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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of August 25-29, 2025

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, August 25, 2025. Present were Commissioners French, Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published August 21 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Discussion and next steps regarding the Revenue Advisory Committee request to send a letter to the Commissioner of Public Lands and Department of Natural Resources regarding the pause on timber sales
- Agreement with Peninsula Dispute Resolution Center for providing the We're in this Together seminars
- Pre-application questionnaire with Department of Commerce for Connecting Housing Infrastructure Program Grant
- Discussion on 2026 budget priorities
- Briefing and call for hearing to be held Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. regarding adopting the Six-Year 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

The meeting concluded at 12:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – August 25, 2025, at 1 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 1 p.m., on Monday, August 25, 2025, to discuss collective bargaining. Present were Commissioners Ozias, French and Johnson, Administrator Mielke, Finance Department Lane and Turner, Human Resources Dennler, Sheriff's Office King and Wenzl and outside legal Lynch.

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 1 hour, CMOs, mc

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

The Board convened in open session at 2 p.m. and CMF noted no action will be taken.

The meeting concluded at 2 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 26, 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 Item 1d, Puget Sound Partnership
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on Commissioner Forum, public comment
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Items 1d, 2a, 2b and 2g

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CONSENT AGENDA

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of August 18

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9942924-9943074	\$480,258.66
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$480,258.66

1b Approval of minutes for the week of August 18

1c Resolution appointing Beverly Lee and Sarah McBride to the Homelessness Task Force

1d Letter to the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe regarding trust land transfers

1e Call for request for proposals and qualifications to be received no later than Monday, September 22, 2025, at 3 p.m. regarding Developmental Disabilities 2026 January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

1f Proclamation Recognizing National Diaper Need Awareness Week

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMF Recognized National Diaper Need Awareness Week
 - Elisia Anderson, First Step Family Support Center, provided comment
- CMO reported on 24th Legislative Session, Jefferson and Clallam County Economic Development Council
- CRJ reported North Olympic Legislative Alliance, training electricians, Forests, Library District, School Districts, Commissioner of Public Lands
- CMF reported on certified primary election, Clallam Bay Sekiu Advisory Committee Meeting, Fire District Permits

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement amendment 1 with SWCA Environmental Consultants for County’s Community Wildlife Protection Plan

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2b Agreement amendment 1 with SWCA Environmental Consultants for Smoke Impacts and Climate Analysis

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2c Agreement with Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for monitoring of registered sex offenders

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2d Agreement with City of Sequim for Flaura’s Acres utility services

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2e Agreement with Puget Sound Partnership for onsite management

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2f Agreement amendment with US Forest Service for Secure Rural Schools Act Title II

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2g Agreement amendment 2 with County Road Administration Board for Edgewood Drive Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

BUDGET

3a Resolution for consideration to adopt the following budget revisions:

Health & Human Services-Foundational Public Health Services – Funding is being reallocated from unanticipated Foundational Public Health Services projects to the Health and Human Services Operations budget to purchase IT equipment, including 20 laptops, cases, and docking stations (1 of 2)/\$21,000

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NonDepartmental - Shifting building security costs to fund leave payouts that are pacing higher than expected due to employee retirements and terminations not anticipated during budget preparation/\$160,000

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMOs, mc

3b Resolution for consideration to adopt the following supplemental appropriations:

Health & Human Services-Operations – Funding is being transferred from unanticipated Foundational Public Health Services projects to the Health and Human Services operations budget to purchase IT equipment, including 20 laptops, cases, and docking stations (2 of 2)/\$21,000

Health & Human Services-Environmental Health – The Department of Health Consolidated Contract #5 is adding funds to the shellfish grant budget. The added funds will be used to cover travel to collection sites & laboratory sample processing costs/\$5,000

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMOs, mc

HEARING(S)

4a Ordinance amending Clallam County Code Chapter 5.100 Consolidated Fee Schedule – Fees for the Clerk of Superior Court 115-A

