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# BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## MINUTES for the week of October 27-31, 2025

### WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, October 27, 2025. Present were Commissioners Johnson, Ozias and French and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published October 23 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Pre-application questionnaire with Bureau of Justice Assistance for Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program
- Pre-application questionnaire with Office of Crime Victim Advocacy for the STOP Formula Grant Program
- Agreement amendment 1 with the Washington State Military Department and US Department of Homeland Security for the Emergency Operations Center Grant
- Letter to Department of Commerce regarding Composite Recycling Technology Center CRTC
- Discussion regarding impacts of the government shutdown on programs that are funded by Federal Grants
- Agreement with Department of Enterprise Services for energy program services in connection with WA Clean Building Performance Standard
- Code Enforcement update

Meeting concluded at 10:21 a.m. and continued to a joint meeting with the Port of Port Angeles.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND PORT OF PORT ANGELES JOINT MEETING

The BOCC and Port of Port Angeles convened at 11 a.m., Monday, October 27, 2025. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson, French, McAleer, Beauvais, and Burke.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, objects to moving agenda item b to the top of the agenda

### TOPICS

B. EBB Carbon Presentation: Project Macoma – Kyla Westphal

A. Clallam County Comprehensive Plan and UGA swap

- Department of Community Development Director Update – Bruce Emery
- Comprehensive Scheme of Harbor Improvement addendum to the Comp Plan
- Industrial Development Corporation/Industrial Development District
- Western UGA Infrastructure Requirements and challenges

C. Collaborative Projects Update

Meeting concluded at 12:46 p.m. and continued to an Executive Session on Monday, October 27, 2025 at 2:30 p.m. regarding litigation.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION – October 27, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, October 27, 2025, to discuss litigation. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and French, Administrator Mielke, Finance Department Turner and Lane, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Boughton and Reno, Department of Community Development Emery and Human Resources/Risk Sullenger.

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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 1 hour, CRJs, mc**

The Board recessed into executive session at 2:31 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 3:31 p.m. and CMF noted no action will be taken

Meeting concluded at 3:31 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – October 28, 2025 at 9 a.m.**

The Board convened in open session at 9 a.m., on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, to discuss property purchase. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and French, Administrator Mielke, Finance Department Lane, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Reno, and Road Department/Public Works Garcelon and Steeby.

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, CRJs, mc**

The Board recessed into executive session at 9 a.m.

The Board convened in open session at 9:15 a.m.

**ACTION TAKEN: CMom to authorize staff to enter into payment plan negotiations related to the topic discussed in executive session and continue good faith negotiations, CRJs, mc**

Meeting concluded at 9:15 a.m.

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

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2025. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

**REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 4a debatable emergency under the Hearings section has been amended to item 3b supplemental appropriations under the Budget section

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jason Zizzo, Clallam County, commented on the Assessor's Office during the October 21 public comment session and sent in written comments regarding the Assessor's Office on October 20 (see attached)
- Jacob Seegers, District III, commented on item 1a
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on items 3b and 4a modification, executive session held on October 28 at 9 a.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of October 20

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

|                                  |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Accounts Payable:</b>         | Total               |
| Warrant numbers: 9945286-9945471 | <b>\$641,661.73</b> |
| Electronic payments dates: n/a   | \$0.00              |
| Total Accounts Payable:          | <b>\$641,661.73</b> |

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1b Approval of payroll for a period ending September 30

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

| Payroll                            | Total          |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Warrant Numbers</b>             |                |
| 180711 – 181201, 9945083 – 9945111 | \$1,428,702.60 |
| <b>Electronic Payment Date</b>     |                |
| 10/10/2025 – 10/15/2025            | \$1,199,666.13 |
|                                    |                |
| Total Payroll:                     | \$2,628,368.73 |

1c Approval of minutes for the week of October 20

1d Letter to Department of Commerce regarding Composite Recycling Technology Center CRTC

1e Approval of recommendation for request for proposals for 2026-2027 Developmental Disabilities

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

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- CMO reported on Clallam Transit Audit, Recompete
- CMO reported on YMCA Early Learning Center

