



BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of September 8 – 12, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION – September 4, 2025 at 4 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 4 p.m., on Thursday, September 4, 2025 to discuss litigation. Present were Commissioners Ozias, and French, Administrator Mielke, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Reno, Health and Human Services Department LoPiccolo and Oppelt, and Finance Department Turner. Commissioner Johnson was excused.

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: CMOm to executive session for 15 minutes, CMFs, mc

The Board recessed into executive session at 4 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 4:15 p.m.

First matter – G8 Settlement :

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm authorize the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to affirm Clallam County's participation to opt into the settlement and authorize the Chair to sign any participation documents, CMFs, mc

Second matter – New Purdue Plan:

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm, authorize the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to affirm Clallam County's participation to opt into the settlement and authorize the Chair to sign any participation documents, CMFs, mc

Third matter – Purdue Direct Settlement :

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm, authorize the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to affirm Clallam County's participation to opt into the settlement and authorize the Chair to sign any participation documents, CMFs, mc

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, September 8, 2025. Present were Commissioners French, Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published September 4 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts for Court Security Project
- Contract with Washington Department of Agriculture for Knotweed control
- Agreement with Runbeck Election Services LLC for Agilis ballot sorter machine
- Agreement Amendment 1 with Department of Transportation for Old Olympic Highway Resurfacing Project
- Letter to Lands Commissioner Regarding Paused Timber Sales

The meeting concluded at 9:42 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, September 9, 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

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PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on item 1d
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on item 1a
- Theresa Miller, Sequim, commented on Budget
- Charles Creed, Clallam County, commented on item 1d

CONSENT AGENDA

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of September 1

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9943299-9943338; 9943345-9943381; 9943383-9943451	\$433,672.64
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$433,672.64

1b Approval of minutes for the week of September 1

1c Resolution to appoint Kami Rosser as the Deputy Clerk of the Board

1d Letter to Lands Commissioner Regarding Paused Timber Sales

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMF commented on Law Library Meeting, Trails Advisory Meeting, RAISE Grant, TAFFY fundraiser,
- CMO commented on District Court Probation Processes, SNAP Funding, Sequim Operational Area, Emergency Management, Lodging Tax Advisory Committee Meeting, Transportation Closure
- CRJ commented on Board of Natural Resources Meeting

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement with Department of Ecology for Solid Waste Management

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2b Agreement with Washington State Military Department and State 911 for PenCom Dispatch

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2c Agreement with Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for Mental Health Field Response

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2d Memorandum of Understanding for North Olympic Peninsula Recompete Coalition for various Recompete projects

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2e Agreement Amendment 1 with Department of Transportation for Old Olympic Highway Resurfacing Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on Watershed, Salmon, Shoreline Masterplan, Cascadia Consulting
- Theresa Miller, Sequim, commented on Transportation Construction
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on Creating Possible fear, Clallam Conservation District, Taxes
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on Clallam Conservation District, Taxes
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on NorthView Apartment Complex-Peninsula Behavioral Health

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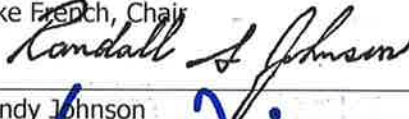
Meeting concluded at 10:39 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, September 15, 2025, at 9 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC, Coffee with Colleen and Housing Solutions during the week of September 8th

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of September 2025


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Mike French, Chair

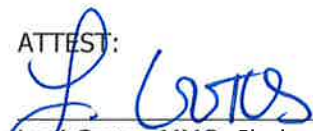


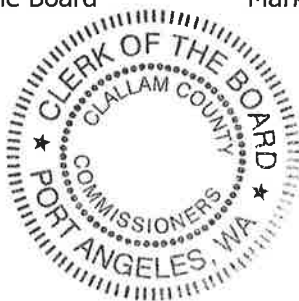
Randy Johnson



Mark Ozias

ATTEST:


Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board



Gores, Loni

From: emt@gmail.com <etelenick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 5:59 AM
To: Gores, Loni; Ozias, Mark; French, Mike; Johnson, Randy
Subject: Fwd: Public comment regarding Town Hall amendment proposal

Some people who received this message don't often get email from etelenick@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

Good morning Loni

I am trying to get this email included into the record as a public comment. I am unsure if it should go into the normal BOCC minutes or the CRC minutes but I would prefer that it ended up in both places if possible.

Thanks, ed

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **emt@gmail.com** <etelenick@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Sep 2, 2025 at 6:24 AM
Subject: Public comment regarding Town Hall amendment proposal
To: <Ron.cameron@clallamcountywa.gov>, <ron.richards@clallamcountywa.gov>, <nina.sarmiento@clallamcountywa.gov>, <jeff.tozzer@clallamcountywa.gov>

Commissioners,

While I appreciate the time and effort you spent drafting this town hall amendment, I am very disappointed that concerns I raised at a previous general meeting were ignored and that you are limiting this amendment to a single department.

This Charter amendment proposal should have included other elected officials besides the 3 Commissioners. At least the public has the ability to engage the BOCC Commissioners once a week through public comment periods, whether they verbally respond or not. The eye rolls, yawns, heads bowed in shame, and angry stares are all non verbal responses that are instructive to those of us who have tried to engage them. They provide important feedback to citizens that will help guide future voting decisions.

Our other tax supported elected officials have zero requirements to engage their constituents or to EVER appear before citizens. Many of the problems brought before the BOCC aren't even in their wheelhouse and they have little control over these other elected officials.

Although some of these officials are accessible to individuals, the majority of the public doesn't have the luxury of benefitting from those private conversations or watching how they respond to real time interactions. A town hall requirement would make them more accountable to the voting public, which should be your priority! It would also be much simpler to organize because those officials are not district oriented. They represent ALL of us...or are supposed to.

The entire exercise of requiring a town hall with an amendment wouldn't even be necessary if our elected officials would just voluntarily do what they should be doing. Perhaps an MOU could accomplish the same thing without codifying it within the charter?

The recent quasi question and answer session after last week's BOCC meeting shows dialog is possible without an official amendment.

It will be a miracle if this amendment passes through this dysfunctional CRC without being edited, debated or whatever it is that happens when 15 different people with political or business agendas come together. Throw in the advice of lawyers whose sole purpose is to protect the County's interests and it's not hard to predict the outcome..

With only 4 months left in this session and then 5 more years to wait for another Commission, it is sad that so little substantive progress has been made while so many hours have been spent arguing Robert's Rules Of Order, nuances within the OPMA, bickering among yourselves about your rights, editing sentences, or drafting motions about whether you can ask the civil attorney a question about whether the commission can ask the civil attorney a question. It would be laughable if it wasn't squandering valuable time and resources.

Maybe I'm just too old and bitter at this point to expect common sense, but if these town halls do end up as a Charter requirement in 2026 I predict they will end up like most County business (court proceedings, advisory committee meetings, board meetings, work sessions) that I have spent the last 3 1/2 years and hundreds if not thousands of hours attending either in person or virtually; and that it will be a more productive use of time for citizens to watch funny cat videos than to attend.

Anyway, at least this subcommittee seems to be directed towards what I believe the primary purpose of a Home Rule Charter actually is! Please do your best to keep it out of the weeds and consider my suggestions.

Thanks again for the time you have committed. I just hope it isn't fruitless.

Ed telenick

p.s. I also echo Mr. Bowen's comment about the frustration of not having documents to look at and am thankful I didn't waste those two hours this week sitting in the audience watching you guys scribble notes on a piece of paper or a computer screen.