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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of June 30 – July 4, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION – June 26, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 12:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 26, 2025 to discuss litigation. Present were Commissioners Ozias and Johnson, Administrator Mielke, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Nichols and Boughton, Human Resources/Risk Management Sullenger.

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 executive session for 30 minutes, CMOs, mc

The Board recessed into executive session at 12:32 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 1:02 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM that the Board affirmatively agrees in accordance with County policy that the County organization will defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Prosecuting Attorney and Prosecuting Attorney staff related to the defense of these lawsuits as well any related lawsuits that may come forward at a future date, CRJs, mc

CMO noted that the intent of the motion was to include broad language that would allow the Prosecuting Attorney and staff sufficient flexibility to work as necessary in relation to defense of future potential lawsuits.

Meeting concluded at 1:05 p.m.

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, June 30, 2025. Present were Commissioners Johnson, Ozias and French and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published June 26 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution appointing Karen Casey to the Revenue Advisory Committee
- Discussion regarding Hood Canal Bridge Project
- Agreement with Security Services Northwest for Courthouse security
- Agreement with MDCommerce for Medicaid billing for eligible inmates using the County's EPIC medical records system
- Memorandum of understanding with Peninsula Behavioral Health for the delivery of pre-release health care services
- Discussion and next steps on approval of recommendation to allocate additional opioid settlement funds to support the Harm Reduction Health Center services and supplies
- Briefing and call for hearing to be held on July 22, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. regarding a proposed ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 27.08 of the Clallam County Code title Open Space
- Agreement with Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County for Opportunity Funds
- Briefing and call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. regarding a proposed Resolution authorizing grants from the Opportunity Fund for City of Forks, Port of Port Angeles, and Composite Recycling Technology Center to fund local match requirements under the Clallam EDC EDA Clallam Forest Products Industry Cluster Innovation Program grant
- Discussion and next steps on holding preliminary discussions regarding the 2026 budget process
- Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir update

Meeting concluded at 12:52 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on Bill Benedict airplane background on Zoom, Washington State University Extension, Clea Rome, Tribal land, North Olympic Development Council
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on King Salmon, healthcare

CONSENT AGENDA

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of June 23

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9940715-9940828	\$455,304.05
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$455,304.05

1b Approval of payroll for a period ending June 15

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

Payroll	Total
Warrant Numbers	
177950 – 178259, 9940713 – 9940714	\$674,157.87
Electronic Payment Date	
6/25/2025 – 6/26/2025	\$283,838.89
Total Payroll:	\$957,996.76

1c Approval of minutes for the week of June 23

1d Request for approval and fee waiver for Clallam Bay Sekiu Fun Days 2025 assembly permit

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CRJ reported on mills, Carbon and Forest Management Workgroup
- CMO reported on Flaura's Acres, City of Sequim, Pride event
- CMF reported on Representative Randall, Recompete, Department of Natural Resources Olympic Discovery Trail meeting

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement with Security Services Northwest for Courthouse security

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2b Agreement with MDCommerce for Medicaid billing for eligible inmates using the County's EPIC medical records system

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2c Memorandum of understanding with Peninsula Behavioral Health for the delivery of pre-release health care services

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

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PUBLIC WORKS

3a Bid award letter to Bruch and Bruch Construction, Inc. for the Clallam Bay, Middle Point, Snobhill Lift Station Restoration Project AND authorize the Chair to sign the contract once received

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the bid award and authorize the Chair to sign the contract once available, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Bruch and Bruch, District III Commissioner report
- Sarah Huling, Forks, commented on harm reduction, Behavioral Health Advisory Board vacancies
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on question and answer session after meetings
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on question and answer session after meetings, sending money
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on letter submitted regarding immigration

The meeting concluded at 10:34 a.m. and continued to Monday, July 9, 2025 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC Virtual Update and Coffee with Colleen during the week of June 30, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 8th day of July 2025