## **CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

2a Agreement with Department of Enterprise Services for energy program services in connection with WA Clean Building Performance Standard

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc**

## **BUDGET**

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

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 adopt, CMOs, mc**

3b Consideration of resolution adopting the following debatable emergencies:

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 adopt, CMOs, mc**

## **HEARING**

Item 4a debatable emergencies under the Hearing section has been amended to item 3b supplemental appropriations under the Budget section. There are no debatable emergencies for the Month of October 2025. No hearing will be held.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Sequim budget meeting, LEOFF 1 costs
- Tim Wheeler, Sequim, thanked the BOCC for their service, commented on Broadband, No Kings
- Cindy Kelly, Port Angeles, commented on Washington State Fair Association Convention, Clallam County Fair awards for Clea Rome for Agricultural display award, t-shirt theme award designed created by Megan Bekkevar
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on courthouse security, taxes, Clallam Conservation District, Assessor's Office, Clallam County Watchdog
- Jacob Seegers, District III, commented on Board of Health Meeting, Harm Reduction Center
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on ICLEI, North Olympic Development Council
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on Clean Water Newsletter, unwanted medication, drugs and litter
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on the BOCC reports and presentations
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on courthouse security
- Richard Wade, Port Angeles, commented on Tim Wheeler book
- Mark Klinkett, District I, commented on conflicts of interest

**FINAL ITEM – Commissioner Forum**

**(This Session will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

- Marc Curtis, Sequim, asked a question regarding Doc Holliday timber harvesting
- Jacob Seegers, District III, asked a question regarding Harm Reduction, Clallam Conservation District, funding
- John Worthington, Sequim, asked a question regarding Hood Canal Roundabout Project
- Dr. Sarah Huling, District III, asked a question regarding the BOCC favorite colors, testing result laboratory facilities
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, asked a question regarding putting pressure on state mandated testing result laboratory facilities
- Richard Wade, Port Angeles, asked a question regarding Tim Wheeler book
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, asked a question regarding the budget and elections
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, asked a question regarding courthouse security, insurance, Commissioner Forum session
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, asked a question regarding North Olympic Development Council and Broadband Project
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, asked a question regarding collected \$13 septic fee

The meeting concluded at 11:35 a.m. and continued to Monday, November 3, 2025, at 9 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners attended a Joint Meeting with the Port of Port Angeles, William Shore Memorial Pools District Meeting, Coffee with Colleen, Clallam Transit Meeting, KONP Radio Show, Forks Budget Town Hall Meeting and KSQM Radio Show during the week of October 27, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025

ATTEST:  
  
Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
  
Mike French, Chair  
  
Randy Johnson  
  
Mark Ozias

# **BOCC Public Comment**

**Gores, Loni**

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**From:** Jason Zizzo <zizzojason@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 20, 2025 5:20 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Randy; French, Mike; Ozias, Mark  
**Cc:** Gores, Loni  
**Subject:** Public Comment – Clallam County BOCC October 21, 2025

**Public Comment – Clallam County BOCC**

**October 20, 2025**

Dear BOCC,

I wish to address tomorrow's executive session concerning the Assessor's land-use cases and potential engagement of outside counsel.

The County's response to my October 15 Public Records Act request consisted only of the agenda notice, without the accompanying memoranda, correspondence, or documentation necessary for the Board to lawfully convene under RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). Providing "notice only" prevents meaningful public understanding of actions involving the delegation of legal authority and expenditure of public funds.

I also note broader administrative issues within the Assessor's Office. Since December 2024, the office has operated under reduced public hours (voted on and extended twice via county commissioners, despite promised metrics) through October 1, 2025, limiting accessibility while, according to its October 10 budget presentation, failing to complete state-mandated personal property audits and senior-citizen exemption reviews. These are statutory duties and their omission directly impacts fairness and uniformity in assessment.

