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## BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of October 13-17, 2025

### WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, October 13, 2025. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson, and French and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published October 9, 2025 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. regarding proposed Resolution authorizing grants from Opportunity Fund for City of Forks Industrial Park
- Call for request for qualifications for Construction Administration/Project Management Services for Joint Public Safety Facility no later than, Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 2 p.m.
- Agreement with Department of Ecology for Clallam County Marine Resources Committee
- Call for hearing to be held on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. regarding Clallam County Code Title 33 Zoning and Title 21 Building and Construction
- Agreement with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe for High Resolution Topo Bathymetric data
- Discussion on proposed budget revisions to be considered October 28
- Discussion on proposed supplemental appropriations to be considered October 28
- Continued discussion regarding current budget shortfall

Meeting concluded at 11:47 a.m.

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

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 14, 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 FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- Jake Seegers, Port Angeles, commented on item 1a
- Joe Schmidt, Clallam County, commented on Doc Holliday timber sales
- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on item 1d
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Bureau of Indian Affairs, how to ask the BOCC a question

### CONSENT AGENDA

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of September 29 and October 6

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

| Accounts Payable:                                                  | Total          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Warrant numbers: 9944280-9944435; 9944476-9944649; 9944670-9944792 | \$3,926,300.81 |
| Electronic payments dates: n/a                                     | \$0.00         |
| Total Accounts Payable:                                            | \$3,926,300.81 |

1b Approval of minutes for the week of September 29 and October 6

1c Resolution appointing Lynne Kastner and Ben Pacheco to Revenue Advisory Committee

~~1d Resolution authorizing expenditure from Affordable Housing Sales and Use Tax Fund~~

1e Final approval of Subdivision LDV2018-00035, Portwood Vale for Pakala LLC

1f Call for request for qualifications for Construction Administration/Project Management Services for Joint Public Safety Facility no later than, Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 2 p.m.

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

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**ADMINISTRATION**

1d Resolution authorizing expenditure from Affordable Housing Sales and Use Tax Fund

**ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to adopt, CRJs, mc**

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- CMO reported on appointment to the State Emergency Management Council, Clallam Transit Anniversary
- CRJ reported on Sarge's Place Event, Board of Natural Resources Meeting
- CMF reported on Olympic Area Agency on Aging (O3A), Open Space Agricultural Exemption Program, West End Olympic Discovery Trail, Department of Natural Resources environmental assessments, Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency (ORCAA)

**BUDGET**

2a Notice that the following budget revisions will be considered for adoption on October 28:

Health & Human Services-Foundational Public Health Service - The FPHS budget is being revised to increase the grant funding returned line by \$74,773, totaling \$169,773 in unspent funds from a \$2.1 million advance received for state fiscal year 2023. These funds, from restricted categories, must be returned to the State of Washington/\$74,773

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMOs, mc**

2b Notice that the following supplemental appropriations will be considered for adoption on October 28:

Sheriff-OPNET Drug – OPNET will receive \$39,024 from a seizure case. Per the settlement, \$20,000 will go to the arrested individual's family. After taxes, the remaining funds will be added to the Task Force fund balance for future use/\$39,024

Sheriff-Jail – A CREW vehicle bought with Ecology Grant funds in 2024 was reimbursed in 2025. The reimbursement will go to the general fund that covered the original cost/\$70,933

Sheriff-Clinical Services - Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic, in partnership with Clallam County Jail, has secured a grant that will reimburse up to \$50,000 of the County's costs for suboxone used in treating substance use disorders among inmates. Since the purchases have already been made, the reimbursement will be returned to the general fund/\$44,704

Sheriff – Operations - The Sheriff's Office renewed its Mental Health Field Response grant through Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC), with the first half of the funding to be used in 2025. Services for 2026 are already budgeted/\$395,000

Public Works-Broadband Infrastructure Capital Projects – Increase in grant reimbursements for ongoing Broadband project that is proceeding quicker than anticipated/\$3,200,000

