



BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of June 29 – July 3, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION – June 29, 2026 at 7 a.m.

The Board convened in open session at 7 a.m. on June 29, 2026, to discuss real estate and litigation. Present were Commissioners Ozias, French and Johnson, Administrator Mielke, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Boughton and Nichols, Finance Department Lane, Housing Dalton, Real Estate Capps, District Court I Neupert and Williams, and Sheriff's Office King, and Biasell.

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: CMOm to executive session until 8:30 a.m., CRJs, mc

The Board recessed into executive session at 7:03 a.m.

The Board convened in open session at 8:30 a.m. and CMF noted 10 additional minutes is needed.

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to executive session for 10 additional minutes until 8:40 a.m., CRJs, mc

The Board recessed into executive session at 8:30 a.m.

The Board convened in open session at 8:40 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN: CMOm to approve authorization for Linda Capps – Right-of-Way Agent to move forward with each parcel as described in executive session, CRJs, mc

The meeting concluded at 8:42 a.m.

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, June 29, 2026. Present were Commissioners French, Ozias and Johnson, and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published June 25 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Discussion with the Department of Interior regarding topics of interest, including review of tribal trust applications and the Administration's priorities relating to capital investments in federal assets like the Olympic National Park
- Resolution appointing Tara Coffin to the Clallam County Board of Health
- Agreement amendment A with Department of Commerce Housing Division for homelessness assistance
- Agreement with Sheriff's Office Patrol Sergeants Guild for collective bargaining
- Employment contract with Todd Mielke for Clallam County Administrator duties
- Call for a hearing to be held on July 21, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. regarding an Ordinance for the employment contract for the County Administrator
- Resolution adopting the amended Clallam Bay / Sekiu General Sewer / Wastewater Facilities Plan
- Discussion and next steps regarding the Long Live the Kings invitation to participate on the Hood Canal Bridge Assessment Project's Management Committee
- Discussion and next steps on submitting a letter to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regarding proposed new rules for the Guidance for Federal Financial Assistance
- Interlocal agreement with the City of Forks and Hoh Tribe for services and other matters relating to tribal trust lands within the City of Forks located at 281 Wood Avenue, Forks

BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES for the week of June 29 – July 3, 2026
Page 2

- Response letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding an application filed by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe case number 68061
- Discussion regarding the Criminal Justice contracts

Meeting concluded at 10:58 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 30, 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 for agenda items

- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on item 1h
- Terri DiMartino, Clallam County, commented on items 1a, 1g, harm reduction
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on item 1h, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on items 2a, 2c
- Ron Richards, Port Angeles, commented on item 1h
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on item 1a
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on accessible agenda, Coffee with Colleen, items 1h, 2c
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on item 1h
- Teresa Miller, Sequim, commented on item 1g

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of June 22

The following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable Total

Warrant Numbers:

9954637 – 9954967

\$ 1,571,104.99

Electronic Payment Dates:

N/A

\$0.00

Total Accounts Payable:

\$1,571,104.99

- 1b Approval of payroll for a period ending June 15

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

Payroll Total

Warrant Numbers:

187797 – 188110, 9954861 – 9954863

\$771,225.44

Electronic Payment Dates:

6/25/2026 – 6/28/2026

\$330,004.40

Total Payroll:

\$1,101,229.84

- 1c Approval of minutes for the week of June 22

- 1d Resolution appointing Ryan Amiot and Justin McNeal to the Revenue Advisory Committee

BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES for the week of June 29 – July 3, 2026
Page 3

- 1e Letter to the Office of the Attorney General to provide comments on petition to amend the Model Public Records Act Rules
- 1f Letter of approval of application and fee waiver for Clallam Bay / Sekiu Fun Days Assembly Permit application
- 1g Verbal approval to reallocate Opioid Settlement funds from harm reduction supplies to staffing
- 1h Response letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding an application filed by the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe case number 68061

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

HEARING(S)

- 4a Consideration of Resolution adopting the following debatable emergencies:
- Sheriff-Clinical Services – The Clinical Services overtime budget was not adjusted as staffing increased from 3.25 to 13.25 FTEs. The budget is already 295% over spent, and additional funding is needed to meet essential inmate healthcare needs through year-end/\$7,000
- Sheriff-Operations - The overtime budget has not kept pace with rising wage rates, while staffing and public safety demands continue to require overtime. Detective overtime is over 90% spent and patrol overtime has exceeded its budget, necessitating additional funding through year-end/\$162,500
- General Fund Transfer to Clallam Bay-Sekiu Sewer – (1 of 2) Additional funding is needed due to unexpected costs resulting from a staff member's extended health-related leave. The employee did not return as anticipated, requiring increased consultant and temporary staffing services through August 2026/\$65,000
- Public Works-Clallam Bay-Sekiu Sewer – (2 of 2) Additional funding is needed due to unexpected costs resulting from a staff member's extended health-related leave. The employee did not return as anticipated, requiring increased consultant and temporary staffing services through August 2026/\$65,000

