



# BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES for the week of August 19-23, 2024

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### WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, August 19, 2024. Present were Commissioners French, Ozias and Johnson and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published August 15 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution appointing Elizabeth Pratt to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
- Agreement amendment 2 with Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for North Olympic Peninsula Lead Entity
- Briefing and next steps on Cyclomedia
- Discussion regarding Opportunity Fund

Meeting concluded at 11:22 a.m.

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 20, 2024. Also present were Commissioners Ozias and Johnson and Administrator Mielke.

### REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on item 3a
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on item 2c, 2d and 2e
- Steve Raider-Ginsburg, Port Angeles, commented on Cultural Access Tax

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of August 12
- 1b Approval of payroll for the period ending July 31
- 1c Approval of minutes for the week of August 12
- 1d Call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. regarding a proposed vacation of a portion of Arthur Avenue

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

### REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMO commented on department staff meetings, Healthcare Authority, Co-Stewardship Celebration
- CRJ commented on Charter Review Commission debate, timber sales, Clallam County Fair
- CMF commented on staff department meetings, Commissioner of Public Lands, Olympic Community Action Programs
- ATM commented on the Clallam County Fair Rodeo Arena Master Plan

### CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 2a Agreement with United State Department of Transportation and Washington State Department of Transportation for RAISE Grant

**ACTION TAKEN:** CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

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2b Agreement with Puget Sound Restoration Fund for conducting synoptic dive surveys

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc**

2c Agreement with North Olympic Land Trust for a grant through the Conservation Futures Program – Cameron Farm Estates

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc**

2d Agreement with North Olympic Land Trust for a grant through the Conservation Futures Program – Heifer Farm North

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc**

2e Agreement with North Olympic Land Trust for a grant through the Conservation Futures Program – Heifer Farm South

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc**

**BIDS AND AWARDS**

3a Bid award – Lakeside Industries, Inc.

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc**

3b Request for proposals opening – Clallam County Low-income Housing Planning Consultant

**Contractor**

KnoxWorks Consulting

**ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to forward the request for proposals to Health and Human Services for review and recommendation, CRJs, mc**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Power Plant timber sale, National Park Service accessibility, wildfires (see attached)
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on complaints, Recompete, money
- Diana Childs, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, speed limit
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on elections canvassing board room
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on spending money
- Diana Schanz Miller, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, speed limit
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on CJR Blue Ribbon, CMF bartending, CMO absence, Towne Road, Tribe partnership
- Nash Hubert, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, speed limit
- Allan Byrd, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, speed limit
- Josie Gonser, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, speed limit
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on budget, Democrat Convention
- Alan Gridner, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, speed limit
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Jamestown Tribe, getting response to a question, budget, Dungeness Wildlife Refuge
- Trina Berg, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, speed limit
- Yvonne Yokota, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, speed limit
- Margaret Walthall, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, speed limit (see attached)
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on budget, Code Enforcement, dike

Meeting concluded at 11:21 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, August 26.

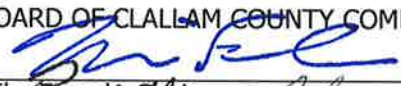
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The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC Virtual Update, Department of Natural Resources Joint Meeting, Revenue Advisory Committee, Coffee with Colleen, Board of Health, Clallam Transit Meeting, and KSQM Radio Show during the week of August 19.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

ATTEST:  
  
Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

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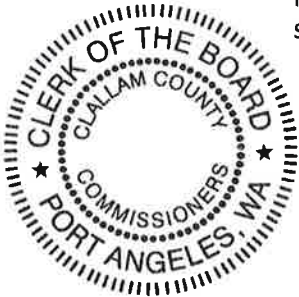
  
Mike French, Chair

  
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





## PROJECT LINKS

[Project Home](#)

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[Open For Comment \(1\)](#)

A comment period for this project closes **Aug 31, 2024**:  
11 Days, 13 Hours, 15 Min.

# Accessibility Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan

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The creation of a transition plan is mandated by regulations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as they apply to the US Department of the Interior, which states that "No otherwise qualified handicapped individual in the United States...shall, solely by reason of his handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal assistance." The act requires parks to document architectural barriers and identify solutions, time frames, and responsible parties to improve and increase accessibility.

This plan was prepared to provide Olympic National Park staff with a tool for addressing overall needs associated with making the park accessible when viewed in its entirety. The plan is based on an understanding of key park experiences and establishes a methodical process that identifies, prioritizes, and outlines improvements to park accessibility. The plan proposes strategies for implementation over time and in a manner consistent with park requirements and protocols.

This plan provides recommendations only. Before the plan can be finalized, it is required to undergo a 30-day public review and comment period. Please know that this plan and public review are not conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as it provides recommendations only, it does not direct, nor analyze impacts of, any specific action(s). NEPA and other environmental and cultural compliance will be required prior to the implementation of any recommended actions in this plan as funding, staffing, and compliance-ready designs allow once the plan is finalized.

## Contact Information

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Public Comment  
Margaret Walthall  
8/20/24

an easy question to answer and must weigh heavily on all of you.

In my 20+ years of responding to emergency calls in the fire district, I cannot recall ever driving over Towne Road to get to an emergency. As I look on the reasons why we never used Towne Road to get to an incident beyond the Old School House, we used the following limitations.

1. The old Towne Road had two hairpin turns where we had to slow to negotiate them. It would be safe to say, these were 10mph turns.
2. Towne Road north of Woodcock was like a narrow, restrictive corridor.
3. The local traffic entering Towne Road had limited visibility.. thus we had difficulty seeing the traffic.
4. The hill off Forest Ridge required us to slow down
5. There was always deer on the roadway.
6. The roadway was impacted by seasonal weather conditions

Even at its best, an open roadway through to the School House, I believe would be slower and more hazardous for emergency vehicles.

Might I recommend two suggestions: 1). Estimate the safe travel time for a fire engine to take Towne Road to the School House from either the Sequim or Carlsborg station and compare it to using Sequim Dungeness or Anderson Rd. 2). Go to fire department staff and see how often they have used the roadway for an emergency response.

There is no doubt a lot of emotion involved with this. There are some people who are saying that homes were destroyed because of the slow response times. There are a lot of factors that lead to the loss of a structure. Response time is only one of those factors. To blame the loss of a home on a delay of two or three minutes may not be inaccurate.

Thank you for putting on the meeting at Guy Cole to inform the citizens of our community.

Feel free to contact me for clarification or further discussion.

Steve Chinn

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Sent: Wed, 27 Sep 2023 16:02:56 +0000  
Subject: FW: Towne Rd. Emergency response

"My email address has changed! The new format is  
Loni.Gores@clallamcountywa.gov <mailto:Loni.Gores@clallamcountywa.gov>  
Please update my contact card as your earliest convenience, Thank  
you!"

Loni Gores

Clerk of the Board

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From: Steve Chinn <schinn415@gmail.com>  
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To: Gores, Loni <loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov>  
Subject: Towne Rd. Emergency response

27 September 2023

Dear County Commissioners,

As a retired firefighter/EMT and Fire Commissioner, I'd like to take a moment to address the Towne Road situation. I realize that the dilemma of whether to open Towne Road to traffic in the future is not