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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of April 13-17, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION – April 9, 2026 at 10 a.m.

The Board convened in open session at 10 a.m. on April 9, 2026, to discuss litigation. Present were Commissioners Ozias, French and Johnson, Administrator Mielke, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Boughton and Nichols, Public Works Donisi, Department of Community Development Emery, Juvenile Services Jacobson, and Human Resources/Risk Management Dennler and Sullenger

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 30 minutes, CMOs, mc

The Board recessed into executive session at 10 a.m.

The Board convened in open session at 11:30 a.m. and CMF noted the session needed to be extended for 30 minutes.

The Board recessed into executive session at 11:30 a.m.

The Board convened in open session at 12:00 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney's Office to explore engagement with a land use specialist attorney, CRJs, mc

The meeting concluded at 12:01 p.m.

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, April 13, 2026. Present were Commissioners French, Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published April 9 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution appointing Corey Pearson, Jamie Porter and Helen Kenoyer to the Homelessness Task Force
- Requesting approval of the Dungeness River Management Team roster
- Discussion regarding the Dungeness and Protection Island National Wildlife Refuges
- Letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs requesting a 30-day extension for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe case number 66530
- Open County position review
- Utility right-of-way easement with Public Utility No. 1 of Clallam County for a new junction box and connection for the Lake Creek shop
- Pre-application questionnaire with Department of Transportation for the Pedestrian and Bicycle
- Pre-application questionnaire with Department of Transportation for the Safe Routes to School
- Request to move forward with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for the McDonald Creek Fish Passages and Irrigation Project
- Resolution authorizing expenditures from the Conservation Futures Fund for approved 2026 applications – Big Red Barn Farm/\$1,400,000
- Update on the Criminal Justice contract
- Update on the Clallam County Fair Accommodative Initiative – Open Gates
- Discussion on proposed budget revisions to be considered on April 28
- Discussion on proposed budget reductions to be considered on April 28
- Discussion of proposed supplemental appropriations to be considered on April 28

The meeting concluded at 12:51 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2026. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4b amended:

Notice that the following Budget Reductions will be considered for adoption on April 28:

General Fund Reserves – First quarter payroll underspend sweep to General Fund Reserves/\$309,571

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on item 1g
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on the agenda online, item 1e, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Ron Richards, Port Angeles, commented on item 1g, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Mitch Zenobi, commented on the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer, camping, taxes
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on item 2b
- Concerned Citizen, commented on the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Tim Wheeler, Sequim, commented on commenters are out of order, comments related to the agenda, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Diana Morales Henderson, commented that her comments concur with Ron Richards and Mitch Zenobi
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Jake Seegers, District III, commented on items 1a and 1b, harm reduction
- Charles Creed, Clallam County, commented on the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented Zoom link, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on the BOCC google searches on County laptops, Bureau of Indian Affairs

HEARING(S)

5a Public hearing regarding an Ordinance amending Clallam County Code Chapter 5.100 Consolidated Fee Schedule to add a new fee schedule Clallam Bay / Sekiu Fee Schedule 600-A

- Ron Garcelon and Steve Gray, Public Works, provided a staff report

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

- The following provided testimony:
 - Clara Ling, Clallam County
 - John Worthington, Sequim
 - Dick Moody, Clallam Bay
 - Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles
 - Ryan Tucker, Clallam County
 - Karin Cummins, Sequim
 - Dr. Sarah Huling, District III
- The following sent in written testimony:
 - Clara Ling (see attached)

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

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5b Public hearing regarding an Ordinance amending Clallam County Code Chapter 13.04, Clallam Bay / Sekiu Sewer System

- Ron Garcelon and Steve Gray, Public Works, provided a staff report

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

- The following provided testimony:
 - Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles
 - John Worthington, Sequim
 - Dick Moody, Clallam Bay
 - Ryan Tucker, Clallam County

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

CONSENT AGENDA – Any Commissioner may remove items for discussion

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of March 30

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9951601 – 9951783	\$1,100,399.77
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$1,100,399.77

1b Approval of vouchers for the week of April 6

The following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable:	Total
Warrant numbers: 9951793 – 9951901	\$1,174,958.55
Electronic payments dates: n/a	\$0.00
Total Accounts Payable:	\$1,174,958.55

1c Approval of minutes for the week of April 6

1d Request for Shadow Mountain final plat 12-month extension

1e Resolution altering voting precinct boundary lines for annexations

1f Resolution authorizing an expenditure from the Affordable Housing Sales and Use Fund for the approved 2024 Affordable Housing Tax Funding application – Peninsula Housing Authority

