



# BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES for the week of February 3-7, 2025

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### WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2025. Present were Commissioners French, Ozias and Johnson and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published January 29 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution appointing Beth Ashkin to the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board
- Resolution appointing Megan Overton to the Animal Solutions Advisory Committee
- Agreement with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for Marine Law Enforcement Program
- Resolution canceling uncollectible personal property taxes
- Discussion on 2024 refunds and 2025 refund levy
- Requesting a verbal acceptance for grant funding from the Port of Port Angeles for County Fair Logging Show
- Resolution authorizing one-time procurement through the United States Government General Services\ Administration GSA
- Briefing regarding an application for federal funds for scoping a project to address current flooding to County Road #52800 Three Crabs Road
- Resolution appointing members to the Board of Equalization as Hearing Examiners
- Review and request to grant or deny the request to submit directly to the Board of Tax appeals for property ID 84069 & 84070 Ruble

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

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2025. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

### REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item 3a was postponed to a Board of Equalization special meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 3 p.m.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- Jason Zizzo, Port Angeles, sent in written comments regarding item 1h (see attached)

### CONSENT AGENDA

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of January 27

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

| Accounts Payable:                | Total               |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Warrant numbers: 9934776-9934920 | <b>\$435,876.56</b> |
| Electronic payments dates: n/a   | \$0.00              |
| Total Accounts Payable:          | <b>\$435,876.56</b> |

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1b Approval of payroll for the period ending January 15

The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

| <b>Payroll</b>                                           | <b>Total</b>   |
|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Warrant Numbers</b>                                   |                |
| 173981-174286, 9934444, 9934455-9934456, 9934746-9934760 | \$1,039,634.44 |
| <b>Electronic Payment Date</b>                           |                |
| 1/27/2025                                                | \$65,922.82    |
|                                                          |                |
| Total<br>Payroll:                                        | \$1,105,557.26 |

1c Approval of minutes for the week of January 27

1d Resolution appointing Marilyn Deane to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board

1e Resolution reappointing Kim Malakoff to the Clallam Bay / Sekiu Community Action Team

1f Resolution and designation form to select a Clallam County Associate Development Organization

1g Resolution for selection of deferred compensation recordkeeper – Nationwide Retirement Solutions

1h Resolution appointing members to the Board of Equalization as Hearing Examiners

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

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- CRJ commented on Veterans bills, Chamber of Commerce business awards
- CMO commented on HB1592 Public Defense, Washington State Association of Counties Annual Legislative Reception, Sequim Food Bank
- CMF commented on Law Library meeting, department staff meetings

## **CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

2a Agreement with U.S. Department of Justice United State Marshals Service for compensation and housing of federal prisoners

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

2b Bid waiver form and Agreement with Global Solutions & Data Services LLC for to provide necessary training and development support for Tyler EPL Permit System

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

## **ADMINISTRATION**

3a Request to grant or deny the request to submit directly to the Board of Tax appeals for property ID 84069 & 84070 Ruble

**ACTION TAKEN: No action taken during the BOCC regular meeting. This item was moved to a Board of Equalization special meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 3 p.m.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on encumbered lands, taxing districts
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on 3 Crabs Road restoration, United Nations, Jimmy Come Lately
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on 3 Crabs Road, Department of Natural Resources proposed litigation
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on 3 Crabs Road, Towne Road
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on Veterans, Emily Randall, Laken Riley Act, health, inflation, taxes
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on Commissioner Johnson's report, leadership, proclamation, legal issues

The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC virtual update, Coffee with Collen, Housing Solutions Committee during the week of February 3, 2025

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Meeting concluded at 10:36 a.m. and continued to an executive session on February 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.  
Meeting minutes for the executive session on February 7, 2025 will be included in the minutes for the week of February 10, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

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



**Gores, Loni**

Public Comment  
JASON ZIZZO

**From:** Jason Zizzo <zizzojason@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2025 2:28 PM  
**To:** Gores, Loni  
**Cc:** J Zizzo  
**Subject:** Re: BOE Slides

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Please include the following public comment to be read during BOCC meeting on 2-3-2025.

Thank you!

## Public Comment – February 3, 2025 Clallam County Board of Commissioners Meeting

Good afternoon, Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposed appointment of Board of Equalization (BOE) members as hearing examiners. Specifically, I want to highlight serious procedural issues related to the BOE's handling of recent property tax appeals, including my own.

On January 29, 2025, my appeal for Parcel 51655 was heard by only two BOE members, despite RCW 84.48.010 requiring three members to constitute a lawful quorum. The absence of a third member calls into question the validity of any decision rendered during that hearing.

Adding to my concerns, I have learned that the very same day as my hearing, an agenda item was introduced to reclassify these same two BOE members as hearing examiners. This raises important questions:

- Did the BOE have the legal authority to issue decisions on January 29th with only two members?
- Is this reclassification an attempt to retroactively justify decisions made without a valid quorum?
- What impact does this have on the integrity of the property tax appeal process for all Clallam County residents?

If the BOE was not properly constituted when my appeal was heard, then I—and potentially others—did not receive a fair and lawful hearing. The timing of this proposed change creates the appearance of impropriety, undermining public trust in both the BOE and the fairness of the appeal process.

I urge the Board of Commissioners to delay this appointment until these procedural concerns are fully investigated. Additionally, I request that all BOE decisions issued with only two members—including my own—be reviewed to determine whether they were legally valid.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to your response.

On Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 01:44:09 PM PST, Jason Zizzo <zizzojason@yahoo.com> wrote:

Ms. Gores,

I kindly request that the following file be added to my file as well as a formal appeal to the BTA.

Thank you,

Jason

On Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 12:09:55 PM PST, Gores, Loni <loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov> wrote:

Received and added to your file.

"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:** Jason Zizzo <zizzojason@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 29, 2025 11:19 AM  
**To:** Gores, Loni <loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov>  
**Cc:** J Zizzo <zizzojason@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Fw: BOE Slides

Hi Loni,

Pleasure meeting you today. Attached are my slides used during my hearing.

Thank you,

Jason

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

On Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 21:05, Jason Zizzo <[zizzojason@yahoo.com](mailto:zizzojason@yahoo.com)> wrote: