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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of March 2-6, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION – February 26, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 12:30 p.m. on February 26, 2026, to discuss litigation. Present were Commissioners Ozias, French and Johnson, Administrator Mielke, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Boughton and Reno, Risk Management Dennler, Assessor's Office Rushton, and outside legal Harper.

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 12:31 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 1:31 p.m. and CMF noted the session needed to be extended to 1:45 p.m.

The Board recessed into executive session at 1:31 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 1:45 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve a consulting contract with Scott Sampson to evaluate Port Angeles Hardwood tax appeals for 2022 through 2024 tax years, CMOs, mc

The meeting concluded at 1:46 p.m.

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, March 2, 2026. Present were Commissioners French, Ozias and Johnson and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published February 26 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution appointing Jon Hamilton and Brian Hilderman to the Marine Resources Committee
- Resolution appointing John Gagan and Billie Bryant to the Trails Advisory Committee
- Discussion and next steps regarding the North Olympic History Center request for Heritage Funding
- Easement agreement with Ecotrust Forest III, LLC for the Olympic Discovery Trail Forks to La Push
- Clallam County Clinical Services Re-Entry Project update
- Olympic National Forest Update
- Olympic National Park Update
- Agreement with Economic Development Council for 2026 services
- Agreement with the Peninsula Daily News for legal advertising services
- Agreement amendment for Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization
- 2026 NACO Legislative Conference update

The meeting concluded at 11:43 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Also present were Commissioner Ozias and Administrator Mielke. Commissioner Johnson was excused.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to adopt the agenda as presented, CMFs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on item 2a-2k
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on item 1a
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on item 1d
- Stephanie Day, Sequim, commented on item 2h

CONSENT AGENDA – Any Commissioner may remove items for discussion

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of February 23

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9950147-9950288	\$577,496.76
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$577,496.76

1b Approval of payroll for a period ending December 15

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

Payroll	Total
Warrant Numbers	
184503 – 184823, 9950131	\$743,517.14
Electronic Payment Date	
2/26/2026	\$308,784.48
Total Payroll:	\$1,052,301.62

1c Approval of minutes for the week of February 23

1d Call for request for proposals/qualifications to be received no later than Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. for geotechnical assessment for McDonald Creek Fish Passage and Irrigation Project

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve the consent agenda as presented, CMFs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMO reported on National Association of Counties Conference. Economic Development Council (EDC) ticket purchase
- CMF reported on EDC ticket purchase, Washington State Association of Counties, tax, legislation, urban growth

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement amendment 2 with Sarge's Veteran Support for Case Manager to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2b Agreement amendment 2 with Sarge's Veteran Support for kitchen remodel and utilities program to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2c Agreement amendment 2 Healthy Families of Clallam County for the Emergency Shelter Program to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2d Agreement amendment 2 Healthy Families of Clallam County for the Safely Home Program to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

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2e Agreement amendment 2 with Serenity House of Clallam County for Shelter Aides Program to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2f Agreement amendment 2 with The Answer for Youth TAFY for Bridging the Gap 12 Program to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2g Agreement amendment 2 with The Answer for Youth TAFY for Starfleet Operations Program to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2h Agreement amendment 2 with The Boys and Girls Clubs of the Olympic Peninsula for Teen Homelessness Prevention and Resources Program to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2i Agreement amendment 2 with Peninsula Housing Authority for Eklund at Gales Project to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2j Agreement amendment 2 with Trinity United Methodist Church for Safe Parking Program to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2k Agreement amendment 2 with Forks Abuse Program dba Mariposa House for the West End Hope Program to revise record-retention requirements

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2l Agreement amendment 2 with Tyler Technologies, Inc. for Onsite Septic System Database support

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2m Agreement amendment 1 with Puget Sound Partnership for Onsite Septic Management Plan

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2n Agreement with Cyclomedia Technology, Inc. for Street-Smart imagery tool

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2o Easement agreement with Greene Properties, LLC for temporary easement E. Lake Pleasant Road

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

2p Agreement amendment for Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve, CMFs, mc

HEARING(S)

3a Resolution authorizing a grant from the Opportunity Funds for Clallam County Public Works – Clallam Bay / Sekiu Sewer Pipe Replacement Project/\$1,000,000
Ron Garcelon, Public Works, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to open the public hearing, CMFs, mc

- CMF noted no one provide testimony

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to close the public hearing and adopt, CMFs, mc

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- Sarah Kincaid, Sequim, commented homeless, American citizen
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on communication, housing, homeless, harm reduction
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Coffee with Colleen, Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park, Olympic Hot Springs Road
- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on camping outdoors
- Kathleen Keehn, Sequim, transfer of acreage to Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe (see attached)
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on policies
- Kelley St. Claire, Sequim, commented on fireworks
- Diana Morales Henderson, Sequim, commented on photos she sent to the commissioners, taking pride in the community
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on item 3a, federal government
- Teresa Miller, Sequim, commented on 501(c)(3), Shipley Center, taxes, City of Sequim
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on transgender advocating
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on engaging with citizens, 3 Crabs Road

The meeting concluded at 11:08 a.m. and continued until Monday, March 9, 2026 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners attended a Coffee with Colleen, Housing Solutions Committee, EDC Gala during the week of March 6, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of March 2026

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mike French, Chair

Randy Johnson

Mark Ozias

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

m moved
mc motion carried
s seconded



Public Comment
Kathleen Keehn
3/3/26

Clallam County Commissioners Board Meeting - Public Comment 3/3/26

I'm opposed to the transfer of 435 acres of Sequim Bay Trust Land to the Jamestown S'Klallam tribe. This is public property managed and held in trust for the people of Washington State in perpetuity. Although purchased with our tax dollars, the proposed transfer this land is being negotiated in secret. The tribe's application states "no known opposition" simply because it is not known by the public. Sincere thanks to Clallam County Watchdog for shedding light on this issue.

This application states this land has been inhabited by the S'Klallam tribe since time immemorial. This history is challenged by members of the Chimacum tribe, they claim the S'Klallam came from Canada and made war on the Chimacum and other local tribes. I don't know which story is correct, I wasn't there. Generally, I do know that history is written by the victors of wars so true facts are obliterated over time.

Per capita the S'Klallam Indians in Sequim are likely the most wealthy tribe in the nation. Although they do not report population or income we generally know the actual population is in the low 200s and their annual income is estimated to be 86 million. Yet the application they made to DNR claims they are overburdened, under served and vulnerable.

The DNR application for the land transfer or land gift is for commercial shellfish revenue and long term land consolidation goals. These long term goals conflict with the private ownership of this land and the public is overburdened, underserved and vulnerable instead. Each time the tribe removes property from the tax rolls, our property is assessed the difference. Over time this practice devalues our properties because the tax burden is too great.

Since the shellfish revenue is so great, why don't we keep our land and develop these resources to benefit our own nation instead of giving it to a separate sovereign nation?

Kathleen Keehn