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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of August 24-28, 2026

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, August 24, 2026. Present were Commissioners French, Ozias and Johnson, and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published August 19 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution for Revenue Advisory Committee Terms
- Resolution appointing Rebecca Mahan to the Conservation Futures Program Advisory Board
- Agreement with Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts for reimbursement for the Blake decision
- Agreement with Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic for behavioral health assessments
- Open County position review
- Call for a hearing to be held Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. for an ordinance and resolution regarding Clallam County Comprehensive Plan

Meeting concluded at 10:48 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, August 25, 2026. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Postpone: Items 1g, 2a and 2b

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

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on items 1h, 1i and calendar items
- Terri DiMartino, Clallam County, commented on items 1f and 1a
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on item 1a
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on items 1a, 1c, 2e, 2f, 2g, 2h, 2i, 2j and 2c
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on items 2k and 1a

HEARING

3a Consideration of resolution adopting the following:

Debatable Emergency:

HHS-Opioid Settlement (1 of 2) – This transfers Opioid Settlement funding to the HHS Operations Fund for Harm Reduction Health Center staff salaries, as presented to the Board of Health and the Board of County Commissioners meeting/\$18,756

Budget Revision:

HHS-Chemical Dependency/Mental Health (1 of 2) – This budget revision increases the interfund reimbursement for administrative salaries and benefits in the Developmental Disabilities Fund supporting the Chemical Dependency Mental Health program/\$20,000

HHS-Homeless Task Force (1 of 2) – This budget revision increases interfund reimbursement for administrative salaries and benefits in the Developmental Disabilities Fund supporting the Homeless Task Force program/\$20,000

Supplemental Appropriation:

HHS-Operations (2 of 2) – This Opioid Settlement funding supports the HHS Operations Fund for Harm Reduction Health Center staff salaries, as presented to the Board of Health and the Board of County Commissioners/\$18,756

HHS-Developmental Disabilities (2 of 2) – Funding from HHS Chemical Dependency Mental Health

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increases interfund reimbursement for administrative salaries and benefits in the Developmental Disabilities Fund/\$20,000

HHS-Developmental Disabilities (2 of 2) - Funding from the Homeless Task Force program increases interfund reimbursement for administrative salaries and benefits in the Developmental Disabilities Fund/\$20,000

Public Works-Broadband Infrastructure Capital Projects - Additional funding from the Department of Commerce (DOC) to support construction costs/\$2,030,000

Budget Reduction:

General Fund Reserves – Second quarter payroll underspend sweep to the General Fund Reserves/\$225,284

- Mark Lane Chief Financial Officer, provided a staff report

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

- The following provided testimony:
 - Mike Williams, Sequim
 - Terri DiMartino, Clallam County
 - John Worthington, Sequim
 - Denise Lapio, Sequim

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

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt debatable emergency, CMOs, mc

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt budget revisions, CMOs, mc

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt supplemental appropriations, CMOs, mc

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt budget reduction, CMOs, mc

CONSENT AGENDA

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of August 17

The following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

Accounts Payable Total

Warrant Numbers:

9956773 - 9956878

\$192,205.97

Electronic Payment Dates:

08/25/2026

\$95,001.20

Total Accounts Payable:

\$192,205.97

1b Approval of minutes for the week of August 17

1c Resolution appointing Howard Sprouse to the Marine Resources Committee

1d Resolution appointing Brenda McAlice to the Planning Commission

1e Letter of Appreciation to Skagit County for donation of equipment for the Coroner's Office

1f Proclamation recognizing August 31st as International Overdose Awareness Day

1g **Postpone** - Resolution authorization form for Morse Creek Feasibility Study

1h Letter of support to U.S. Forest Service for Legacy Forest Calawah property application

1i Letter of support to U.S. Forest Service for Legacy Forest Rainforest property application

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

1g **Postpone** - Resolution authorization form for Morse Creek Feasibility Study

ACTION TAKEN: Postpone - No action taken

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REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMO reported on Overdose Awareness Day, Canvassing Board meeting, Salish Behavior Associated Services Organization Executive Board, crisis teams, Clallam County Fair
- CRJ reported on Clallam County Fair, Economic Development Council Director
- CMF reported on Clallam County Fair, Recompete Coalition

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

2a Agreement with the Recreation and Conservation Office for Morse Creek Estuary Feasibility Study

ACTION TAKEN: Postpone – No action taken

2b Agreement with North Olympic Peninsula Conservation and Development Council for Morse Creek Estuary Feasibility Study

ACTION TAKEN: Postpone – No action taken

2c Agreement with Department of Social and Health Services for adult developmental disability services

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2d Agreement with Washington Initiative For Supported Employment (W.I.S.E) to provide training and technical assistance to support the implementation of the Washington States County Services for Working Age Adult Policy

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2e Agreement with Department of Transportation for Bagley Creek Replacement

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2f Agreement with Department of Transportation for Bogachiel River Crossing

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2g Agreement with Department of Transportation for Freshwater Bay Rd. to Elwha River Trail Segment

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2h Agreement with Department of Transportation for Forks City Limit to Sappho Trail Segment

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2i Agreement with Department of Transportation for Gossett Rd. to Thompson/Onella Rd. Trail Segment

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2j Agreement with Department of Transportation for Sappho to Camp Creek Trailhead Segment

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

2k Contract with NEOGOV for Human Resources software platform

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Teresa Miller, Sequim, commented on proclamations and Alcoholics Anonymous
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on work session August 24 item 2a, Board of Natural Resources
- Rich James, no location, commented on Public Works, Budget, Morse Creek
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on County Policies, Council members
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on Comprehensive Plan

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- Terri DiMartino, Clallam County, commented on Clallam County Fair, harm reduction, Tribal representation, Recompete representation, drug paraphernalia, William Shore Memorial Pool shower vouchers, City of Forks housing
- Rick Nichols, Sequim, commented on budget, roads, chip sealing, open positions
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on addiction, homelessness, drug/human trafficking, prostitution, Federal Government, John Cleese statement
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on John Worthington, Fentanyl

The meeting concluded at 11:55 a.m. and continued until Monday, August 31, 2026 at 9 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC virtual update, William Shore Memorial Pool Meeting, Coffee with Colleen, Clallam Transit Meeting and Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe Salish Seasons Ribbon Cutting Ceremony during the week of August 24, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of September 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