



BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of March 30 – April 3, 2026

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WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, March 30, 2026. Present were Commissioners French, Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published March 26 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution appointing Beverly Turner Burton to the Marine Resources Committee
- Discussion regarding Port Crescent Pioneer Cemetery
- Agreement with Clallam Public Defender for indigent public defense services
- Pre-application questionnaire with Department of Ecology for Washington Conservation Corps Environmental Justice Program
- Pre-application questionnaire with Recreation Conservation Office for Youth Athletic Facilities Program
- Purchase order with Carousel Industries for the Avaya phone system annual renewal
- Call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. regarding an Ordinance amending Clallam County Code Chapter 5.100 Consolidated Fee Schedule – Fees for the Clerk of the Superior Court 115-A
- Statement of work with BlueIrisIQ for the purpose of exporting OnBase images and data
- Open County position review
- Agreement with Department of Ecology for the Clallam County Marine Resources Committee
- Streamkeepers update
- Request for letter of support for 10,000 Years Institute's Pulling Together in Restoration Project

The meeting concluded at 12:04 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 31, 2026. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Added:

5a Bid opening – Joint Public Safety Facility

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on item 1b
- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on item 1b
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on 2b
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on item 1j
- Rose Marshall, Port Angeles, commented on item 1b (see attached)
- Teresa Miller, Sequim, commented on item 1d
- Richard Marshall, Port Angeles, commented on item
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on items 1b, 1i, 2e
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on items 1a, 1b

BID OPENING

5a Bid opening – Joint Public Safety Facility

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Faber Construction Corporation	\$15,137,000
HB Hansen Construction	\$14,659,000
Interwest Construction Inc.	\$16,019,000

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Westwood Company LLC \$16,096,330
Neeley Construction \$15,070,000

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to forward the bids to the County Administrator for review and recommendation, CMOs, mc

HEARING(S)

4a Consideration of resolution adopting the following debatable emergencies:

Sheriff – Operations

- The Sheriff's Office handles over two-thirds of the County's public records requests, which are increasingly complex due to audio and video files that require review and redaction. The Public Records Officer recommends adopting tested AI software to streamline this process/\$9,252
- Funding is needed for the repair of two patrol vehicles damaged in collisions. ER&R coordinated the work through multiple vendors at a total cost of \$9,235, and all repairs are complete/\$9,235

Sheriff - Jail

- The jail kitchen's walk-in refrigerator, installed in 2007 and past its expected lifespan, requires frequent repairs. Replacement is recommended at an estimated cost of \$65,000 through a Washington State Department of Enterprise Services contract/\$65,000
- The 2026 budget must be updated to include increased salary and benefit costs from the newly ratified Corrections Deputies' labor contract effective March 1, 2026, including cost-of-living and benefit changes and a pay adjustment for Corrections Sergeants to maintain the required pay differential/\$309,437

Sheriff – Clinical Services - The 2026 budget must be updated to include increased salary and benefit costs from the newly ratified Corrections Deputies' labor contract effective March 1, 2026, affecting Sheriff Clinical Services, which includes a Corrections Deputy position/\$14,381

Sheriff – Animal Control - The 2026 budget must be updated to include increased salary and benefit costs from the newly ratified Corrections Deputies' labor contract effective March 1, 2026, affecting Sheriff Animal Control, which includes a Corrections Deputy position/\$16,356

Public Works – Carlsborg Sewer Capital Repair/Replacement - Funding is needed to cover the difference between the \$85,711 budgeted estimate from June 2025 and the \$97,037.26 actual cost billed in the February 2026 true-up invoice under the Carlsborg Sewer–City of Sequim Interlocal Agreement/\$11,326

- Rebecca Turner, Finance Department, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to open the public hearing, CRJs, mc

- The following provided testimony:
 - Mark Curtis, Sequim

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing and adopt, CMOs, mc

4b Ordinance establishing an office of county coroner, addressing recruitment and appointment, adopting professional standards, and authorizing the discharge of duties