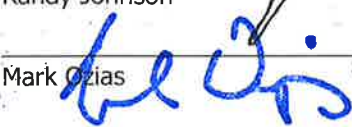
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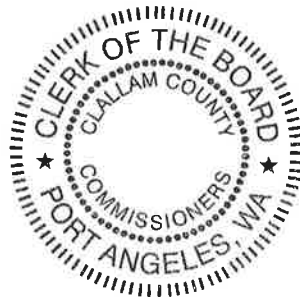

Lori Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mike French, Chair


Randy Johnson


Mark Ozias



BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions



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May 16, 2025

On behalf of the Washington Indian Gaming Association (WIGA), I am pleased to share with you this summary of *The Economic & Community Benefits of Tribes in Washington*, an independent economic analysis conducted by economist Jonathan Taylor.

This report provides an objective, data-driven look at the far-reaching economic and social contributions of tribal governments throughout Washington. Taylor's findings affirm what tribal leaders already know, tribal governments are not only major economic engines but also vital to improving the quality of life for both Indian and non-Indian communities across Washington.

According to the report, tribal government revenues directly support a wide range of public services including education, health care, housing, environmental restoration, infrastructure, firefighting, law enforcement and charitable programs.

The report underscores the scale and significance of tribal economic activity in Washington, including:

- **\$7.4 billion** in gross state product
- **\$3.9 billion** in wages and benefits
- **\$1.5 billion** in state and local tax revenues
- **29,421** Washingtonians directly employed by tribes (61% non-Indian)
- **\$1.9 billion** in annual employee compensation

We encourage you to read the enclosed executive summary and invite you to view the full report online at: www.washingtonindiangaming.org/issues/economic-impact/

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact WIGA at (360) 352-3248 or info@washingtonindiangaming.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Ron Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent.

W. Ron Allen,
Chairman, Washington Indian Gaming Association
and Tribal Chairman/CEO, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe



The Economic & Community Impact of Tribes in Washington





Tribal Investments, Statewide Benefits

Tribal governments in Washington generate \$7.4 billion in economic activity, create tens of thousands of jobs and reinvest every dollar back into the community.

From funding schools and healthcare clinics to supporting public safety and environmental initiatives, tribal investments improve the lives of all Washingtonians, Indian and non-Indian alike.

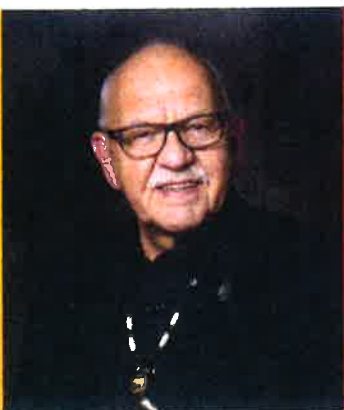




Improving Lives

Washington state is home to 29 federally recognized Indian tribes that are making significant investments in the state's quality of life. They are large employers, fiscally independent governments and contributors to the public good.

Growing tribal economies fund schools, housing programs, health clinics, environmental rehabilitation, infrastructure development, law enforcement, firefighting and other public services for all Washingtonians.



"Washington has substantially benefited from the economic resurgence in Indian Country. Tribal enterprises enable us to invest in schools, healthcare, and public services that benefit all of Washington."

– W. Ron Allen
Chairman, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe



Strong Tribal Economies Benefit All Washingtonians

In contrast to the first half of the 20th century, when Indian tribes were often an economic afterthought, today Indian tribes rank among the Washington economy's biggest influences. Tribes employ tens of thousands of Washingtonians and generate billions in revenue every year.

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY*

\$7.4 billion gross state product

\$3.9 billion wages and benefits

\$1.5 billion annual state and local taxes

* The economic and jobs numbers in this report are conservative estimates. Actual numbers likely exceed what is reported here.

