

Clallam County Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 29, 2025

I. Call to order

- i. Alan Barnard called to order the regular meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee at 1702 hours on May 29, 2025 in the Board of County Commissioners meeting room.

II. Roll call

- i. The following members were present: Frederic Abt, Alan Barnard, Michael Blaise, Rochelle Blankenship, Charles Meyer, Walter Morton.
- ii. A member of the public, Kenneth Reandeau, appeared via Zoom.
- iii. The following staff members were present: Sheriff King, Undersheriff Shore, and Kari Cincotto.
- iv. There was a quorum established for this meeting.

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- i. Minutes from the March 27, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved.

IV. Sheriff King

a. Accreditation

- i. Three Hundred (300) standards were met. The purpose of law enforcement accreditation is to elevate and professionalize the industry by ensuring agencies operate under best practices and established standards. The Clallam County Sheriff's Office recently demonstrated compliance with 146 Accreditation Standards, while the Jail successfully met 172 Accreditation Standards, all set by the Washington Association of Sheriffs & Police Chiefs (WASPC). The Sheriff's Office has maintained WASPC Accreditation since 2009 and has successfully passed re-accreditation every four years. The Clallam County Jail was the first county jail in Washington to achieve WASPC Accreditation in 2017 and has since been successfully re-accredited in both 2021 and 2025.
- ii. The Clallam County Sheriff's Office was the only agency to re-accredit both the Sheriff's Office and Sheriff's Jail in the same accreditation cycle.

b. Joint Public Safety Facility (JPSF)

- i. The target budget of \$22 million has been met.
- ii. The target date for construction bids is around August or September.

- iii. The Joint Public Safety Facility is a collaborative project between Clallam County and the City of Port Angeles. The facility will co-locate the Clallam County Sheriff's Emergency Operations Center with Peninsula Communications, strengthening coordination and communication during both daily operations and emergency situations.
- iv. In addition to housing these critical functions, the JPSF will include a dedicated classroom designed for ongoing training needs. This classroom has been planned with flexibility in mind so that, in the event of a disaster, it can be converted to expand the capacity of the Emergency Operations Center.
- v. The project reflects a significant joint investment in public safety, enhancing regional readiness, efficiency, and resilience in responding to community needs.

c. **Animal Solutions Advisory Committee**

- i. Everyone is invited to the Animal Solutions Advisory Committee meetings, and the Executive Director of the Humane Society will participate in a meeting as well.
- ii. The County is working on a contract. Currently, the contract is in draft form.
- iii. The number of dogs running at large in the community is higher than ever before, so spay and neuter clinics are being held each month to help decrease these numbers.

d. **Clallam County Jail - HCA Medicaid Transformation Project & Clinical Services Department**

- i. The Clallam County Sheriff's Office and Juvenile Services are active participants in the Washington State Health Care Authority's (HCA) Medicaid Transformation Project, which will go live on July 1, 2025.
- ii. As part of this effort, Clallam County established a **Clinical Services Department** to provide direct clinical support for individuals in custody, helping to address behavioral health and substance use challenges, connect individuals to treatment, and reduce recidivism.
- iii. Importantly, the Medicaid Transformation Project allows for **Medicaid reimbursement for eligible positions and inmate medical care**. This funding mechanism helps offset the costs of clinical staff working within the jail and juvenile services system, and it supports continuity of care for individuals both while in custody and upon reentry into the community.

e. **Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics**

- i. The Law Enforcement Torch Run begins at Lairds Corner Market and ends at 7 Cedars Casino, and we have been given permission to use the back parking lot for celebratory activities such as: hot air balloon rides that may accommodate those with special needs, a

dunk tank, the Sentinel armored vehicle, and the Crisis Response Team (CRT).

- ii. Five (5) Bike Patrol volunteers will assist
- iii. Jesse Major has volunteered to take photos at the event.
- iv. All donations will go to Special Olympics.
- v. The Clallam County Sheriff's Office is ranked first in fundraising for this event.

f. **Canoe Journeys 2025 Paddle to Elwha**

- i. Clallam County is expecting over Five Thousand (5,000) people for this event.
- ii. Some of the participants will be traveling from Canada.

V. Sheriff Personnel Changes

New Assignments

- a. Animal Control Deputy, Ed Bauck – effective 4/30/25

New Personnel

- a. Jail Nurse, Dawn Honeycutt – effective 4/1/25
- b. Corrections Deputy, Justin Smith – effective 5/1/25

Resignations

- a. Mental Health Case Manager, Christina Chadick – effective 4/22/25
- b. Grant Project Coordinator, Rich Meier – effective 5/15/25
- c. Corrections Deputy, Brandon Woolman – effective 5/25/25

Intern

- a. Sophia Miller – effective 5/12/25

VI. Upcoming Events

- i. Agnew Safety Fair – Sunday, June 22, 2025
- ii. Public Safety Fair – Saturday, October 4, 2025

VII. Roundtable

Barnard – DART (Disaster Assistance Response Team) will be set up at the large Safety Fair and 40-50 organizations will be there including the Sheriff's Office.

Blaise – Asks what may the Sheriff's Citizen Advisory Committee do on a daily basis to help the Sheriff's Office?

King responds, please express the good work that the Sheriff's Office does for example, Accreditation and HCA Medicaid/Clinical Services. Please ask the public to follow the Sheriff's Office Facebook page for fraud prevention education. Also, we run our agency at the highest level and our crime rate is half the state average.

Blaise – Inquires, who in the Sheriff's Office is in contact with the media to let them know the positive things the Sheriff's Office does?

King – Our office puts out news releases. People seem to get their news now via social media.

Shore – King 5 news has been great. They came out to our office and did a story which resulted in dispatch obtaining six (6) new people and our jail receiving

several applications for corrections deputies. We also have a positive Neighborhood Watch program and public relations.

Blankenship – Jamestown is expecting five thousand (5,000) people for Canoe Journeys. We thank the Sheriff's Office for safety at Canoe Journeys.

Morton – Thank you for all of the information and congratulations on the Accreditation awards. What is your take on the gun permit legislation/funding?

King – I believe it will get funded. It will take some time. It will require a permit to get a concealed pistol license (CPL) and permit to purchase a gun. The permits will be issued by Washington State Patrol (WSP). A course will also be required (not sure who will provide the course) and a proficiency test. The course and test will be live and in-person. The Sheriff's Office does not want the liability of these courses and tests. Everyone recognizes that this is a complicated bill and litigation is expected.

Meyer – The Agnew Safety Fair will be held at Agnew Hall (1241 N. Barr Road) from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and feature fire engines, booths, and emergency preparedness organizations.

Abt – A vehicle broke down at Lotzgesell and the deputy who responded was great and offered the driver assistance. The next day, the vehicle and driver were gone, and the community felt the deputy really went out of her way.

VIII. Comments from the Public – Mr. Reandeau did not comment.

IX. Next meeting scheduled for September 25, 2025

X. Adjourn to view the armored vehicle.