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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES for the week of February 10-14, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION – February 7, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 1:35 p.m. to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment, or to review the performance of a public employee. Present were Commissioners Ozias, French and Johnson, and Administrator Mielke.

The Board may recess into Executive Session to consider employment or dismissal of personnel, to review the performance of a public employee, to consult with legal counsel, to consider the position to be taken in collective bargaining, to consider acquisition or sale of real estate, or other matters per RCW 42.30.110.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to recess to executive session for 1 hours, CMOs, mc

The Board recessed into executive session at 1:35 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 2:45 p.m. and CMF noted the executive session will be extended for 45 minutes

The Board recessed into executive session at 2:45 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 3:30 p.m. and CMF noted no action will be taken.

Meeting concluded at 3:30 p.m.

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2025. Present were Commissioners French, and Ozias and Administrator Mielke. Commissioner Johnson was excused.

Items of discussion per the agenda published February 6 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Agreement with Washington Military Department and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for Operation Stonegarden Grant
- Purchase order with Brite for patrol mobile data terminals
- Agreement with Jefferson County for Jefferson County Public Works Road Department Noxious Weed Control Project
- Approval of recommendation to hire a certified energy audit professional
- Salish Behavioral Health Associated Services Organization update
- Update on the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project
- Pre-application questionnaire and resolution designating applicant agent form for a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant
- Discussion on proposed budget revisions to be considered on February 25
- Discussion on proposed budget reductions to be considered on February 25
- Discussion of proposed supplemental appropriations to be considered on February 25
- Discussion of proposed debatable emergencies to be considered on February 25
- Legislative session update

Meeting concluded at 12:01 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2025. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on items 5a and 6c
- Amanda Stanley, Sequim, commented on item 5a, 3 Crabs Road
- Jim Welch, Sequim, commented on item 5a, 3 Crabs Road
- Pamela Wood, Sequim, commented on item 5a, 3 Crabs Road
- Carlos Arguelies, Sequim, commented on item 5a, 3 Crabs Road
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on item 1d, Olympic Peninsula Humane Society (see attached)
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on item 1d, Olympic Peninsula Humane Society

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of February 3

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9934984-9935082; 9935122-9935164	\$393,617.59
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$393,617.59

- 1b Approval of minutes for the week of February 3
- 1c Resolution appointing Beth Ashkin to the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board
- 1d Resolution appointing Megan Overton to the Animal Solutions Advisory Committee
- 1e Resolution canceling uncollectible personal property taxes
- 1f Resolution authorizing one-time procurement through the United States Government General Services Administration GSA

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to adopt the consent agenda, CMFs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMO commented on Animal Solutions Advisory Committee, encumbered lands, Washington State Association of Counties
- CMF commented on department staff meetings

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 2a Agreement with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for Marine Law Enforcement Program

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

ADMINISTRATION

- 4a Requesting a verbal acceptance for grant funding from the Port of Port Angeles for County Fair Logging Show

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

BIDS AND AWARDS

- 3a Request for Qualifications opening – 2025 Parks Master Plan/Architecture/Courthouse Security/Pedestrian Bridge/Engineering Consulting Services

Contractor

Facet

Hunt Engineering

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Vanir Construction Management, Inc.
Zec Eight Insights
Conservation Technix
AHBL
ARC Architects

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to forward the request for qualifications to the Parks, Fair and Facilities Department for review and recommendation, CMFs, mc

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to recess for 5 minutes due to technology issues, CMFs, mc

3b Bid opening – Clallam Bay Park Ramp Replacement

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Topper Industries I, LLC	\$52,336
Allform Welding	\$59,350.50

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to forward the request for bids to the Parks, Fair and Facilities Department for review and recommendation, CMFs, mc

PUBLIC WORKS

5a Resolution designating applicant agent form for a Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Grant

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to adopt, CMFs, mc

BUDGET

6a Notice that the following Budget Revisions will be considered for adoption on February 25:

Community Development-Permit Center – Budget correction moving Land Use/Environmental Permits funding from Permit Center to Long Range Planning/\$4,000

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to issue notice, CMFs, mc

6b Notice that the following Budget Reductions will be considered for adoption on February 25:

Parks & Facilities – Reducing professional services line to transfer to General Fund Reserves for Parks Master Plan approved in the 2025 budget (1 of 3)/\$150,000

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to issue notice, CMFs, mc

6c Notice that the following Supplemental Appropriations will be considered for adoption on February 25:

Parks & Facilities – Capital Projects – Funding approved for 2025 Parks Master Plan (3 of 3)/\$150,000

Public Works – Clallam Bay Sekiu Sewer – Carryover of 2024 budgeted revenue and expenditure that will now occur in 2025 for Clallam Bay/Middle Point pump station/\$10,484

Health & Human Services – Operations – Adding funding to the HHS operations budget from the opioid settlement for indirect costs occurring in 2025/\$22,897

Sheriff – Emergency Services – Carryover of previous years recurring grants where expenditure reimbursements will now occur in 2025/\$112,835

Community Development – Environmental Quality – Reimbursement for expenditures incurred by Scarsella Brothers for violation monitoring & corrections at Lower Dungeness Floodplains/\$40,000

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to issue notice, CMFs, mc

6d Resolution calling for a hearing to be held February 25 at 10:30 a.m. to consider adopting the for the following Debatable Emergencies:

General Fund Reserves – Fund transfer from Parks & Facilities Professional Services to General Fund Reserves for Parks Master Plan project approved in the 2025 budget (2 of 3)/\$150,000

NonDept-Opportunity Fund – Carryover of 2024 budgeted revenue and expenditures that will now occur in 2025 for Clallam Bay/Middle Point pump station/\$10,484

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to adopt, CMFs, mc

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Debi Maloney, Sequim, Preserve Miller Peninsula State Park Coalition (see attached)
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on 3 Crabs Road, Hot Springs Road, Olympic National Park roads, Olympic National Forest fire response
- Judith Miller, Sequim, commented on 3 Crabs Road
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on Zoom issues, United Nations, Jimmy Come Lately, FBI
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on the Clallam County Charter, town hall meetings, 3 Crabs Road, taxes
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on Zoom issues, food waste, healthy foods
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Olympic Peninsula Humane Society contact, Blyn Roundabout, Tribal meetings, Towne Road, transparency, Towne Road Budget
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on leadership, school bond

The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC virtual update, Coffee with Collen, KONP Radio Show, WSAC virtual legislative update, and KSQM Radio Show during the week of February 10, 2025

Meeting concluded at 11:40 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of February 2025

ATTEST:


Lori Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mike French, Chair

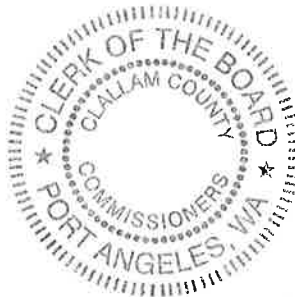

Randy Johnson


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



Public Comment
JEFF TOZZER
2/11/25

Last July, the Olympic Peninsula Humane Society announced the closure of its "Bark House" due to financial struggles. Within weeks, our community saw a rise in abandoned dogs. The remaining animal welfare agencies worked tirelessly to absorb the influx, often exceeding their capacity to provide care.

In the wake of the Humane Society's financial collapse, troubling revelations emerged:

- The Executive Director's salary was **increased by 48%** before she left the organization.
- The Humane Society renegotiated its contract with Clallam County, increasing its annual funding from \$104,000 to \$125,000. The Executive Director assured county officials, *"The money that the county is spending in this contract **is very well spent.**"*
- Despite receiving county funds, animals from **outside Clallam County** were being transferred to the Humane Society.
- In 2023, revenue dropped by 28%, while **employee compensation jumped** by 35%.
- IRS filings show that in 2023, for every \$100 donated, only **\$8 went directly to animal care.**
- The number of employees skyrocketed from 17 in 2015 to 31 in 2022—and **50 in 2023**, according to tax records.
- The Humane Society's average **cost per animal is \$3,000.**
- While turning animals away due to "lack of funding," the organization **hired a public relations firm** to repair its image. When asked how much taxpayer and donor money was spent, they falsely claimed it was a pro-bono arrangement. The PR firm later confirmed it was a paid contract.
- After publicly committing to transparency and promising a public open house to discuss its budget, the new board instead **voted unanimously** to withhold meeting **minutes, financial statements, employee decisions, and contracts** from the public.

This Humane Society has repeatedly prioritized **profits, egos, and secrecy** over the well-being of animals in our community. County commissioners should *not* reward this behavior by granting the organization—or its Vice President, Megan Overton—a second seat on the Animal Solutions Advisory Committee.