- Nikki Botnen, Superior Court Clerk, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to open the public hearing, CMOs, mc

- The following provided testimony:
 - Dr. Sarah Huling, District III

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt, CMOs, mc

4b Ordinance repealing and replacing Chapter 27.08 of the Clallam County Code, Open Space

- Donella Clark, Department of Community Development, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to open the public hearing, CRJs, mc

- The following provided testimony:
 - Jacob Seegers, District III
 - Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay
 - Dr. Sarah Huling, District III

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt, CMOs, mc

4c Consideration of resolution adopting the following debatable emergencies:

NonDepartmental-Federal Forest Replacement – Clallam County has \$156,807 in federal Title III funds under the Secure Rural Schools Act, but only \$39,000 was to be expended in 2025. More funding is needed to support Title III projects already approved by the Commissioners through the County's Revenue Advisory Committee/\$117,807

Public Works-Broadband Infrastructure Capital Project – Additional working capital from the General Fund & remaining committed local match funding from American Rescue Plan Act fund needed for current construction phase of project (1 of 3)/\$500,000

NonDepartmental-American Rescue Plan Act - Additional working capital from the remaining committed local match funding from American Rescue Plan Act fund needed for current construction phase of the Broadband Infrastructure project (2 of 3)/\$203,612

General Fund Reserves - Additional working capital from the General Fund needed for current construction phase of the Broadband Infrastructure project (3 of 3)/\$296,388

- Mark Lane, Finance Department, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to open the public hearing, CRJs, mc

- The following provided testimony:
 - Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay
 - John Worthington, Sequim
 - Dr. Sarah Huling, District III

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to close the public hearing, CRJs, mc

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMOs, mc

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, comment on item 2g, Commissioner of Public Lands, Six-year TIP
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on budget presentation, reserves
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on budget presentation, taxes, Code Enforcement, Midway Metals
- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on Clallam County Fair, County Services, taxes, funding
- Theresa Miller, Sequim commented on Debatable Emergencies, Broadband, Diapers, reserves
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on Olympic National Park and Forest, Jobs, Federal Grants

FINAL ITEM – Commissioner Forum

(This Session will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month when BOCC concludes its other agenda items. The Session will be held for 45 minutes or until there are no further questions. Regardless of the start time, this session will end no later than 11:45 a.m.)

5a Commissioner Forum

- Eric Fehrmann, asked a question regarding how will you measure the success of Harm Reduction Program
- John DeBoer, commented on Harm Reduction
- Jacob Seegers, commented on Harm Reduction
- Gail Baker, asked question regarding what is the criteria for getting into the Harm Reduction Program
- John Worthington, commented on Forest Management, Create Jobs
- Jim Bower, Sequim, commented on Forest Management, short sales/lump sum sales, Tribal Culvert Replacement Project
- Kevin LoPiccolo, Department of Human Services, commented on Harm Reduction Program

The meeting concluded at 11:50 a.m. and continued to Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 9 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC Virtual Update, William Shore Memorial Pool District Meeting, Coffee with Colleen, Clallam Transit Meeting, and Gene Turner Memorial during the week of August 25, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of August 2025

ATTEST:

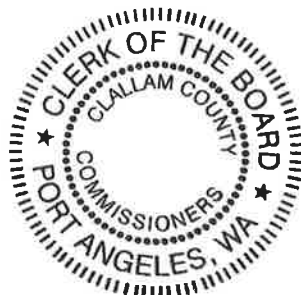
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Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

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Mike French
Mike French, Chair

Randy Johnson
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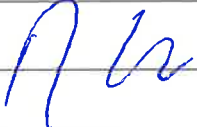
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BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PUBLIC HEARING

4a Ordinance amending Clallam County Code Chapter 5.100 Consolidated Fee Schedule – Fees for the Clerk of Superior Court 115-A

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that any testimony that I give is true and accurate. Please print name and address clearly.