**\$1 OUT OF
EVERY
\$100**

*in Washington's
economy is from
tribal activity.*



JOBS

29,421 employees (61% non-Indian)

52,333 jobs in Washington

\$1.9 billion in annual
employee compensation



TRIBES ARE TOP WASHINGTON EMPLOYERS

Together, Washington tribes rank eighth in the state for number of employees, according to the Puget Sound Business Journal's ranking of employers.



Tribal Government Revenue: Invested in Washington, Rooted in Community

Tribes are sovereign governments. Like other governments, they make and enforce their own laws, have elected officials, and run departments that offer critical services.

Many tribal governments in Washington operate business enterprises that generate revenue to support essential public services and strengthen communities, Indian and non-Indian alike.

Unlike corporations that may relocate or shift operations, tribes and tribal enterprises are firmly rooted in the lands and waters of Washington. They will never threaten to take operations or profits out of the state.

Tribes Are Supporting Communities

Not only are Washington tribes economic drivers, they're valued community partners. As part of their gaming compacts with the state, tribes contribute to local fire, police, and other government bureaus that may bear the impact costs of casinos. Tribes also make significant contributions to nonprofit and charitable organizations, and coordinate with state and local governments to tackle problems and help those who need it.

TRIBAL PARTNERSHIPS IN ACTION

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation provides increasingly critical wildfire management services on and surrounding the Colville Reservation in Omak. Approximately 60 seasonal and non-seasonal employees protect communities in the region. The tribes coordinate fire suppression with state and federal agencies such that most fires are suppressed within the first 24 hours. In addition, Colville Fire Management employs proactive measures like prescribed burns.



TRIBAL CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES

In 2023, the Cowlitz Indian Tribe donated \$6.6 million to charitable organizations. Recipients included the Council for Homelessness, a long-standing nonprofit working to prevent and end homelessness in Clark County, and GoodRoots Northwest's Fresh Lockers, an innovative approach to addressing food insecurity in rural and underserved areas. Since 2016, the tribe has awarded \$28 million to nonprofits across the state.



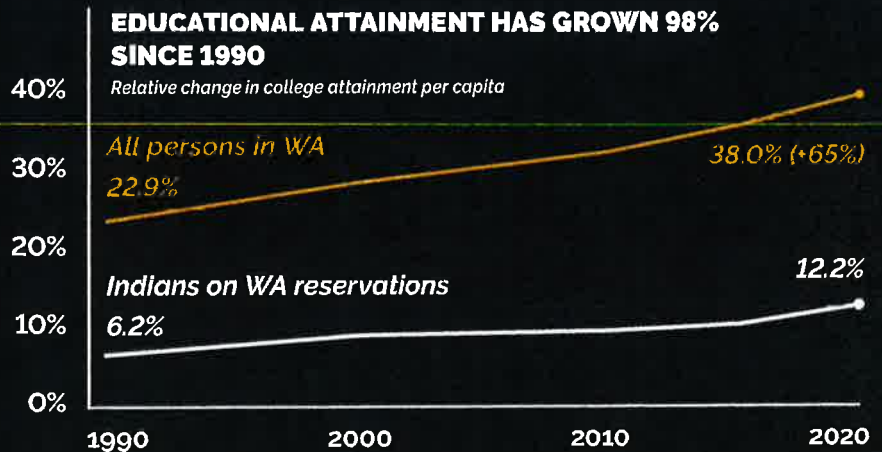
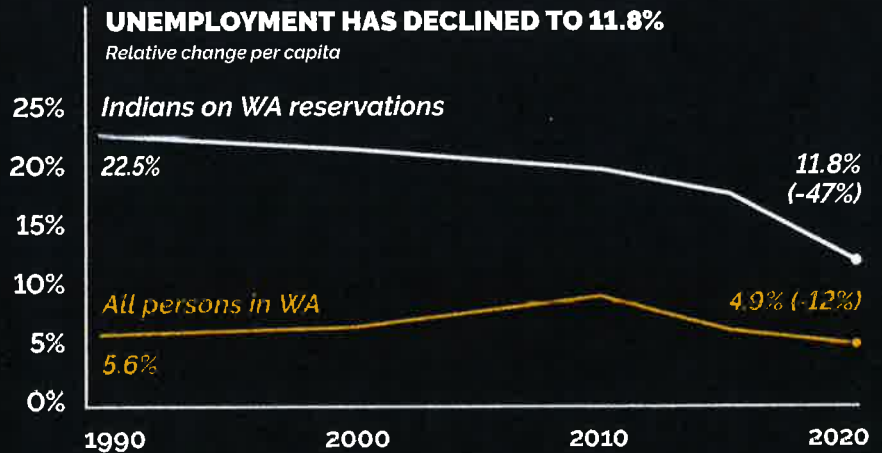