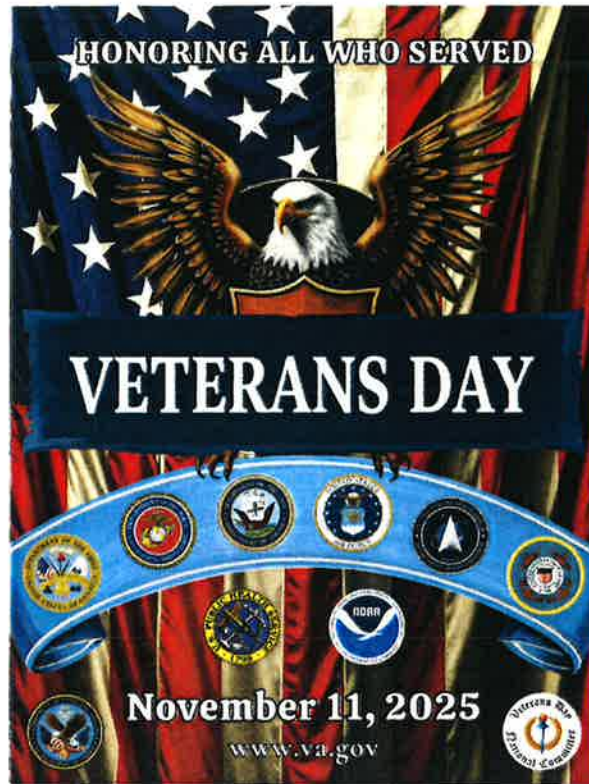
At the October 15 Prosecutor's budget meeting, the Prosecutor publicly stated he had ethical concerns about his office's ability to represent the County in its land-use caseload. That statement, followed immediately by this executive session, underscores the need for transparency and fiscal accountability before any outside legal services are authorized.

Finally, I respectfully remind the Board that RCW 42.30.110(2) requires a public announcement of both the purpose and statutory authority before convening an executive session. Full compliance is essential to preserve public trust.

Sincerely,

Jason Zizzo

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



*You Are Invited*

## **Veterans Day Ceremony**

**Tuesday November 11**

**10:30 – 12:00**

**Port Angeles Highschool Auditorium**

The Clallam County Veterans Association would be honored to have you attend the 2025 Veterans Day Ceremony as our special guest, representing one of our local Tribes or government agencies.

This Ceremony is held each year to honor and thank all those who served in the United States Armed Forces.

On behalf of the CCVA I would like to apologize for the change of venue, this is due to the current Government Shutdown.

We look forward to seeing you there,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly Rowan".

Holly Rowan, President  
Clallam County Veterans Association



# CLALLAM 2 FIRE-RESCUE

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Fire Chief

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Commissioner

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October 21, 2025

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Board of Clallam County Commissioners  
Commissioner Randy Johnson  
Commissioner Mark Ozias  
Commissioner Mike French

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RE: Proposal for PILT revenue sharing

Commissioners,

The Board of Fire Commissioner for Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue are requesting a distribution of funding received by Clallam County from the Department of Interior in the form of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT). This PILT funding is designed to assist local agencies in providing vital government services either directly, or indirectly to Olympic National Park.

A previous request for consideration by the Clallam County Commissioners was referred to the Revenue Advisor Committee, however we feel this request should be addressed directly at the County Commissioner's level.

Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue provides fire and emergency medical services to several areas within Olympic National Park, but does not receive any of the PILT funding allocated each year to Clallam County. The attached proposal provides a brief overview of the services provided and impact of providing those services has on the fire district.

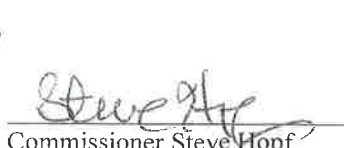
We believe that PILT funding should be proportionately distributed to local agencies, including junior taxing districts, who provide vital services to Olympic National Park and the millions of visitors who come through Clallam County each year. Receiving a portion of the PILT funding will ensure that we are able to continue to provide fire and EMS responses to Olympic National Park.

This request for funding is based on actual emergency responses and uses the Washington State Department of Natural Resource Wage and Equipment rates for 2024 as guidance for reasonable cost estimates. In total Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue is requesting an allocation of \$25,759 from Clallam County for service provided in 2024.

Thank you for your consideration,

  
Chair, Keith Cortner

  
Vice-Chair Dan Huff

  
Commissioner Steve Hopf