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BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions



Clallam County Revenue Advisory Committee

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August 18, 2025

Clallam County
Board of County Commissioners
223 East 4th Street, Ste. 4
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Board of Clallam County Commissioners:

In January 2025 the Washington Commissioner of Public Lands announced and imposed a six-month "pause" on timber sales meeting certain criteria. This pause affected over \$7.9 million in Clallam County timber sales and has had a devastating effect on the countywide and junior taxing districts which had budgeted for those funds. This action also has an impact on our economy—we see a continued decline in the number of family-wage jobs and the average wage as wood product manufacturers struggle to access supplies. Over seven months have passed. However, DNR has yet to bring these sales to market.

The Revenue Advisory Committee was established to inform Clallam County Commissioners on issues related to DNR management of county trust lands and fiduciary responsibilities. We believe the current pause in sales is an urgent issue that the County must address to preserve vital civic services and quality of life in our communities.

Background

In January 2025 the Commissioner of Public Lands canceled, modified, or delayed eight timber sales on lands that Clallam County deeded in trust to the State. These sales comply with the Washington Forest Practices Act, the 1997 State Lands' Habitat Conservation Plan, and DNR's own policies regarding old growth, riparian protection, and sustainable harvest. They have also undergone review under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

DNR's own data developed because of the pause shows that all habitat conservation planning units are already in the 10% to 15% range of "Older Forests" expected to be created by the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Additionally, as stated in the 2006 Policy for Sustainable Forests, DNR has identified adequate acres of structurally complex forests to be managed to ensure the "10% to 15% Older Forest" expectation is met. The HCP expected to meet this outcome by the end of the 70-year period of the plan (1997 to 2070). DNR is already beyond that 70-year goal, costing our county dearly.

According to DNR's own data (see Table 1), these eight sales have a combined appraisal of \$7.9 million. Based on recent auction results, their market value is estimated at approximately \$12 million. Revenue from these sales would directly support Clallam County services and its junior taxing districts.

The continued delay in offering these sales negatively impacts Clallam County's economy, threatens jobs, jeopardizes the viability of local wood products manufacturers, and reduces funding for vital public services including education and fire response.

Clallam County has exercised patience during the pause. However, further delay exacerbates fiscal strain and risks service reductions for residents and visitors alike. Table 1 illustrates the projected revenue and its importance to County operations and junior taxing districts.

Table 1 – Estimated Value of Delayed Timber Sales by Junior Taxing District

Taxing District	Appraised Value	Likely Bid Value (~50% over)
Clallam County Roads	\$695,514.00	\$1,043,271.00
School District (#121) Enrichment	\$223,945.00	\$335,917.50
School District (#313) Enrichment	\$241,413.00	\$362,119.50
School District (#323) Enrichment	\$312,396.00	\$468,594.00
School District (#121) CP/Bond	\$374,962.00	\$562,443.00
School District (#313) CP/Bond	\$56,334.00	\$84,301.00
School District (#323) CP/Bond	\$156,564.00	\$234,846.00
Port of Port Angeles	\$98,753.00	\$148,129.00
State School Part 1	\$1,347,786.00	\$2,021,679.00
State School Part 2	\$723,033.00	\$1,084,549.50
Conservation Futures	\$15,931.00	\$23,896.50
Clallam County Roads (2nd Entry)	\$95,979.00	\$143,968.50
Clallam County General	\$592,954.00	\$889,431.00
Fire District #2	\$224,255.00	\$336,382.50
Fire District #3 (EMS)	\$331,104.00	\$496,656.00
Fire & Rescue (District #4)	\$308,466.00	\$462,699.00
North Olympic Library	\$262,380.00	\$393,570.00
Hospital District #1	\$40,139.00	\$60,208.50
Hospital District #2	\$243,757.00	\$365,635.50
William Shore Memorial Pool	\$64,200.00	\$96,300.00
DNR RMCA Account (31%)	\$367,500.00	\$551,250.00
Common School	\$1,102,500.00	\$1,653,750.00