Indian Needs Remain Acute

Over the last 30 years, economic and social outcomes for Indians on reservations in Washington have improved significantly. Income and educational attainment have risen and unemployment is down.

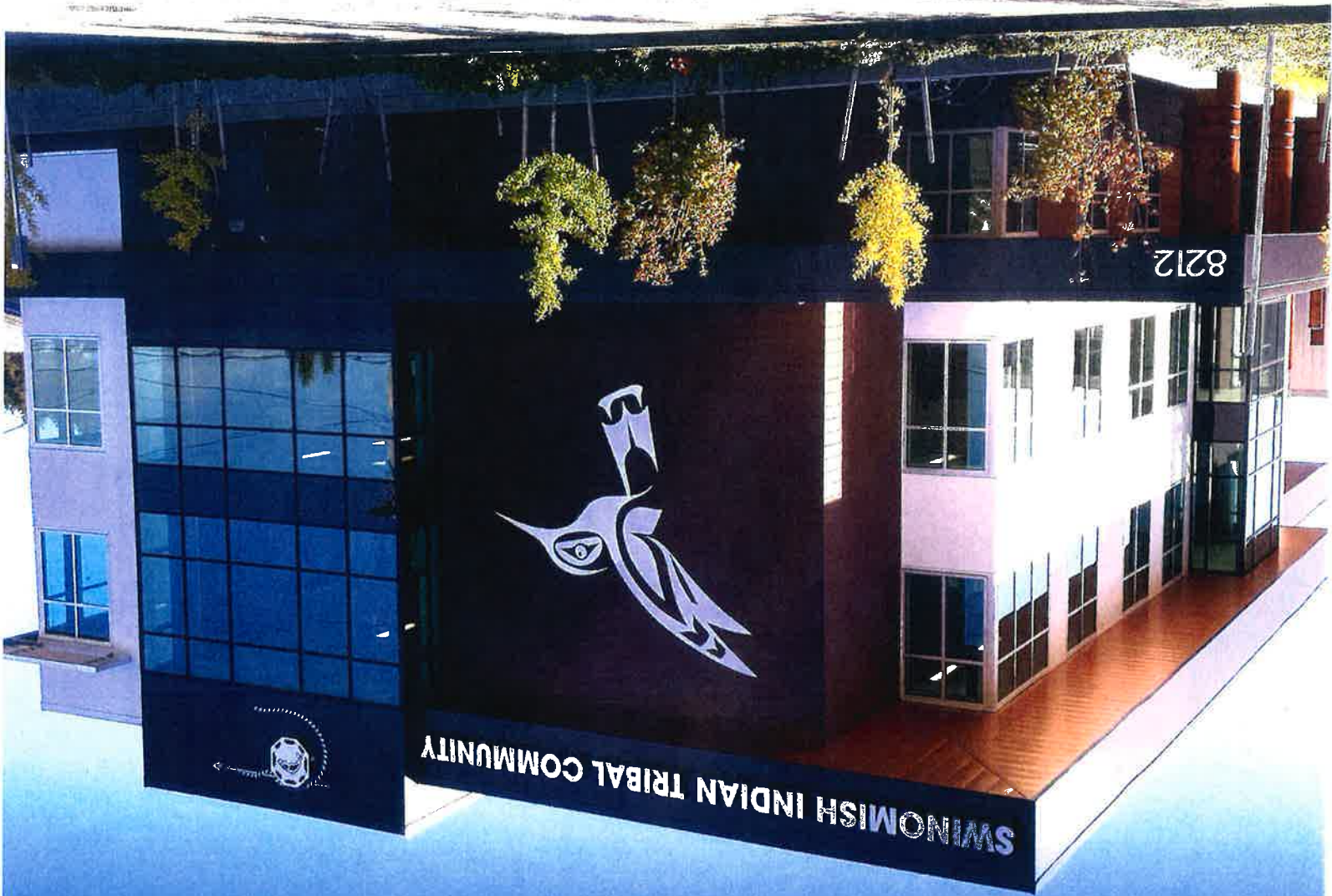
Yet, despite these gains, challenges remain. High unemployment, inadequate housing and educational disparities continue to impact Native communities.