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMOs, mc**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on public comments procedures, vouchers, Senior Exemption Program, taxes
- Gayle Baker, Sequim, commented on Harm Reduction Program (see attached)
- Teresa Miller, Sequim, commented on item 1c, Department of Natural Resources timber sales
- Richard Wade, Port Angeles, commented on Mr. Wheeler, journalism career
- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on Jamestown Tribe agreement discussion at work session on October 13, 2025
- Jake Seegers, District III, commented on Code Title 33 Zoning and Title 21 Building and Construction, Senior Exemption Program, taxes, Marine Resources Committee, levy lid lift
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on taxes

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- Kris Anderson Clallam County, timber sales, logging
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on empowering the public to ask questions
- Jason Zizzo, Port Angeles commented on his right to appeal in a timely manner, property, records requests

Meeting concluded at 11:15 a.m. and continued to Monday, October 20, 2025, at 9 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC Virtual Update, Budget Town Hall Meeting and Department Budget Meetings during the week of October 13, 2025.

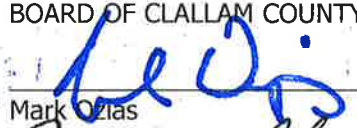
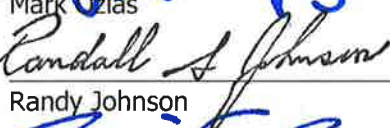
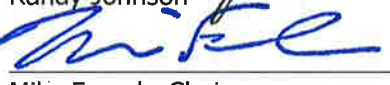
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 2025

ATTEST:



Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Mark Ozias  
Randy Johnson  
Mike French, Chair

**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  
Gayle Baker

10/14/25

Gores, Loni

**From:** Gayle Baker <gaylebaker7458@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 14, 2025 10:11 AM  
**To:** Gores, Loni  
**Subject:** Fwd: How do I stop enabling an addict?  
**Attachments:** Harm Reduction is just a pretty word.pdf

Good morning Loni,

Please see that each commissioner gets a copy of this, including my 3 minute comment, attached.

Thank you,

Gayle Baker  
Sequim

<https://www.jacksonhouserehab.com/>

## How Do I Stop Enabling an Addict?



If someone you care about is dealing with substance use disorder (SUD), you may find it difficult to know how best to support them. You might offer them money, a place to stay, or even try to convince them to enter a recovery program.

But nothing you try is working. How do you know if you're doing the right things? What could actually help your loved one versus enabling their behaviors?

Knowing the difference between real support and enabling is crucial if you want to help your loved one start their recovery. There are actionable steps you can take to stop enabling someone with substance use disorder and get them closer to the help they need.

## What Does Enabling Mean?

There's a fine line between enabling and helping. It's not always easy to recognize when you're doing one or the other. That's because they both usually come from a desire to support a loved one.

Enabling happens when your behaviors support your loved one's substance use. Therapists describe it as doing something for a person that they could do themselves if they were sober. In addition, your actions may downplay the truth or shield them from the consequences of their own behaviors.

When you enable your loved one with substance use disorder, you give them the authority or the means to delay the decision to seek treatment. You inadvertently grant them permission to continue their behaviors.

## What Does Enabling an Addict Look Like?

Enabling a person with substance use disorder can take many forms. Some of the most common examples of enabling include:

- Keeping secrets about their behavior, ignoring it, or avoiding the topic
- Offering them financial support
- Justifying their behavior or agreeing with their rationalizations
- Deflecting blame to situations or people other than them
- Attempting to control their behavior
- Making ultimatums that you never execute
- Putting their needs above yours or others'
- Taking care of them

If you recognize your own actions from this list, you're not alone. It's easy to fall into the trap of enabling someone with substance use disorder. However, you need to recognize when you're enabling and why so that you can change your approach effectively.

## Why Would Someone Enable an Addict?

There are many reasons you might find yourself enabling a loved one with substance use disorder. Most of the time, it's because you care deeply about the person and don't want to see them get hurt. You're probably doing what you're doing in an effort to make the situation better.