- ATM, provided a staff report

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to open the public hearing, CRJs, mc

- The following provided testimony:
 - Richard Marshall, Port Angeles
 - John Worthington, Sequim

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to close the public hearing, CMOs, mc

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt to include the edits as discussed, CMOs, mc

CONSENT AGENDA – Any Commissioner may remove items for discussion

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of March 23

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9951302 - 9951473	\$729,688.50
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$729,688.50

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- 1b Approval of minutes for the week of March 23
- 1c Resolution establishing the structure of the Board of Equalization
- 1d Resolution appointing Dr. Gerald Stephanz to the Revenue Advisory Committee
- 1e Purchase order with Dell Technologies for Microsoft licensing
- 1f Request to utilize the interlocal purchasing system to purchase equipment for the Clallam County Fair Rodeo Arena Renovation Grant Project
- 1g Notice to call for bids to be received no later than Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 10 a.m. regarding the Jail Detention Security Electronics System Project
- 1h Resolution certifying county capitalized asset inventory as of December 31, 2024
- 1i Letter to Olympic Peninsula Humane Society to terminate animal service contract
- 1j Letter of support for Bogachiel River Floodplain and Community Resilience Project
- 1k Statement of work with BlueIrisIQ for the purpose of exporting OnBase images and data
- 1l Proclamation recognizing Golden Jubilee Anniversary for the Sequim Bay Yacht Club 1976-2026
- 1m Proclamation recognizing April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMO recognized Golden Jubilee Anniversary for the Sequim Bay Yacht Club 1976-2026
- CRJ recognized April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month
- CMO reported on Flaura's Acres, YMCA sticker
- CRJ reported on Tourism Summit update, Workforce Council, new businesses
- CMF reported on Tourism Summit, tax collections, new businesses opening in Forks, Auditor's Office staff meeting, Department of Licensing in Forks, Recompete

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 2a Resolution and three contract extensions for Conservation Future Projects Grants with North Olympic Land Trust - Cameron Farm, Heifer Farm North and Heifer Farm South

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

- 2b Agreement amendment H with Anchor QEA LLC for Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

- 2c Agreement with Clallam County Sheriff Support Services Guild for collective bargaining

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

- 2d Agreement with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe for law enforcement duties

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

- 2e Agreement with RISE Rescue Alliance for animal services

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

- 2f Agreement with Clallam Public Defender for indigent public defense services

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

BUDGET

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

Health & Human Services – Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS)

- (1 of 2) The budget is being revised to transfer FPHS revenue to Environmental Health Administration for one-time special projects, including staff overtime for document scanning, data entry, and evening/weekend community outreach/\$25,000
- (1 of 2) Funding is being transferred from FPHS unanticipated projects to the HHS Operations budget for hand wash stations at the fairgrounds, emergency water filtration systems, public health education materials for community events, and water fountain filtration at the 3rd Street building/\$75,344

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- (1 of 2) FPHS revenue from unanticipated projects is being reallocated to fund an HHS Administration special project where employees working outside regular hours will scan paper documents and enter data digitally/\$5,000

Non-Departmental – Opportunity Fund

- The budget revision provides funding for the City of Forks' Industrial Park Manufacturing Building Improvements and Electrical Upgrades, including a \$260,000 loan (up to 4.5% interest over 20 years with a 5-year deferral) and a \$675,000 grant/\$935,000
- This revision corrects the budget to reflect Opportunity Fund support for the Clallam Bay–Sekiu Sewer Pipe Replacement Project as a **working capital loan instead of a transfer**/\$1,000,000

Public Works – Clallam Bay–Sekiu Sewer Capital Replacement

- This revision corrects the budget to reflect Opportunity Fund support for the Clallam Bay–Sekiu Sewer Pipe Replacement Project as a working capital loan instead of a transfer/\$1,000,000
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3b Resolution for consideration to adopt the following supplemental appropriations:

Sheriff – Operations Stonegarden – The Operation Stonegarden FY24 Grant funds night vision goggle repairs and flotation devices, with expenses and reimbursement moved from the 2025 to the 2026 budget/\$19,630

Health & Human Services – Environmental Health – (2 of 2) The budget is being revised to transfer Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) revenue to Environmental Health Administration for one-time special projects, including staff overtime for document scanning, data entry, and evening/weekend community outreach/\$25,000

Health & Human Services - Operations – (2 of 2) Funding is being transferred from Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) unanticipated projects to the HHS Operations budget for hand wash stations at the fairgrounds, emergency water filtration systems, public health education materials for community events, and water fountain filtration at the 3rd Street building/\$75,344

Health & Human Services - Administration – (2 of 2) Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) revenue from unanticipated projects is being reallocated to fund an HHS Administration special project where employees working outside regular hours will scan paper documents and enter data digitally/\$5,000

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on grants, flooding, unfunded mandates
- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on Commissioners Forum, Tribal issues
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Department of Natural Resources, land transfers, disc golf, Courthouse renaming, justice program, Elwha project lands
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on public information officer, public integrity unit
- Richard Marshall, Port Angeles, commented on Jamestown Tribe law enforcement officers
- Teresa Miller, Sequim, commented on Charter County, standing up to the State, roundabouts, Tribes, government workers pay
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on transfer lands, Tribe
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on answering the Bureau of Indian Affairs, how to get a response from the BOCC, property tax rising, representation

The meeting concluded at 12:12 p.m. and continued until Monday, April 6, 2026 at 9 a.m.

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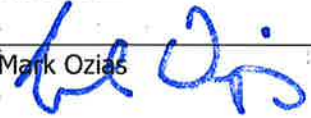
The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC Virtual Updated, Coffee with Colleen, and Housing Solutions Committee Meetings during the week of March 30, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of April 2026

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Mike French, Chair


Randy Johnson


Mark Ozias

ATTEST

Lori 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



PETITION TO STOP THE TRANSFER OF FEDERAL WILDLIFE REFUGE TO 3/29/22 JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE

We the citizens below are AGAINST the proposal to transfer federal wildlife refuge land—currently held for the benefit of all Americans—to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, to be held in trust for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe. The proposed transfer of the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge and Protection Island Refuges to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe under the Land Transfer Act of 2026 is not in the best interest of preserving these vital natural habitats for future generations. While the co-management of these areas was initially introduced as a collaborative effort, this transition to sole management by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe raises significant concerns about public access and conservation priorities.

The Dungeness Wildlife Refuge and Protection Island Refuges are treasured parts of America's natural heritage, offering sanctuary to unique flora and fauna. These refuges have long been managed with the view of preserving these ecosystems for all Americans, ensuring that the public can enjoy and appreciate them. Shifting ownership solely to the Sovereign Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe is not in the best interests of American citizens.

Additionally, these refuges hold significant ecological, recreational, and educational value. The potential for altering their ownership could undermine the integrity of these values. Americans have treasured these landscapes for generations, and any drastic changes in their ownership should be carefully considered and involve public consultation.

We understand the importance of recognizing tribal sovereignty and the historic injustices tribes have faced. However, changes of this magnitude require a transparent process and assurance that all stakeholders, including the public, have their voices heard and respected. The city council of Sequim has not held any meetings asking for the public's opinions and wishes.

We urge lawmakers and relevant authorities to stop the Land Transfer Act of 2026 of the Dungeness Wildlife Refuge and Protection island Refuges, to any separate Sovereign Entity= Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

1. Name _____	Signature _____	Date _____
Address _____		Email _____
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Address _____		Email _____
4. Name _____	Signature _____	Date _____
Address _____		Email _____

**Mail to: Emily Randall 1531 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515,
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Online Petition: <https://www.change.org/p/stop-the-transfer-of-dungeness-and-protection-island-refuges>