Most critically, the federal government has not fully honored its treaty obligations, leaving essential programs and services chronically underfunded.



Tribes Are Stepping Into the Breach

With federal program funding commitments remaining unfulfilled, tribal governments are stepping in to improve reservation economies, schools, environments, clinics, housing and infrastructure. Tribal programs benefit non-Native communities as well. For example, many tribes provide healthcare services to both Native and non-Native Washingtonians.



Providing Critical Community Services

Multiple deaths in the Skagit County region and the ongoing opioid epidemic motivated the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community to open its Didgwállic Wellness Center in 2017. Since then, the Center has become a national model for opioid addiction treatment and support.

Didgwállic is open to all community members—Native and non-Native alike. It provides around 500 clients with services ranging from mental health counseling to medication management. The Center strives to eliminate as many barriers as possible to accessing services, including offering childcare and transportation, and covering the cost of treatment for those who can't afford it.

Tribes in Washington are proving that self-governance and economic self-sufficiency benefit everyone. Their investments in jobs, healthcare, education and public services are making a meaningful difference in people's lives. As tribes continue to drive economic growth and social progress, Washington stands to benefit for generations to come.

Learn more about tribes in Washington at
WashingtonTribes.org

This piece is based on an economic study funded by the Washington Indian Gaming Association and conducted by Jonathan Taylor, President of the Taylor Policy Group. Read the full report at washingtontribes.org/resources.



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June 24, 2025

Steve Roark, PE
Region Administrator
WSDOT Olympic Region
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Lacey, WA 98516

Subject: Urgent Concerns Regarding SR 110 – Quileute Tribe's Perspective

Dear Mr. Roark,

In support of the recent communication from the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), we, the Quileute Tribe, wish to express our serious concerns regarding the current state of La Push Road also known as State Route 110 (SR 110) and the impact it continues to have on our community.

SR 110 is not merely a roadway—it is the sole access point in and out of the Quileute Reservation. It serves as our vital connection to essential services, emergency response, education, commerce, and the broader region. While this area attracts many visitors due to its natural beauty, for us, it is first and foremost our home. The state of this road directly affects the wellbeing, safety, and livelihood of our people.

The execution of the planned improvements to SR 110 has fallen far short of what was promised. The road is now in significantly worse condition than it was before the project began. This is unacceptable. Not only has it reduced the quality of life for our residents, but it has also compromised the safety and experience of the tourists who support our local economy. We have observed hazardous driving behavior—including vehicles swerving to avoid damaged sections of the road—which raises serious safety concerns.

We request immediate attention to this matter. The current state of SR 110 is unsustainable and unjust. We ask for a clear and timely plan outlining how and when the road will be restored to a safe and reliable condition. Our community deserves better, and we urge the responsible agencies to act swiftly and meaningfully.

Sincerely,

Chairman Douglas Woodruff Jr.
Quileute Tribal Council