Legal and Fiduciary Concerns

Under 1935 legislation, the State is obligated to manage these lands in trust for the benefit of the counties, including Clallam County. These lands are to be managed for sustainable timber production to generate revenue for county services. The Washington Supreme Court has

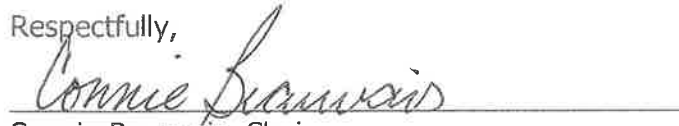
repeatedly affirmed the state's trust obligations to counties as trust beneficiaries. Given Clallam County's unique exposure from the pause on these eight sales, we believe DNR's inaction appears to violate both statutory requirements and its common law fiduciary duty to manage the trust prudently and with undivided loyalty to the County and its taxpayers.

Inasmuch as there is no legal reason to delay the paused sales another day, the Clallam County Revenue Advisory Committee respectfully urges the Clallam County Board of Commissioners to move with expediency to:

- Formally request Commissioner Upthegrove and DNR to move these sales forward without delay. Substituting other trust land acres for the paused sales is not acceptable.
- Request a clear and public timeline for offering the sales.
- Explore legal remedies to defend the County's rights as a trust beneficiary if DNR continues to delay the sales.

Clallam County must act now to protect its interests and those of its residents under the terms of the trust.

Respectfully,

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Connie Beauvais, Chair
Clallam County Revenue Advisory Committee (RAC)

August 20, 2025

Director of Community Development
Clallam County Board of Commissioners

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Dear Bruce and County Commissioners:

The Sequim Association of REALTORS® Government Affairs Committee and the Port Angeles Association of REALTORS® Government Affairs Committee have been reviewing the RV Use Code Amendments, and would like to provide our comments and perspectives.

We are against "RV Camps," where there are multiple RVs with surfacing sewage, garbage, etc. We support the County's efforts to clean up these camps.

But, we also support allowing a property owner to have an RV on their property, where someone can live 365 days a year. As REALTORS®, we have heard so many stories about people putting an adult child or a family member in an RV on their property. In fact, some of our members have had these experiences. So many of these people would be living in their cars or a tent, if that RV wasn't there. We know that the DCD worries about the safety of someone living in an RV; but, it is still safer, warmer, and more hygienic than being in a car or a tent. We know of many neighborhoods that do not mind someone helping their children or unemployed or disabled relatives, by letting them live in an RV on the main property.

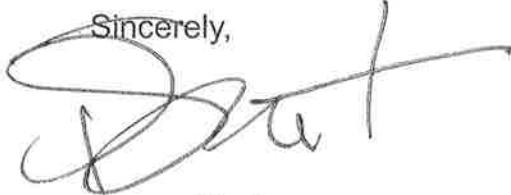
We recognize that enforcement of the new RV ordinance is initiated by a complaint or contact with the Code Enforcement Division. We do urge Code Enforcement and the Sheriff's Department to be proactive in respect to the new ordinance/changes to other ordinances, especially lack of connection to power, water and septic in their routine property owner encounters.

Please allow for year-round living in one RV on a property in the county, rather than the 180 days that is in 33.58.020 General Requirements (5).

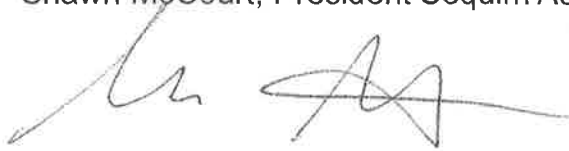
We do agree that the RV should be hooked up to power and water (public or well). 33.58.020 General Requirements (2). We want to make sure that this same section allows for hooking the RV up to an on-site sewage system or a sewer, or to be able to be **pumped**, with demonstration of pumping through receipts.

We look forward to commenting at the Commissioners' public hearing. Please let us know when that will be. And, we thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

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Shawn McCourt, President Sequim Association of REALTORS®

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Shamber Twedt, President Port Angeles Association of REALTORS®