1g Letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs requesting a 30-day extension for the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe case number 66530

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the consent agenda as presented, CMOs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CRJ reported on Feiro Marine Life Groundbreaking Ceremony, new businesses, North Olympic Land Trust event, Port Angeles Symphony
- CMO reported on Clallam Transit Banquet, drought, Marine Resources Committee, Dungeness River Nature Center
- CMF reported on Dry Creek Water Association, Amazon development, Clallam Bay Sekiu Community Advisory Council Meeting, Fire District II training

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Contract amendment 10 with Department of Health for the consolidated contract programs – WIC, Swimming Beach Programs, Maternal & Child Health Block Grant and Sanitary Survey

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2b Agreement amendment 3 with Department of Ecology for the Dungeness Off-Channel Reservoir Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2c Land purchase agreement with Olympic Timber LLC for Bullman Beach well site

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

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BIDS AND AWARDS

3a Bid opening – 2026 Hot Mix Asphalt Requirements

<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lakeside Industries, Inc.	\$393,455.70

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to forward the bids to the Road Department for review and recommendation, CRJs, mc

BUDGET

4a Notice that the following Budget Revisions will be considered for adoption on April 28:

Community Development – Environmental Quality – To realign budgeted revenue to reflect separate Marine Resources Committee (MRC) funding sources/contracts/\$57,500

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMOs, mc

4b Notice that the following Budget Reductions will be considered for adoption on April 28:

General Fund Reserves – First quarter payroll underspend sweep to General Fund Reserves/\$309,571

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMOs, mc

4c Notice that the following Supplemental Appropriations will be considered for adoption on April 28:

Superior Court – Superior Court has amended its contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts (Amendment 1) to add \$4,000 for two projects under the Family and Juvenile Court Improvement Program (FJCIP). This should be added to the existing budget/\$4,000

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on Clift Mass, droughts, map inquiry, Clallam County Fire, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe grants
- Ellen Menshew, Clallam County, commented on environment, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Tim Wheeler, Sequim, commented on the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Coffee Colleen, Bullman Beach, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, emergency situations in the Olympic National Forest
- Ron Richards, Port Angeles, commented on the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Kelley St. Claire, Sequim, commented on fireworks
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on levee, Jamestown Tribe, shellfish
- Concerned Citizen, commented on thankful for her 3 minutes to comment, Tribal trust land issues, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Renee Paradis, Clallam County, commented she seconds what Ellen Menshew commented, trust with Federal lands
- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on town hall meeting, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Jake Seegers, District III, commented on influence on leadership, following law and values
- Jason Zizzo, Clallam County, commented on view of the people, Board of Equalization applications
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer, letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, public comment time limit, standards
- Teresa Miller, Sequim, commented public comment time limit, Charter Review Commission town hall meeting, Sequim City Council, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Mitch Zenobi, commented on sending a letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, tax burden
- Joe Schmidt, Joyce, commented on Mitch Zenobi, commented on Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe – Dungeness Wildlife Refuge land transfer, Towne Road, directing comments

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The meeting concluded at 12:56 p.m. and continued until Monday, April 20, 2026 at 9 a.m.

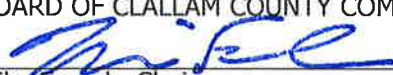
The Board of Commissioners attended a WSAC Virtual Updated, BOCC Town Hall Meeting, Coffee with Colleen and Clallam Transit Meeting during the week of April 13, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2026

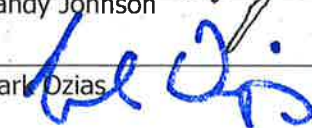
ATTEST:


Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mike French, Chair


Randy Johnson


Mark Ozias

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
Tim Wheeler
4/14/20

THANK YOU JAMESTOWN TRIBE, THANK YOU CLALLAM COMMISSIONERS!

Good morning,

My name is Tim Wheeler. I live in Sequim on our family farm on the banks of the Dungeness River. I wish to thank the Clallam County Commissioners for their courtesy and obvious engagement with the tribe in our mutual efforts to protect these wonderful refuges where so many birds and other wildlife are preserved. I also want to thank the three women who testified here on behalf of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe in support of legislation to turn over the Dungeness Refuge and Protection Island to full tribal ownership and management.

Their presentation was awesome in its attention to every detail, especially their determined efforts right now to protect these wildlife sanctuaries. What struck me is how diligent the tribe is in building community unity and collaboration. The tribe is reaching out to the entire community, mobilizing an army of volunteers to combat invasive species, to guarantee that our shared vision of these refuges is protected.

