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BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of May 27-31, 2024

WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Present were Commissioners French and Johnson, and Administrator Mielke. Commissioner Ozias was excused.

Items of discussion per the agenda published May 23 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution submitting renewal of Lake Sutherland Management District 2 to a vote of property owners pursuant to RCW 36.61.070
- Purchase order with Bud Clary Ford for a clean-up crew truck
- Agreement with 4Sight Labs to deploy overwatch sensors
- Agreement amendment 2 with Department of Ecology for Olympia Oyster Restoration
- Agreement with Facet NW, Inc. for updating the comprehensive plan
- Letter to Department of Natural Resources regarding City of Port Angeles Trust Land Transfer

Meeting concluded at 9:58 a.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Also present were Commissioner Johnson and Administrator Mielke. Commissioner Ozias was excused.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on item 1d and Salt Creek agreement
- Ed Chadd, Port Angeles, commented on item 1d
- Steve Kohler, Sequim, commented on item 1d
- Elizabeth Dunne, Port Angeles, commented on item 1d
- Brian Grad, Sequim, commented on item 1d
- William Spring, Port Angeles, commented on item 1d

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of May 20
- 1b Approval of payroll for the period ending May 15
- 1c Approval of minutes for the week of May 20
- 1e Letter of support for Washington State Department of Commerce for Clean Energy Grant
- 1f Resolution appointing Colleen Robinson to the Peninsula Housing Authority Board of Commissioners
- 1g Resolution appointing David Gedlund to the Revenue Advisory Committee
- 1h Proclamation Recognizing May 31 as Washington State Association of Counties Executive Director Eric Brian Johnson Day

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt the consent agenda modified (pull item 1d from consent agenda) CMFs, mc

1d Letter to Department of Natural Resources regarding City of Port Angeles Trust Land Transfer
CRJ read the amended language into the record. Kate Dexter, City of Port Angeles requested additional language regarding timber. CRJ noted he will make additional edits to the letter.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the letter as amended, CMFs, mc

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CRJ commented on Memorial Day Remembrance, Captain Joseph House
- CMF commented on Law Library

HEARING(S)

- H1 Consideration of resolution adopting the following Debatable Emergencies Parks & Facilities – Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) – To cover unpaid sales tax due on the Courthouse Access Control project, and two invoices for the Restoration of Old Juvie Building project received after the close of accounts payable for year-end/\$21,253
General Fund Reserves – City of Port Angeles stormwater assessment unexpectedly increased 103% from 2023. Additional General Fund support is needed to cover the increase (1 of 2)/\$10,000
NonDept – Indigent Defense – Additional funding for Superior Court Conflict Attorney services provided in 2023 as well as the new contract for 2024/\$19,000
Treasurer – Land Assessment –
- City of Port Angeles stormwater assessment unexpectedly increased 103% from 2023. Additional General Fund support is needed to cover the increase (2 of 2)/\$10,000
 - 2024 increase to City of Port Angeles stormwater fees for county owned parcels. Increased rates and values were not provided to the Treasurer in order to anticipate this increase/\$13,000
- Department of Community Development – Permit Center –
- Due to uncertainty concerning when the State Building Code Council would implement the 2021 International Codes, Code Books were not purchased in 2023 as they were budgeted because the State was still delaying implementation. It has now been passed/\$3,575
 - Repair costs for vehicle driven by Building Inspector after collision with wildlife while driving on Highway 112. Policy 860 4.9 states that it will be the responsibility of the renting department to pay the difference in costs to replace or repair the vehicle as Equipment Rental & Revolving (ER&R) does not carry collision insurance on vehicles or equipment/\$8,972
- Human Resources – Unemployment Compensation – Requesting additional funding for unanticipated increase in unemployment compensation costs/\$40,000
Health and Human Services Operations – Reallocation of Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) Communications funding to the machinery and equipment category for the purchase of 3 copy machines/\$65,000
NonDept – Hotel/Motel Tax – Additional funds need for Resolution 40, 2024 Board-approved Lodging Tax applications/\$480,000

- Mark Lane, Chief Financial Officer, briefed the Board

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

- The following provided testimony:
 - John Worthington, Sequim

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

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

- 2a Agreement for Kitsap Critical Incident Response Team

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

- 2b Agreement with Department of Commerce for STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

- 2c Agreement with MUIR Communications LTD for radio connections

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

- 2d Agreement with Peninsula Behavioral Health for affordable sales and use tax 1406 funding grant

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

- 2e Agreement with Port Angeles Waterfront Center for 2024 Hotel/Motel Tax Funds/\$100,000

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

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2f Agreement with Washington Festival and Events Education Foundation for 2024 Hotel/Motel Tax Funds/\$157,500

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2g Agreement with Clallam County Public Works for 2024 Hotel/Motel Tax Funds/\$84,400

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

2h Agreement with Clallam County Parks, Fair and Facilities for 2024 Hotel/Motel Tax Funds/\$75,500

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc

BIDS AND AWARDS

3a Bid opening – 2024 Hot Mix Asphalt Requirements

<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lakeside Industries, Inc.	\$683,565.30

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to forward the bid to Public Works/Road Department for review and recommendation to the BOCC, CMFs, mc

BUDGET

4a Resolution for consideration to adopt the following Budget Revisions:

NonDept – American Rescue Plan Act – Reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for the final contractual payment to the Public Utility District (PUD) for their Carlsborg/Van-Lan Water System Project. The invoice expected in 2023 was not received until April 2024/\$60,000

Prosecuting Attorney – Operations – Funds originally allocated for attorney salaries will be used for contracted attorney services while short-staffed/\$100,000

Sheriff – Jail Medical – Our two Mental Health Professionals are funded by the "Hargrove Fund". Since the second position will have been vacant from January through the end of April, Health and Human Services is seeking approval for the unspent salary dollars to be used for supplies needed by the positions instead. This will allow for the purchase of office furniture, computer equipment, or other items supporting the mental health program for incarcerated individuals that was not originally planned for/\$25,000

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

4b Resolution for consideration to adopt the following Supplemental Appropriations Superior Court – Contract renewal with the Salish Behavioral Associated Health Organization for Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA) funds set aside by the State of Washington for the betterment of therapeutic courts/\$5,966

Noxious Weed Control – Program spent less money than expected from the Washington Department of Agriculture Knotweed grant due to difficulty hiring seasonal help. The grant expires in June 2025. The money will be used to increase seasonal wages/\$5,500

Sheriff – OPNET Drug – The OPNET Task Force was only partially funded during the budget cycle due to uncertain grant funding. While Washington State has since approved appropriation funding to support task forces, we are requesting to use proceeds from a confiscated property to balance the budget for the remainder of the year while the appropriation disbursement specifics are established. The appropriation funds can then reimburse the fund balance once received/\$301,736

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMFs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on electric truck purchase
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on 1d
- Peter Steadman, Port Angeles, commented on timber revenue, Department of Natural Resources
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on timber, revenue
- Nina Sarmiento, Port Angeles commented item 1d
- WendyRae Johnson, Port Angeles, commented on item 1d

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- Thomas Ash, Sequim, commented on public comment responses
- Ed Chadd, Port Angeles, commented on climate crisis, older forest
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on MAT Clinic, Towne Road Dungeness Levee (see attached)

Meeting concluded at 11:25 a.m. and continued to 7:30 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 2024 for an executive session

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Thursday, May 30, 2024

The Board convened in open session at 7:30 a.m. to discuss negotiations. Present were Commissioners Ozias, French and Johnson, Administrator Mielke, Risk Management Reyes, Finance Department Lane and Turner and outside council Matt Lynch.

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to recess to executive session for 45 minutes, CMOs, mc

The Board recessed into executive session at 7:02 a.m.

The Board convened in open session at 8:17 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN: No action taken

Meeting concluded at 8:18 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, June 3,

The Board of Commissioners attended William Shore Memorial Pool District Meeting, Habitat for Humanity Veterans Cottages Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Coffee with Colleen, and Makah Sawmill Grand Opening Ceremony during the week of May 27.

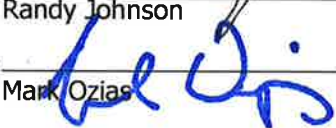
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of June 2024.

ATTEST:


Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

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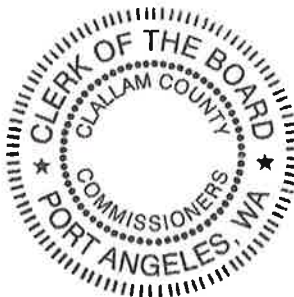
Excused
Mike French, Chair

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
5/28/24
Jeff Tozzer

These three quotes are all from Commissioner Ozias. The first was written when plans for Sequim's MAT clinic were unveiled and he had the monumental task of uniting a divided community. He said:

"Many have expressed belief that this work has taken place in private, without informing the public. One core belief I have as an elected official is that local government only works when citizens participate. It troubles me greatly to think that so many feel they have been left out of the process."

On May 5th, 2022, in the Peninsula Daily News Commissioner Ozias said this:

"Once the new levee is built, the new Towne Road will be on top of the levee, and the section of Towne Road will be removed as part of the restoration of the floodplain."

Earlier this Month, Commissioner Ozias said during a weekly meeting:

"From the very beginning, this project was always intended to feature a trail. The road component was always considered optional," explained Ozias. "From the very beginning, the trail was a given; the road was not."

Three quotes from the same Commissioner. One emphasizes the importance of transparency in the County government, another states that Towne Road was planned to be on top of the levee, and the third asserts that Towne Road was never intended to be on top of the levee.

Which of these quotes are true?

Jeff Tozzer
Jamestown Road
Sequim

BOCC Mail Correspondences Received from other Jurisdictions

Gores, Loni

From: Castaneda-Kerson, Melissa (UTC) <melissa.castaneda-kerson@utc.wa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 3:40 PM
To: web_Commissioners
Subject: Cascadia Water Company, UW-240151, Virtual Informal Customer Outreach Meeting

You don't often get email from melissa.castaneda-kerson@utc.wa.gov. [Learn why this is important](#)

May 23, 2024

Case Number: 240151

Dear Interested Person:

Thank you for contacting the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) regarding the general rate case filed by Cascadia Water Company (Cascadia) on Feb. 29, 2024. Cascadia filed for an overall revenue increase of 75 percent effective June 1, 2024.

You are receiving this communication because you have already submitted written comments on this case.

On April 22, 2024, and May 15, 2024, Commission staff held Informal Customer Outreach Meetings with Cascadia customers. The last meeting ended with some customers not being able to ask questions due to time. As a result, we are holding another Virtual Customer Outreach Meeting before the Open Meeting on June 27, 2024.

On June 12, 2024, Commission staff will again hold a virtual informal customer outreach meeting to answer questions regarding the general rate case filed by Cascadia. Commission staff will make themselves available to answer questions regarding the filing process, Open Meeting schedule, comments, rate review process, and questions about the rate review. We cannot discuss assertions about wrongdoing by the company or any other party. Additionally, we will not discuss questions about legality and staff will not discuss questions about suspending the filing. You can include your concerns in written comments you submit for this case.

If you would like to participate in the hearing, please contact us at 1-888-333-WUTC (9882) or comments@utc.wa.gov to be placed on the sign in sheet to ask questions.

Virtual Customer Outreach Meeting:

Date: June 12, 2024

Time: 4-6 p.m.

Zoom Link:

<https://utcwaov.zoom.us/j/85208596065?pwd=UW0AdLqFOLgfaew5nPxXMwYgC4oAHp.1>

Phone No: (253) 215-8782

Meeting ID: 852 0859 6065

Passcode: 087167

Commission staff is scheduled to make a recommendation to the Commission on this filing at the Open Meeting on June 27, 2024.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Melissa Castaneda-Kerson
Public Involvement Coordinator