



CLALLAM COUNTY CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION MINUTES of February 13, 2020

MEETING OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION (CRC)

Chair Erzen called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2020. Also present were Commissioners Miller, Lotzgesell, Pratt, Doherty, Morris, Cameron, Richards, Turner, Hunter, Murray, Stokan, Stoffer, Fleck and May.

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: Turner moved to adopt the agenda as presented, second, motion carried (15 voted in favor of)

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on interviews and County organizational chart (see attached).
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, signed up, but did not speak
- Ron Richards, Port Angeles, commented on the Prosecuting Attorney, East Sequim Bay Road - Department of Community Development, language in the Charter and Article 11 – Section 4 of the Washington State Constitution.
- Jim Arnold, Sequim, Sequim Bay Road - Department of Community Development and Code Enforcement (see attached).
- Noah Bresler, Sequim, Electromagnetic Field/5g (see attached).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes January 23, 2020
 - Stokan stated her concerns on seconding motions, time and public comment topics.
 - CRC Members discussed the concerns.

ACTION TAKEN: Murray moved to table the approval of the minutes until the interviews are completed, seconded, motion carried; (8 voted in favor of and 7 voted opposed)

CORRESPONDENCE/PETITIONS

- Gores noted receipt of correspondences from Ron Richards, William Kildall, Ingrid Carmean, Eleanor Rose, Noah Bresler, Myla Gloor-Nelson, Kia Armstrong, Michael Curran, Elizabeth Dunne, John and Heather Erskine, Stephen Landess, Alethea Mari, anonymous correspondences, Sarah Salazar-Tipton, Diana Somerville, Mark Nichols, Nicholas Segner, and Anna Bunk (see attached).
- Doherty handed forward documents titled Clallam County child care crisis is an economic crisis and Prevention Works! Annual Meeting notification (see attached).

REPORTS

- Report of the Chair
 - Chair Erzen reported that mileage forms need to be turned in at the end of each month.
 - Reminded the Commission that time needs to be prioritized during the interviews. Each interview panel will have opening remarks and each Commissioner will get to ask a question.

INTERVIEWS

- Commissioners Interviews
 - Commissioner – Mark Ozias – District I
 - Commissioner – Randy Johnson – District II
 - Commissioner – Bill Peach – District III

CRC Members interviewed Clallam County Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and Peach. Topics discussed were code enforcement, election of Commissioners by countywide or district, representation of districts, top issues the Charter Review Commission should be addressing, Tribal representation on the Board of

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Commissioners, election of 3 or 5 Commissioners, Department of Natural Resources- County trust lands and Department of Community Development and Board of Commissioners conflict with proposed bed and breakfast.

- Prosecutor and Sheriff
 - Prosecuting Attorney – Mark Nichols
 - Sheriff – Bill Benedict

CRC Members interviewed Clallam County Prosecuting Attorney Nichols and Sheriff Benedict. Topics discussed were code enforcement, disaster planning, election of 2 or 5 Commissioners, Tribal representation on the Board of Commissioners, Department of Community Development duties, conflict of interest with the Prosecuting Attorney and Coroner positions, Prosecuting Attorney nonpartisan position, Emergency Operations Center and prosecution against defendants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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ACTION TAKEN: Stoffer moved to take the minutes off the table and move forward with discussion, seconded, motion carried

ACTION TAKEN: Stokan moved that the public comments that are offered at the Charter Review Commissioner Meetings be included in the minutes with at least the main topic(s) being addressed, seconded, motion carried; (13 voted in favor of)

ACTION TAKEN: Erzen moved to approve the minutes as modified, seconded, motion carried; (13 voted in favor of and 2 abstain – Fleck and Stoffer)

DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- Special meeting agenda – February 20
 - Interviews – Assessor, Treasurer, Auditor and Chief Financial Officer
 - Recommendation for other items

CRC Members discuss the proposal presented by Turner.

ACTION TAKEN: Turner moved that the Commission review Section 2.20, of the Clallam County Charter, to consider returning the election of County Commissioners to primary election in the district and general election countywide, second, motion carried; (7 voted in favor of, 5 voted opposed, 3 didn't vote)

- Charter Review Commission calendar – Confirm public hearing dates

CRC Members discussed the proposed calendar.

ACTION TAKEN: May moved to approve the public hearing in Forks (April 16) and Sequim (April 23), second, motion carried; (15 voted in favor of)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Rich Sill – County Administrator, Sequim, commented on anonymous correspondences

ACTION TAKEN: Miller moved to not consider anonymous correspondences, but keep records per the Public Records Act requirements, second, (14 voted in favor of and 1 abstain - Stokan)

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, submitted a petition regarding County Jurisdiction relinquishment (see attached).

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- Ron Richards, Port Angeles, commented on wording in the Charter, Donald Trump whistleblowers, anonymous correspondences, sex discrimination, Department of Natural Resources and Chief Financial Officer.
- Kenneth Reandean, Port Angeles, commented on trust lands, Department of Community Development and Finance Department.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION TAKEN: Murray moved to adjourn, second, motion carried

Meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Loni Gores, CMC
Clerk to the Charter Review Commission

Approved: February 20, 2020