While enabling might put off a hard decision or conversation, it will never fix the problem. The first step to ending your enablement is to recognize that you're doing it, and to understand why.

## Types of Enabling Behavior

There are four major types of enabling behavior:

1. **Fear-based.** You may be enabling your loved one if you're afraid of them, or to avoid conflict. They might make threats if you bring up the topic. Enabling can be done out of fear for your personal safety.
2. **Guilt-based.** Your loved one may appeal to your guilt or sense of responsibility. If they're a relative, they might blame you for their childhood or for something that's happened to them in the past. You might blame yourself for their addiction and enable them to assuage your guilt.
3. **Hope-based.** You might feel optimistic that your loved one can recover on their own. You may worry that their recovery won't be possible if you stop supporting them. You're holding out hope that they'll make a breakthrough any day now.
4. **Victim-based.** You might see your loved one as a victim of their disorder, or they may position themselves in that role.

Whichever the cause, it's essential to understand that your enabling behaviors won't fix your loved one's problems, won't absolve either of you from past mistakes, and won't magically heal them. They need real help, which is entirely separate from enabling.

## How to Stop Enabling

Enabling your loved one is a habit, and like any habit, it can be challenging to break. When you change your enabling behaviors, your loved one might push back against them. You have to stay strong in the knowledge that you're doing what's best for both of you.

Here are some steps you can take to end your enabling behaviors:

- Learn about addiction**—Knowledge is power. When you understand substance use disorder, you gain insight into what your loved one is going through. You'll also learn more about what you can do to help them.
- Stop making excuses**—You both need to face the reality of what's happening. Denial will only prolong the problem. When you recognize that your loved one is dealing with something serious, it can help them to understand that, too.
- Don't do things they can do themselves**—When you take on your loved one's responsibilities, such as chores, parenting duties, etc., you give them permission to continue their behaviors without consequence. They need to see the impact their issue is having on their life, even if it's ugly.
- Resist loaning money**—There's no amount of money you can lend that will solve your loved one's problem. You'll never get that money back, and you're likely just funding their disorder. They need to see that they can't use you as a source of financial stability.
- Don't lecture, argue, or scold**—Yelling, blaming, and arguing never help the situation. If that's the only consequence your loved one faces, they may accept that as a necessary evil for continuing their behaviors.
- Never drink or use with them**—Even accompanying your loved one to acquire substances in order to protect them can be enabling.

Taking these steps can feel painful, but they are necessary if you ever want your loved one to recover fully from their substance use disorder.

## Setting Boundaries with an Addict

Ending the enabling behaviors is one thing, but you may also need to set firm boundaries with your loved one in order to prevent them from happening in the future.

Setting boundaries means establishing ground rules that govern the relationship between you and your loved one. While these boundaries can help your loved one face reality and make the choice to seek treatment, they are ultimately a protective measure for you. Your mental health can suffer when you engage in enabling behaviors, and you need to be honest with yourself about that.

If you're ready to establish boundaries, tell your loved one that:

- They can't use around you or in your home.
- You won't be lending them any money or bailing them out of jail.
- You're not going to make excuses or lie for them.
- They can't live in your house for free, and you'll require rent if they're staying with you.
- You're happy to help them find treatment.

Boundaries can be powerful tools, but they only have power when you enforce them. Don't make exceptions for the ground rules you establish, or you may find yourself slipping back into familiar patterns of enablement.

## Get the Support You Need

While only you can end your enabling behaviors, you don't have to do it all alone. If you need guidance or your loved one is ready to start [considering recovery programs](#), Jackson House is available to offer compassionate, expert care.

We provide a person-centered, individualized approach that understands the uniqueness of every person who comes to us, with a strong emphasis on family and community. We're here to help you get through this. [Reach out](#) about treatment today.

Comment to Commissioners

October 8, 2025

Gayle Baker, Sequim

Harm reduction—well, that sounds like a good idea! Who doesn't want to reduce harm? But don't let it fool you; Harm Reduction is just a prettied-up word for enabling.

Such a grand sounding description—so much better sounding than enabling. Because EVERYONE knows what enabling does and is. We've known that word since the sixties: Enabling is a word that perfectly describes the behavior of untrained, virtue signaling, self-satisfied, over educated liberals with lofty ideas born from socialist ideological teachings in our federally funded schools and universities.

The Jackson House Rehab Center of San Diego, California treats their addicts differently. According to Jackson House "Knowing the difference between real support and enabling is crucial..."<sup>1</sup>

Enabling doesn't have to be parent to child, spouse to spouse, teacher to student. It can just as easily be accomplished through reckless spending of taxpayer funds by overzealous, enabling elected officials.

The following points are what Jackson House refers to as "enabling an addict." Let's see how well Clallam County Commissioners score on the enabling meter:

✓ *Keeping secrets about their (addicts) behavior, ignoring it, or avoiding the topic.* (The lack of transparency, financial audits and accountability of the grant recipients by the commissioners.)

✓ *Offering them financial support* (Unlimited grant funding, last minute budget revisions, and budget allocations to recipients without accountability.)

✓ *Justifying their behavior or agreeing with their rationalizations* (Addicts must have dog washing stations and dishwashers and live in \$350,000 units in order for them to, what?)

✓ *Deflecting blame to situations or other people than them* (Those of us raising questions, we're the problem because we don't understand the needs of these addicts. And dishwashers are mandatory in the brand new, water view, homeless addict condos with EV charging stations.)

X *Attempting to control their behavior* (No, a pass on this one, because our commissioners are 100% into enabling—I haven't seen a shred of control over our addicts in any fashion.)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.jacksonhouserehab.com/>

X *Making ultimatums that you never execute* (A pass on this one as well--because our commissioners are so into enabling they don't even get to this step.)

✓ *Putting their needs above yours or others* (Addicts, homeless addicts NEED an expensive condo. One young woman I met at the fair explained to me why it's so very important that homeless addicts have a place to stay with a lock on the door, and I quote: "It's to protect their stash, other wise their drugs get stolen and that's stressful for an addict.")

✓ *Taking care of them* (Our commissioners, using taxpayer funds, finance needless, Narcan, boofing kits, bus rides to wherever they want to go, safe places to shoot up, food, housing, medical, the heroin substitute, methadone, and every reason under the sun not to get clean.)

California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington have some of the highest rates of per capita homelessness. Every year billions are spent and every year the problem worsens. That's because we (you) are not helping these people, we (you) are enabling them.

Addicts are a commodity in a very lucrative industry: Once a homeless/addict has exhausted Medicaid funds in one city they are shuffled off to another with a bus ticket and a pat from a broker who gets a commission from the insurance brokers who get their commission through Medicaid and Medicare and, sometime but rarely, private insurance. The Guardian wrote an article on this subject in December 2017, it's just as relevant today.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/ng-interactive/2017/dec/20/bussed-out-america-moves-homeless-people-country-study>

# **BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions**

## Gores, Loni

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**From:** Keith Cortner <kcortner@clallamfire2.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 1, 2025 1:59 PM  
**To:** Mark.Ozias@ClallamCountyWA.org; French, Mike; Johnson, Randy  
**Cc:** Gores, Loni  
**Subject:** Letter from the Olympic Peninsula Fire Commissioners Association RE: Timber Revenue  
**Attachments:** Letter to County Commissioners Ref. Timber Revenue.pdf

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

Clallam County Board of County Commissioners;

Please see the attached letter submitted on behalf of the Olympic Peninsula Fire Commissioners Association regarding timber sales affective junior taxing districts.

The Olympic Peninsula Fire Commissioners Association (OPFCA) represents Fire Protection Districts in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. Several Clallam County OPFCA members are also members of the Revenue Advisory Committee representing their respective districts and remain active due to concerns regarding timber sales revenue and the current and future damage to this historical revenue source.

it is our membership's opinion that the State's role is to manage those lands and timber sales for the sole benefit of the beneficiary with Undivided Loyalty. Clallam County and its special district are the sole beneficiary of these trust lands.

