



BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of June 17-21, 2024

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WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, June 17, 2024. Present were Commissioners French, Ozias and Johnson. Administrator Mielke was excused.

Items of discussion per the agenda published June 13 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution appointing Christopher Rumble to the Marine Resources Committee
- Briefing and call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. regarding amending Chapter 5.100 Consolidated Fee Schedule Sheriff's Department Civil Processes Fee Schedule 400-A
- Agreement with Wild Salmon Center for replacement of culverts under Bear Creek Road
- Letter and WS-4 Form for planning assistance related to Highland Irrigation District
- Pre-application questionnaire and call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. regarding collaborative grant application with CIE for HUD CDBG Funding
- Agreement amendment 1 with Clallam County Economic Development Council for North Olympic Peninsula Recompete Coalition
- Resolution authorizing expenditure from the Affordable Housing Sales and Use Tax Fund for Peninsula Housing Authority/\$1,500,000
- Discussion regarding a joint meeting with the Opportunity Fund Board

Meeting concluded at 10:41 a.m. and continued to an executive session at 3 p.m. regarding property.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board convened in open session at 3 p.m. to discuss property. Present were Commissioners Ozias, French and Johnson, Prosecuting Attorney Office Boughton, Administrator Mielke, Finance Department Lane and Turner, Sheriff's Office Waknitz and Shore, Risk Management Reyes, Real Estate Capps and Department of Community Development Bailey.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to recess to executive session for 1 hour, CMOs, mc

The Board recessed into executive session at 3:01 p.m.

The Board convened in open session at 4:01 p.m. and extended for 15 minutes

The Board recessed into executive session at 4:20 p.m. and no action was taken.

Meeting concluded at 4:21 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 18, 2024. Also present were Commissioners Ozias and Johnson and Administrator Mielke.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of June 10
- 1b Approval of payroll for the period ending May 31
- 1c Approval of minutes for the week of June 10
- 1d Call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. regarding collaborative grant application with CIE for HUD CDBG Funding

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- 1e Call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. regarding an Ordinance titled "911 Addressing System"
- 1f Call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. regarding an Ordinance titled Carlsborg Urban Growth Area

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

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMO commented on Washington Association of Counties General Membership meeting prep, legislative priorities
- CRJ commented on Veteran's Flag Ceremony, Dream Playground Opening, YMCA
- CMF commented on Olympic Discover Trail, Olympic Community Action Program Executive Director

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 2a Agreement with City of Port Angeles for emergency notification system

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

- 2b Agreement amendment 12 with Shannon and Wilson, Inc. for Towne Road Levee Surfacing Project

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

- 2c Agreement with U.S. Coast Guard for Slip Point Lighthouse property maintenance

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

ADMINISTRATION

- 3a Resolution authorizing an expenditure from the Clallam County Heritage Advisory Board Grant Fund

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC WORKS

- 4a Approval of plans and call for notice of bids to be received no later than Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 10 a.m. regarding Sekiu Main Sewer Replacement Phase I

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMOs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, County meetings (see attached)
- Eric Ferman, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, County meetings
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on pollution, shipping, closed door meetings, politics
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on leaving this place, property, feeling safe, grade school kids, medical

Meeting concluded at 10:33 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, June 17.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC Virtual Update, Department of Natural Resources Meeting, PABA Meeting, Board of Health Meeting, and Timber Counties Caucus Meeting during the week of June 17.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of June 2024.

ATTEST:


Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board



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Mike French, Chair


Randy Johnson


Mark Ozias

Public comment
JEFF TOZZER
6/18/24

At the beginning of the Towne Road debacle, the questions were easy. The microphone at the podium was defective, and people online couldn't hear some of the testimony. Eight months ago, we asked if it could be fixed, and we were told that it was being looked into. The microphone still cuts out.

We asked that the tables be positioned like they are for other meetings in this room so that those presenting to the Commissioners don't have their backs to the gallery. This simple change would allow us to fully hear and understand what is being said. However, we were informed that these public meetings are for the commissioners, not the public. Presenters still speak with their back to the gallery, leaving us feeling disconnected and struggling to hear the softer voices.

We have persistently requested an opportunity to receive answers to our questions, hoping to prevent the same issues from being raised week after week. The commissioners, however, have reiterated that public comment is designed for them to *"listen, not respond."* This lack of response has left us feeling unheard and our concerns unresolved.

We've asked if an agenda item could be added that allows commissioners to address public comments. This would be similar to how other meetings in this county are conducted. We were told that the commissioners would consider it, but nothing has changed.

We asked if Commissioner Ozias' comment that Towne Road was never intended to be built atop the Towne Road Levee was true. This was never communicated to the public, and after a \$20 million taxpayer-funded project, it seemed like a reasonable question. The commissioners didn't clarify or refute the statement; they remained silent.

It could be that it's an election year or the depressed economy, but locals are interested in how you are spending our money. For whatever reason, people are becoming more engaged. This increased public engagement, as evidenced by the first Clallam County Watchdog article to pass 4,000 views in a single day, and the website passing 900 subscribers, is a clear sign that the public wants change and more transparency in local government.

The 2nd vision of the Commissioners' mission statement reads, "Providing comprehensive and exemplary public service levels in a prompt, responsive manner."

It should be changed to read, "If we ignore them, maybe they will go away."

Jeff Tozzer, Jamestown Road, Sequim