all housing needs by creating permanent housing

NOTICE: The Clallam County Board of Commissioners will conduct public hearings on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 19, 2021 at 1 p.m. and Monday, April 26, 2021 at 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:
Increasing monitoring of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) management of its trust lands by hiring a forester
And
Meet all housing needs by creating permanent housing

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Request the Clallam County Commissioners to increase their monitoring of the DNR's management of its trust lands by hiring a forester.

-Meet all housing needs by creating permanent housing - The Clallam County Board of Commissioners immediately take active leadership to reclaim and renew their primary leadership role in engaging a group of public and private organizations and businesses to creatively increase affordable housing availability, apply forward thinking ideas proven to be successful in communities that have reduced the experience of homelessness effectively, and report progress back to the community every six months.

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

Loni Gores, CMC, Clerk of the Board