Jeff Tozzer, Sequim

Public comment
Debi Maloney
2/11/25

Good Morning Commissioners

I am Debi Maloney, I live in Sequim and am a member of the Preserve Miller Peninsula State Park Coalition.

State Parks planners recently gave a presentation of their latest ideas for development plans at Miller Peninsula State Park. During the presentation they cited working with Clallam County several times.

We are asking for your help in understanding what that work entailed.

We have 2 assumptions:

The first regards a 'completed highway assessment' at the intersection of Hwy 101 and Diamond Point Road that they cited. We would ask you for a copy of that document and the meetings associated with it.

Also, state parks is planning for a new park entrance off of Cat Lake Road. Please provide information on any collaborations for that project as well.

The second question concerns their plan to build 4 lookout viewing areas along the Bluff Trail in the park.

This trail is along shoreline high bank cliffs and any development would be addressed within the Shoreline Management Plan. We have been told there is an exemption in that plan that relates to 'recreation' interests. Our questions are:

- 1- Has state parks spoken with you about their plans for developing lookout posts along the high bank cliffs on the Bluff Trail?
- 2- What is the process for you to allow an exemption to the SMP?
Is it a public process and will it include public discussion?

If there have been discussions between state parks and Clallam County on other areas regarding their development plans, we ask that you also inform us of those.

Thank you, we appreciate your assistance.

Debi Maloney
savemillerpark@gmail.com
406-451-4213
2/11/25

BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions

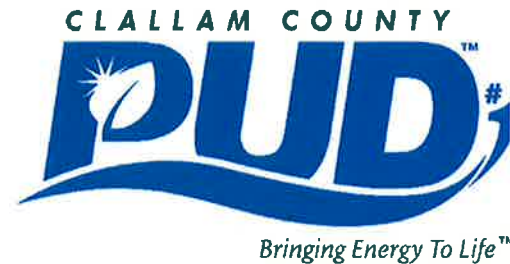
January 27, 2025

Board of County Commissioners
Clallam County, Washington
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Subject: BPA West End Transmission Line Improvements – Stakeholder Update Meeting

Dear Commissioner Ozias,

In follow-up to my October 2024 communication regarding the West End Resiliency through Parallel Transmission Loop Project, I am writing to invite you to an important in-person stakeholder update meeting. The Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will present their proposed efforts for West End transmission line improvements, and we value your continued engagement in this critical infrastructure discussion.

As you may recall, while our GRIP grant application was successful, unanticipated cost escalations led us to withdraw from the Department of Energy GRIP program. Despite this setback, we remain steadfast in our commitment to addressing the West End's grid reliability and resilience challenges. This meeting represents an important step forward in that ongoing effort.

Proposed Meeting Details:

1. Date Options: Wednesday, March 26 or Thursday, March 27, 2025
2. Tentative time: 12:30 PM - 4:00 PM
3. Purpose: BPA presentation on West End transmission line improvement plans
4. Tentative location: PUD Board Room at 104 Hooker Rd in Sequim.

Please RSVP by February 5th with:

1. Your preferred date (March 26 or 27)
2. If neither date works for your schedule

Once we receive responses from all stakeholders, we will confirm the final date and provide additional meeting details including location/connection information.

Thank you for your continued partnership in strengthening our community's power infrastructure. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sean Worthington", is written over a horizontal line.

Sean Worthington
General Manager
PUD No. 1 of Clallam County
(360) 565-3240

Western Port Angeles Harbor Public Meeting & Open House



Visit Website

go.ecology.wa.gov/11907



Submit Comments

January 16, 8:00 AM-
February 18, 11:59 PM



go.ecology.wa.gov/comment11907

We will also accept written comments at
the public meeting on February 5th.



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Western Port Angeles Harbor Cleanup Site

Join us for a Public Meeting and Open House!



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What to Expect

- **Site and Cleanup Update:** Learn about the site and cleanup activities.
- **Interactive Q&A:** Have your questions answered by the site manager.
- **Comment Submission:** Submit written comments on proposed cleanup plans.
- **Open House:** View posters and speak directly with Ecology staff.
- **All Welcomed:** We will provide free light refreshments. Children are welcome!

Event Details

Wednesday, February 5th, 2025

6:00-8:00 PM

Field Arts & Events Hall

201 W Front St, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Schedule

6:00 - 6:30 PM Open House

6:30 - 7:30 PM Presentation and Q&A

7:30 - 8:00 PM Open House

See the reverse for site details and involvement opportunities.