- Mark Lane, Finance Department, provided a staff report

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

- The following provided testimony:
 - Michael Williams, Sequim
 - Teresa Miller, Sequim
 - Stephanie Day, Sequim
 - John Worthington, Sequim
 - Karin Cummins, Sequim
 - Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles
 - Eric Fehrmann, Sequim
 - Stuart Kiehl, Port Angeles
 - Rick Nichols, Sequim

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

- 4b Resolution regarding allocation of Regional Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program Federal Funding
- Steve Gray, Public Works/Road Department, provided a staff report

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

- The following provided testimony:
 - Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay
 - Denise Lapio, Sequim
 - Teresa Miller, Sequim
 - Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles
 - John Worthington, Sequim
 - Karin Cummins, Sequim

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

BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES for the week of June 29 – July 3, 2026
Page 4

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMO reported on Dungeness Water Exchange, Clallam Conservation District Water Meter Pilot Program, North Olympic Development Council Meeting, Strait Ecosystem Recovery Network

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 2a Agreement and authorization form with Washington State Military Department and Federal Emergency Management Agency for 3 Crabs Road

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to approve, CMFs, mc

- 2b Agreement with Sheriff's Office Patrol Sergeants Guild for collective bargaining

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to approve, CMFs, mc

- 2c Interlocal agreement with the City of Forks and Hoh Tribe for services and other matters relating to tribal trust lands within the City of Forks located at 281 Wood Avenue, Forks

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to approve, CMFs, mc

BUDGET

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

Health & Human Services-Operations – This budget action reallocates salary and benefit savings from vacant FPHS-funded positions to support public health emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technology improvements, including communications equipment, laptop upgrades, fairgrounds resources, and public education materials/\$214,636

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to adopt, CMFs, mc

- 3b Resolution for consideration to adopt the following supplemental appropriations:

Health & Human Services-Operations – This budget action adds Public Health Infrastructure Grant funding to support staff training, HIPAA privacy improvements, and janitorial services for the public health clinic/\$43,000

Sheriff-Operations – The Detectives Unit received a \$2,500 ICAC award and will receive \$12,000 annually from the Port Angeles Police Department to support digital forensics. The funding will be used for digital evidence storage, server upgrades, and enhanced data extraction capabilities/\$14,500

BOCC-Port Crescent Cemetery – The Port Crescent Cemetery received a \$50,000 grant to support historic rehabilitation, including site security, restoration, signage, and habitat preservation/\$50,000

DCD-Environmental Quality – The Department of Community Development received funding from the Bonneville Environmental Foundation to support beaver restoration projects/\$24,000

ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to adopt, CMFs, mc

Public comment

- Stuart Kiehl, Port Angeles, commented on public comment period, traffic in Port Angeles, Homelessness, trust lands
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on Coffee with Colleen, Walmart, Amazon, Edgewood Drive, Dungeness Refuge, wild salmon restoration
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on item 4b, Bureau of Indian Affairs meeting, Coffee with Colleen, debatable emergency name change
- Karin Cummins, Sequim, commented on well meter, business financial records
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on showing respect to public

BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES for the week of June 29 – July 3, 2026
Page 5

- Mark Curtis, Sequim, commented on harm reduction, policies, employees doing their job
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on executive branches, Clallam Bay / Sekiu sewer
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on letter to Office of Management and Budget OMB
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Tribes, gas tax
- Terri DiMartino, Clallam County, commented on William Shore Memorial Pool District shower program

The meeting concluded at 12:38 p.m. and continued until Monday, July 6, 2026 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC virtual update, Coffee with Colleen during the week of June 29 , 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of July 2026

ATTEST:


Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


Mark Ozias


Randy Johnson


Mike French, Chair

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

BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions



Homes For Our Troops | 6 Main Street, Taunton, MA 02780
866-787-6677 | info@hfotusa.org | www.hfotusa.org

RECEIVED
CLALLAM CO. COMMISSIONERS

June 9, 2026

JUN 22 2026

1...2...3...A...

Mr. Mike French
Clallam County Commissioner, District 3
223 East 4th Street
Port Angeles, WA 98362

SUBJECT: Request for Waiver of Permit Application Fees

Dear Mr. French:

1. BACKGROUND. Homes For Our Troops (HFOT) is a privately funded 501(c)(3) military nonprofit. Our mission is to build and donate specially adapted, mortgage free custom homes to severely injured Post-9/11 Veterans wherever they choose to live, as a means of assisting them to rebuild their lives. To date we have completed over 430 homes with over 70 currently in construction.
2. THE PROJECT. HFOT has agreed to construct a home for Army Specialist (SPC) Alex Leonard. SPC Leonard was severely injured in Iraq when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device (IED). His injuries resulted in the amputation of his left leg below the knee, amputation of his right leg above the knee, partial hearing loss, arm injuries, and tinnitus. His story can be found at: <https://www.hfotusa.org/building-homes/veterans/aleonard/>

SPC Leonard has chosen to live in Forks, WA and HFOT has purchased a parcel of land at (PID 84650) King John's Way, Forks, WA. We have engaged a local custom home builder, to complete this important project with construction completion scheduled later this year.