On behalf of the junior taxing districts and more importantly, your constituents who will have to share the burden of this lost revenue, we strongly urge the Clallam County Board of Commissioners to seek remedy of these damages and future damages in Court.

Respectively,



**Keith C Cortner**

**President**

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### Clallam County Board of Commissioners

Mark Ozias, Commissioner District 1

Randy Johnson, Commissioner District 2

Mike French, Commissioner District 3

Reference: Timber Revenues

The Olympic Peninsula Fire Commissioners Association (OPFCA) represents Fire Protection Districts in Clallam and Jefferson Counties. Several Clallam County OPFCA members are also members of the Revenue Advisory Committee representing their respective districts and remain active due to concerns regarding timber sales revenue and the current and future damage to this historical revenue source. Special Service Districts include Schools, Hospitals, Fire, EMS, Emergency Services and Libraries to name a few. Timber sales revenue here in Clallam County generated from sales on County Transfer (Trust) lands have been the lifeblood of our smaller rural special districts for generations.

In the simplest of terms, it is our membership's opinion that the State's role is to manage those lands and timber sales for the sole benefit of the beneficiary with Undivided Loyalty. Clallam County and its special district are the sole beneficiary of these trust lands. As interpreted in trust and common law language, undivided loyalty to the beneficiary is undivided loyalty to the exclusion of all others. It is very evident to us that the State has clearly demonstrated divided loyalty with numerous interest groups.

County elected officials should be the first to recognize that in these economic times the State, County and Special Service Districts cannot withstand negative cash flow due to what we believe is unlawful action on the part of the State of Washington, including the State Lands Commissioner and State Legislature. County officials have similar budgetary reasons to share our members concerns. To the best of our estimations the damage to Clallam County due to this recent unlawful pause in timber sales alone is well over \$14 million.

On behalf of the junior taxing districts and more importantly, your constituents who will have to share the burden of this lost revenue, we strongly urge the Clallam County Board of Commissioners to seek remedy of these damages and future damages in Court.

We also request that the county seek commitments to ensure that in the future, trust lands are managed and sold to ensure tax revenues are distributed as intended in accordance with session laws of 1935 chapter 288. It is evident that the State has breached its common law trust



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responsibilities to Clallam County trust beneficiaries through legislation and tacit approval of DNR and state agency actions that encourage imprudence and divided loyalty to special interests at the expense of the beneficiaries.

We believe this is our only path forward to restore the valuable resource for ours and future generations.

Respectfully,

*Keith Cortner*

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Bill Miano, Fire District 3

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Chip Keen, Fire District 6

CC: Connie Beauvais, Revenue Advisory Committee



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August 28, 2025

Mark Ozias  
Clallam County  
223 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Port Angeles, WA 98362

Re: Appointment to the Washington State Emergency Management Council

Dear Mark Ozias:

Thank you for agreeing to move into the role of primary county government representative on the Washington State Emergency Management Council (EMC) with the retirement of Gene Strong. Your appointment is continuing from March 5, 2025, through March 4, 2027.

Yours is one of 21 positions specifically designated in state law (RCW 38.52.040). The EMC advises the Governor and me on all matters pertaining to state and local emergency management to improve our state's ability to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from "all hazard" events. Members represent local governments, law enforcement, the Military Department, state agencies, fire departments, seismic safety experts, state and local emergency management directors, search and rescue volunteers, medical professionals, and private industry.

The diversity of our state increases the need for us to partner together to ensure the interests of everyone are represented. As members of the EMC, we must respect all opinions and listen to all viewpoints. Building public trust requires us to use common sense, break down barriers, make decisions, and provide a timely response.

I am certain that, like me, you find public service challenging and rewarding. Together we will continue to move Washington in the right direction and build public trust.

If you have any questions about EMC participation or need additional information, please contact Jessica Callahan at (253) 253-921-8787 or [jessica.callahan@mil.wa.gov](mailto:jessica.callahan@mil.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

Major General Gent Welsh  
The Adjutant General