This is nothing new. Remember the COVID-19 pandemic? The tribe was at the center of a mobilization by every level of our local and state government to insure that everyone received vaccinations against COVID---Dr. Allison Berry and the County Health Department, the Jamestown Family Clinic, the County government, First Responders, Law Enforcement, and an army of volunteers. I joined over 100 people waiting in line in my car at Carrie Blake Park to get my first shot. At one point, the vaccination effort in Sequim was the BEST in the State of Washington and among the best in the nation. Thank the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe! This coalition effort saved countless lives in Clallam County.

What a contrast to the White House where President Trump called COVID-19 a "Chinese Hoax" that could be cured by a swig of lysol. More than one million Americans died, the highest death rate of any developed nation in the world! The corrupt, anti-science billionaire elite in Washington D.C. is responsible.

Or the MAT Healing Campus on the west side of Sequim. SOS fearmongers shrieked that this MAT treatment center will destroy Sequim, bring an influx of homeless people from Seattle. The Healing Campus is now treating addicted people exactly as it was designed, enhancing the record of health care excellence in Clallam County.

Or take the Dungeness River Bridge Park, a joint project of the Tribe and the Audubon Society. This park is a magnificent addition to Sequim's efforts to protect the Dungeness river, the birds and other wildlife. I go there often, a refuge from our chaotic world poisoned by unilateral, undeclared, genocidal wars in the Middle East that have driven gas prices above \$5 per gallon.

At a time when our government in Washington is handing over millions of acres of public lands to oil, gas, and coal profiteers, returning the Dungeness and Protection Island refuges to the S'Klallam Tribe is a timely initiative. I hope you commissioners write that letter to Congress endorsing this legislation. The tribe owned it all and protected it for more than a thousand years before it was stolen from them. The Jamestown tribe is the second biggest employer in our county. They have an admirable record of protecting both our environment and our economy. If this legislation is enacted, we can count on them to keep on protecting endangered birds, rivers, forests, protecting our community.

Thank you.

Tim Wheeler
Acting Chair, Voices for Health & Healing

Gores, Loni

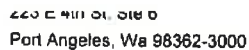
From: Garcelon, Ron
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2026 3:06 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: FW: April Sewer Increase Public Hearing

Hi Loni,
Please find the below comment regarding the sewer fee ordinance(s).
Thanks – Ron

From: Clara Stylishliving <stylishliving@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2026 12:16 PM
To: Garcelon, Ron <Ron.Garcelon@clallamcountywa.gov>
Subject: April Sewer Increase Public Hearing

Hi Ron,

Hope all is well. For the April public comment hearing on rate increase, is there an online link I can participate in? As I mentioned before about 1 year ago, for my tiny mobile home park of 13 units, we are being charged \$56.50 per unit, total of \$734.50 per month for 13 units. And yet, we are only giving 700 cf allowance for all 13 accounts (ERU). Normally, it is 700 cf per each ERU. Our account should be granted $13 * 700$ cf allowance, total of 9,100 cf allowance for each billing period because we have 13 ERUs. As a low-income housing community, we are being charged higher prices for sewer than other residential units like single-family homes. The current charge is very unfairly and putting more burden on low-income housing mobile home parks. I want to reflect that fact so the policy makers can make the correct adjustment.



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Thank you.

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From: Clara Stylishliving <stylishliving@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2026 10:44 AM
To: Gores, Lori
Subject: Feedback on April Sewer Increase Public Hearing

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Greetings Mr. Gores,

Hope all is well. For the April public comment hearing I have the following comment. As I mentioned before about 1 year ago to Ron Garcelon at the Clallam County Sewer, for my tiny mobile home park of 13 units, we are being charged \$56.50 per unit, total of \$734.50 per month for 13 units. And yet, we are only giving 700 cf allowance for all 13 accounts (ERU). Normally, it is 700 cf per each ERU. Our account should be granted $13 * 700$ cf allowance, total of 9,100 cf allowance for each billing period because we have 13 ERUs. As a low-income housing community, we are being charged higher prices for sewer than other residential units like single-family homes. The current charge is very unfairly and putting more burden on low-income housing mobile home parks. I want to reflect that fact so the policy makers can make the correct adjustment.



