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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of August 5-9, 2024

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, August 5, 2024. Present were Commissioners French, Ozias and Johnson and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published August 1 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution establishing alternate positions on the Animal Solutions Advisory Committee
- Agreement with Stephanie Marshall – Bennu Law for Hearing Examiner services
- Recommendation survey letter of support for Department of Commerce for Feiro Marine Life Center / Marine Discovery Center grant request
- Notice the Preliminary 2025 Clallam County Budget will be available September 3, 2024
- Agreement amendment A with the Department of Commerce State Broadband Office for Joyce area broadband grant
- Deed of right to use land with State of Washington for streamflow restoration and conservation
- Agreement amendment 2 with Washington Water Trust for Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project
- Marine Resources Committee annual update
- Clallam County Poet Laureate update
- Letter to Department of Natural Resources regarding Power Plant timber sale
- Establishing a process and timeline for the County Administrator's annual review

Meeting concluded at 11:17 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 6, 2024. Also present were Commissioners Ozias and Johnson and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA ADMINISTRATION

3a Resolution related to impoundment of dangerous animals

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on item 1a

CONSENT AGENDA

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of July 29

1b Approval of minutes for the week of July 29

1c Resolution establishing alternate positions on the Animal Solutions Advisory Committee

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CRJ commented on encumbered lands proviso, Olympic Area Agency on Aging
- CRJ commented on Miller Peninsula State Park, Washington State Association of Counties participation
- CMF commented on Recompete

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement with Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement costs required by the Blake decision

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2b Agreement amendment 1 with Washington State County Road Administration Board for Edgewood Drive Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2c Agreement with Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife for hanger space in Sequim

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2d Agreement with Stephanie Marshall – Bennu Law for Hearing Examiner services

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

ADMINISTRATION

3a Resolution related to impoundment of dangerous animals

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

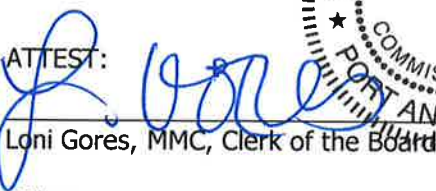
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Miller Peninsula State Park, Department of Natural Resources Trust Lands Transfer Advisory Committee
- Melanie Todnem, Port Angeles, comment on proposed cultural tax
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on Recompete
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Marine Resources Committee, Macleay and Cays Road, Towne Road
- Pepai Whipple, Sequim, commented on Dungeness Spit, Jamestown Tribe park management, Towne Road, Native Americans
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on meeting with Jamestown, Department of Community Development
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on voting, tribe
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on noise ordinance
- Rose Marshall, Sequim, commented on the Dungeness Spit
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on white and pink, voting, Olympic Medical Center Levy

Meeting concluded at 10:52 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, August 12.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC Virtual Update, Coffee with Colleen, and KONP Radio Show during the week of August 5.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of August 2024.

ATTEST:

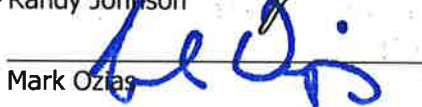

Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board



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

BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions

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TAKE THE SURVEY



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SCAN ME

Gores, Loni

From: Olympic Peninsula Humane Society
<info@olympicpeninsulahumanesociety.ccsend.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 31, 2024 9:43 AM
To: Johnson, Randy
Subject: Important Update From Olympic Peninsula Humane Society

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July 30th, 2024

Dear Valued Supporter,

As many of you know, the Olympic Peninsula Humane Society is undergoing an important transition to ensure we can continue to meet the needs of animals in our region for the long-term. We want to thank you for your continued support and commitment to OPHS and provide you with important updates regarding the Bark House, our operations, and our team.

We recently shared the news of the upcoming closure of the Bark House located at our Port Angeles property. This is due to unsustainably high operating costs caused by a major uptick in animals needing shelter and care. Additionally, executive director Jason Stipp has decided to step down from his role. His decision comes from a place of profound commitment to our mission. By resigning, he aims to free up funds that were previously allocated to his salary, to the care and support of animals in need. We are deeply grateful for his dedication and selflessness, which exemplify the core values of our organization.

Given these recent developments the Board of Directors have made several key decisions to guide OPHS through this transition period and ensure the continued care and support of the animals in our community. These include:

- 1. Restructuring and Reorganization:** Given our current streamlined operations, we have decided to take this opportunity to restructure and reorganize OPHS from the ground up. During this transitional phase, the Board will step up to fill the void left by Mr. Stipp's departure.

- 1. Formation of an Advisory Board:** To assist in making strategic decisions for the long-term future of OPHS, we have assembled an advisory committee including two donors who were instrumental in building the Bark House, our financial advisor, one veterinarian, and one professional dog trainer to join this board and lend their expertise.
- 1. Facility Plans:** Our goal is to ensure that the majority of the funding goes to help animals in need, and we will be able to do that by consolidating our operations to one location to reduce redundant expenses. After careful consideration, we have decided to retain ownership of the Bark House property and resume operations at a later date. We will have more details in the months ahead of our plans to restructure and evolve our services in Port Angeles.
- 1. Community Engagement:** We will actively participate in an animal issues advisory board consisting of county commissioners, the Sheriff, chiefs of police, and other local rescue groups. We aim to foster collaboration and address animal welfare issues effectively within our community.
- 1. Continued Support for Kitty City:** We remain committed to the welfare of the cats at Kitty City. Generating donations to ensure their ongoing care is a top priority, and we encourage the community to continue their generous support.

The Bark House's final day of operations is planned for August 30, 2024. We hope to have all dogs adopted into safe, loving homes by this time but will remain open until the last one is placed. Since we announced the closure of the Bark House, we have successfully found forever homes for 48 dogs and are currently in the process of finding them for 12 dogs.

This decision has been incredibly difficult, but we are confident it is the right one, at the right time, for the right reasons. We apologize for not communicating more proactively; the situation escalated and shifted rapidly, requiring immediate action to safeguard our organization and the animals we care for. We understand the connection many of you have to the Bark House, and we share that sentiment deeply.

The support of our community and donors has been invaluable, and we are grateful for your understanding and continued trust as we navigate this challenging transition.

For the animals,
Marti Oldham, Olympic Peninsula Humane Society Board President