3. THE REQUEST. Pursuant to the completion of this home, HFOT is required to secure a Permit of Authorization to Construct an On-Site Sewage Facility. Based on the applicable regulations we estimate that the fee associated with this application is approximately \$700. To maximize the use of our available funding to complete this home, HFOT respectfully requests that Clallam County waive part or all of this amount. Any such waived amount shall be received and documented as a tax-deductible Gift In Kind Donation, and will free funds to assist another severely injured Veteran.

Thank you for your consideration,

H.T. Landwermeyer, Jr.
Brigadier General, USA Retired
President & CEO
tlandwermeyer@hfotusa.org

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR
ANY HELP YOU MAY BE ABLE
TO PROVIDE IN SUPPORT OF
THIS VETERAN AND HFOT.

Tom

Gores, Loni

From: dylapio@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 1:21 PM
To: Gores, Loni
Subject: Minutes BoCC meeting
Attachments: OFM letter sent 06182026.pdf; OFM response.pdf

⚠ **EXTERNAL:** This message originated from outside your organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Ms. Gores,]

I am submitting an email exchange between me and the Office of Financial Management. Please include the exchange (attachments) to today's minutes for the 6-23-26 BoCC Regular meeting.

Thank you for your assistance.

Have a nice week.

Sincerely,

Denise Lapio

6/18/26, 2:00 PM

Subject: **Preliminary Population Estimates**
Date: 6/18/2026 2:00:23 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: dylapio@aol.com
To: mike.mohrman@ofm.wa.gov

Dear Director Mohrman,

I am a Clallam County resident and I often attend the Board of Clallam County Commissioners (BoCCC) meetings held every Tuesday at the Clallam County Courthouse. Before the meeting I review the agenda packet that has been posted on the county's website for that meeting, as I like to come prepared in understanding the Commissioners' discussions. As I perused the packet for the June 16, 2026 10:00 a.m. meeting, I found the Office of Financial Management's (OFM) letter along with enclosed data sheets, dated June 2, 2026, regarding the updated census. (Attachments)

There on the front page of the information packet in bold print is your statement: "These population estimates should not be released to the public or to the press under any circumstances until they are finalized and released on OFM's website on June 30, 2026." **June 30, 2026.** The letter is stamped "Received" with the date "Jun 08 2026." Your submitted information packet to the Commissioners was included in the June 16, 2026 BoCCC Regular Meeting agenda packet for public review.

The letter goes on to state that the OFM has posted the official April 1, 2026 population estimates on its website. However, on each data sheet there is a statement at the top of the page that reads: "Do Not Release..."; therefore, I have questions regarding the entire timing of the packet's distribution and who may review its contents.

My three questions are as follows:

1. Are all the dates accurate on the OFM packet sent on June 2, 2026?
2. Is it standard operating procedure for any board in the interest of transparency to disclose the contents of an official letter/packet for the public to review before the stated date on any correspondence from the OFM?
3. Do these population estimates include residents with illegal or non-citizenship status, as Washington State is a sanctuary state?

Clarification on these issues - the standards between government agencies and the information used to collect the data - would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Denise Lapio
Clallam County Resident

6/19/26, 9:22 AM

Subject: **RE: Preliminary Population Estimates**
Date: 6/18/2026 6:05:23 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Mike.Mohrman@OFM.WA.GOV
To: dylapio@aol.com

Hi Denise,

Thank you for reaching out. I appreciate you making me aware of this.

The preliminary numbers should not have been made public as they are preliminary. Those numbers are going to change and should not be used.

The dates on the form are correct. We send the preliminary estimates in early June and give contacts at least two weeks to review and respond. The review period ends today, 6/18/2026. We have a statutory deadline to produce our estimates by July 1 of each year. Our practice has been to provide the final estimates before July 1, this is often on June 30 but it can be earlier if June 30 falls on a weekend or if we are ready to release earlier. That is why June 30 date is included.

The estimates follow the standards of the US census bureau as much as practicable. The census bureau has a constitution mandate to 'count all persons' and we estimate the same.

Again, thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Mike

Mike Mohrman (he/him) | State Demographer
Washington State Office of Financial Management
Forecasting and Research Division
360-870-7974



From: dylapio@aol.com <dylapio@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 18, 2026 2:00 PM
To: Mohrman, Mike (OFM) <Mike.Mohrman@OFM.WA.GOV>
Subject: Preliminary Population Estimates

External Email

Dear Director Mohrman,

I am a Clallam County resident and I often attend the Board of Clallam County Commissioners (BoCCC) meetings held every Tuesday at the Clallam County Courthouse. Before the meeting I review the agenda packet that has been posted on the county's website for that meeting, as I like to come prepared in understanding the Commissioners' discussions. As I perused the packet for the June 16, 2026 10:00 a.m. meeting, I found the Office of Financial Management's (OFM) letter along with enclosed data sheets, dated June 2, 2026, regarding the updated census. (Attachments)

There on the front page of the information packet in bold print is your statement: "These population estimates should not be released to the public or to the press under any circumstances until they are finalized and released on OFM's website