Port Angeles, Wa 98362-3000

Account Number	Due Date	Amount Due
2510	03/10/2026	\$966.34
Account Type	AMOUNT ENCLOSED	
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Service Address	Account Number	Bill Date	Due Date	Amount Due
502 FRONTIER STREET	2510	02/11/2026	03/10/2026	\$966.34

Meter Number	Service Dates		Base Rate		Excess Consumption
34812497	Beginning	End	ERU	Rate Per ERU	Amount Over 700 cf
Parcel Number	01/01/2026	01/31/2026	13.00	\$56.50	3,312.00 cf
12-32-21-51-0455	Beginning Balance				\$912.58
	Payment				-912.58
	JAN Sewer Charges				734.50
	JAN Excess Rate (Consumption)-CB/S USAGE: 3312				231.84
	Total Due				\$966.34

Thank you.

Clara S. Ling

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BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions

Gores, Loni

From: Upthegrove, Dave (DNR) <Dave.Upthegrove@dnr.wa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 11:04 AM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Clallam County TLTs - 3.16 letter response
Attachments: RAC Response Letter 4.7.26.pdf

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Good morning,

Please see the attached letter regarding Trust Land Transfers (TLTs) within Clallam County.

Thank you,

Dave Upthegrove
Commissioner of Public Lands
WA Department of Natural Resources





April 7, 2026

Via Email: loni.gores@clallamcountywa.gov

Clallam County Revenue Advisory Committee
223 East 4th Street, Suite 4
Port Angeles, WA 98362-3015

Dear Chair Beauvais and Honorable Members:

Thank you for your letter dated March 16th, in which you generally object to possible Trust Land Transfers (TLTs) within Clallam County.

I appreciate your taking the time to set forth both the background and legal context relating to your concerns. In particular, I noted the focus on fiduciary obligations and financial benefits to the beneficiaries, which are duties I take seriously. This is why I must express some surprise at your objections, because the entire point of the TLT program is to take assets (lands) which are underperforming for trust beneficiaries—generally, providing too little or no income—and exchange them for lands that will better perform, while compensating beneficiaries in the process. And, of course, these replacement lands—regardless of specific location—remain within the trust and are managed for the same beneficiaries. I think this is one of our more successful programs, a “win-win” for everyone involved. There is often more interest in the program than there is capacity or funding (which, ultimately, is provided by the Legislature).

Presently, there are only two active TLTs in-process in Clallam County:

1. **South Makah.** This is a parcel of about 15 acres of Common School Trust that would be transferred to the Makah Tribe; and
2. **Sequim Bay.** This is a parcel of about 198 acres of State Forest Transfer Trust that would be transferred to the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

In both cases, these are lands the Department considers underperforming because they have no timber harvest availability, meaning their expected timber revenue—and, of course, resulting income for the beneficiaries—is zero.

In the case of the first parcel (South Makah), the acreage is essentially inaccessible: DNR has no legal access and no practicable way to obtain access. Simply put, this is a relatively small, isolated parcel and we have no physical path to harvest whatever timber might be available.

Clallam County Revenue Advisory Committee
April 7, 2026

For the second parcel, there is no timber harvest available because of various limitations already placed on the land—that is, constraints that have nothing to do with my administration or choices I have made as Commissioner. The primary limitation on harvesting comes from approximately 140 acres that are occupied marbled murrelet nesting sites and buffers per the Habitat Conservation Plan. There are also significant riparian buffers, rendering it unmarketable and unavailable for harvest. Please keep in mind that these limitations run with the land, not the owner. This means that, should the Sequim Bay transfer be effected, the Tribe would likewise be unable to harvest timber from these lands.

As Commissioner, I face the very sort of financial and fiduciary choice you so carefully laid out: what is to be done with lands that do not and cannot produce timber revenue (at least not without significant changed circumstances that seem unlikely)? Does it make sense to hold on to these lands indefinitely, or is it better to essentially trade them for better-performing lands and obtain real-time income for the beneficiaries (e.g., the value of the timber, up to 100% of it at the County's request) in the bargain? Under the TLT process, there is no question of diminishing any trust, beneficiary share, or County interest. The ownership of lands as you laid out is unchanged. Similarly, there is no gifting of trust assets or land: the land is purchased and replaced at full value, including the timber value.

Of course, I do not make this choice alone—the Board of Natural Resources has the responsibility of evaluating and approving these transfers, subject to funding from the Legislature. And, of course, both the Board and I want input from you, at the county level, as well as the beneficiaries (junior taxing districts) you listed. I would welcome your input and analysis of the proposed transfers outlined, above, in light of the information I am providing. Specifically, if you think DNR has erred in assessing the current or expected revenue potential for these parcels, or if you think there are other factors that should be considered in the evaluation, I would be happy to review this information.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in good faith on this, and other, issues.

Sincerely,



Dave Upthegrove
Commissioner of Public Lands