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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of November 17-21, 2025

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, November 10, 2025. Present were Commissioners Johnson, Ozias and French and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published November 13 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution reappointing Skye Eastman and Christine Motokane to the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee
- Resolution reappointing John Robinson to the Clallam Bay / Sekiu Sewer Advisory Committee
- Resolution reappointing Don Corson to the Boundary Review Board
- Funding approval form with Department of Enterprise Services to have Millig, LLC for Energy Services Project
- Discussion and next steps regarding the letter forwarded by the Revenue Advisory Committee regarding Doc Holliday Timber Sale
- Added: Open County position review
- Agreement and application resolution/authorization form for Recreation and Conservation Office for the North Olympic Lead Entity for Salmon
- Contract amendment 4 with Public Works for 2022 Lodging Tax Funds – Olympic Discovery Trail Forks to La Push segment
- Contract amendment 3 with Public Works for 2023 Lodging Tax Funds – Olympic Discovery Trail Forks to La Push segment
- Resolution adopting the Annual Construction Program for 2026
- Overview of cleanup and potential next steps regarding the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir
- Update and next steps regarding the Clallam Bay / Sekiu General Sewer / Wastewater Facilities Plan
- Review of 2026 draft budget

Meeting concluded at 9:24 a.m.

Action Items

Public Comment

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on items 3c, 3a, and 3b
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on items 1g, 22
- Jake Seegers, District III, commented on timber industry, Doc Holliday, item 4a
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Peninsula Behavioral Health funding, William Shore Memorial Pool District fraud investigation

Consent Agenda

6a Approval of vouchers for the week of November 10

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9945953-9946217	\$1,629,659.74
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$1,629,659.74

6b Approval of minutes for the week of November 10

6c Resolution authorizing the Auditor to void outstanding claims and warrants dated July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024

6d Resolution appointing Richard (Rick) Burns to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board

6e Authorize the Clerk of the Board to forward the "For" and "Against" Committee form to the Clallam

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

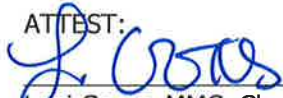
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Meeting concluded at 11:55 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, November 24, 2025.

The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC Virtual Update and WSAC Leadership Conference during the week of November 17, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 26th day of November 2025

ATTEST:

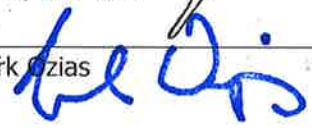


Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

ATM Administrator Todd Mielke
CMO Commissioner Mark Ozias
CRJ Commissioner Randy Johnson
CMF Commissioner Mike French

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mike French, Chair
Randy Johnson
Mark Ozias

m moved
mc motion carried
s seconded



BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions



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To: Clallam County Board of Commissioners

From: Revenue Advisory Committee (RAC)

Re: Doc Holiday Timber Sale

The Revenue Advisory Committee (RAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the Clallam County Board of Commissioners regarding the proposal to modify the Doc Holiday Timber Sale. At its November 10 meeting, the RAC heard from proponents advocating for modifications to the sale. We understand their proposal and presentation were similar to those given to the Board of County Commissioners in October. The RAC also heard from former State Representative Jim Buck who spoke as a Clallam County taxpayer. Matt Comisky representing the American Forest Resource Council (AFRC) reported on the impacts from an economic and industry perspective. After hearing from the three presenters,

The RAC strongly urges the Board of Commissioners to continue support the Doc Holiday Timber Sale as planned, auctioned, and contracted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Context

During 2025, DNR paused eight timber sales in Clallam County, representing more than \$8 million in appraised value. These sales were delayed due to concerns about harvesting stands of a particular character. Had they been sold earlier this year, the likely return to Clallam County and its junior taxing districts would have approached \$12 million.

Despite earlier assurances that paused sales would return to market, only one of these sales—the Sooeey sale—has been presented to the Board of Natural Resources for approval (approved in October). DNR has provided no timeline for bringing the remaining sales forward, jeopardizing millions of dollars in revenue to Clallam County, local school districts, fire districts, and other junior taxing districts that depend on these funds to provide essential services.

Moreover, Commissioner of Public Lands Dave Upthegrove's announcement of plans to protect an additional 77,000 acres of DNR-managed land—if implemented—would place these pending sales, and many others, at further risk.

The Doc Holiday Timber Sale

The Doc Holiday sale has been carefully designed, reviewed, and implemented. Specifically, it:

- Complies with the federal Endangered Species Act through adherence to DNR's Habitat Conservation Plan, as amended by the Marbled Murrelet Plan.
- Meets all standards established under Washington's Forest Practices Act, including those protecting water quality and wildlife habitat.
- Follows riparian protection standards under both the Forest Practices Act and DNR management policies.
- Was analyzed under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), with ample opportunity for public comment.

Given the thorough planning, scientific review, and compliance with multiple layers of environmental regulation, the RAC believes it would be inappropriate to substitute the professional expertise of DNR's field team with external opinion or judgment.

Concerns with the Proposed Modifications

The proposed changes would curtail harvest on approximately 46.5 acres, with vague assurances of substituting this volume in other, undefined areas or future sales. The proposal also suggests placing the 46.5 acres into the Trust Land Transfer Program, which would permanently remove those lands from future active management.

Such modifications threaten vital revenue streams for Clallam County and its junior taxing districts. The 2025 DNR timber sale program in Clallam County has already been severely disrupted—no other county in Washington has more than one sale affected by DNR's pause, while Clallam has eight. The resulting impacts on local mills, loggers, foresters, suppliers, truckers, businesses and families have been profound, rippling through businesses that depend on forest-based economic activity.

Clallam County cannot depend on assurances that "substitute" harvest areas will be found or that lost volume will be made up in future sales. DNR's process for designing and approving timber sales is highly structured, and it is doubtful that such substitutions could be implemented without substantial delay. Furthermore, groups opposing harvests in so-called "legacy forests" have pursued an aggressive, statewide strategy of appeals and litigation aimed at halting DNR timber sales. While most appeals have been rejected by the courts, the ongoing legal challenges continue to delay and complicate the sale process. Meanwhile, DNR remains millions of board feet behind its sustainable harvest target for the current biennium.

Accordingly, Clallam County and its junior taxing districts cannot rely on any future substitute sales or assurances of replacement volume.

Clallam County Transfer Lands Are Not Owned by the State

Proponents of the modification have suggested using current budget funding mechanisms to set aside certain lands, with the idea that replacement lands elsewhere in the state could generate revenues to be shared with Clallam County. However, this approach is inconsistent with the legal and historical foundation of Clallam County's forest trust lands.

Under a 1935 statute, Clallam County deeded approximately 93,000 acres of tax-foreclosed forest lands to the State of Washington, to be held in trust for the benefit of Clallam County and its junior taxing districts. The terms of this trust require that these lands be managed for the sustainable production of wood products.

These lands are not owned by the state in the ordinary sense. Therefore, the state—or any other stakeholder group—lacks the authority to unilaterally designate these lands for uses inconsistent with the trust's purpose, or to "replace" them with other lands elsewhere in the state.

The RAC recognizes that the legal status of Clallam County's transfer lands is not widely understood. We therefore urge the Board of Commissioners to take all necessary actions to uphold the trust's original purpose and protect these lands as critical assets for the people of Clallam County.

Conclusion

The RAC appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the proposal to modify the Doc Holiday Timber Sale.

We urge the Clallam County Board of Commissioners to continue supporting implementation of the sale as currently approved, without modification.

Kindest Regards,



Connie Beauvais, Chair

Clallam County Revenue Advisory Committee (RAC)