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## BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of June 19 – 23, 2023

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – June 20, 2023 at 7:30 a.m.**

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, an executive session will be held at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2023 in the Commissioners Board Room, 223 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Angeles, Room 160. No Zoom option will be available.

The Board of County Commissioners will discuss with the Prosecuting Attorney's Office potential litigation related to Clallam County Code enforcement.

Per RCW 42.30.110(i), the Board may recess into executive session "to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation . . . to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency."

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.

The Board convened in open session at 7:31 a.m. to discuss Office potential litigation related to Clallam County Code enforcement. Present were Commissioners Ozias, French and Johnson, Chief Civil Deputy Boughton, Sheriff King, and Director of Department of Community Development Emery.

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

The board recessed into executive session at 7:32 a.m.

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

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and Department of Community Development to explore and potentially initiate a Superior Court action, CMFs, mc**

Meeting concluded at 8:19 a.m.

### **WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.**

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and French and Acting Deputy Administrator Doten. Administrator Sill and Deputy Administrator Reyes were excused.

Items of discussion per the agenda published June 15 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Request to approve the quote provided by Axon Enterprise, Inc. for the Body Worn Camera Program
- Agreement with Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe for Lower Dungeness River Floodplain
- Agreement with Sound Law Center, LLC for Hearing Examiner and Code Enforcement Services

Meeting concluded at 9:37 a.m.

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Ozias called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, June 20, 2023. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and French and Acting Deputy Administrator Doten. Administrator Sill and Deputy Administrator Reyes were excused.

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**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 County Administrator process
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on code enforcement (see attached)

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of June 12
- 1b Approval of payroll for the period ending June 15
- 1c Approval of minutes for the week of June 12
- 1d Letter of support for Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Dungeness Reservoir Project

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

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- CRJ commented on Flag Ceremony, Department of Natural Resources
- CMF commented on Peninsula Regional Transportation, Fairground parking lot controls, Olympic Community Action Program housing tour
- CMO commented on Olympic Medical Center Roundtable, Sequim Pride Event

**CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

- 2a Lease agreement with William H. Clevenger and John A. Gray for the property located at 325 ½ West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street for the Harm Reduction Health Center

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc, CRJ abstained**

- 2b Agreement with North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing Network for Homelessness Funds/\$80,000

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

- 2c Agreement with North Olympic Regional Veteran's Housing Network for Homelessness Funds/\$140,000

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

- 2d Agreement with Healthy Families of Clallam County for Homelessness Funds/\$107,702.95

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

- 2e Agreement with Healthy Families of Clallam County for Homelessness Funds/\$72,720

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

- 2f Agreement with Forks Abuse Program DBA Mariposa House for Homelessness Funds/\$64,527.75

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

- 2g Agreement with Boys and Girls Club's of the Olympic Peninsula for Homelessness Funds/\$76,048

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc, CRJ abstained**

- 2h Agreement with Olympic Community Action Programs for Homelessness Funds/\$47,740

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

- 2i Agreement with Reflections Counseling Services Group for Homelessness Funds/\$104,500

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

- 2j Agreement with Serenity House of Clallam County for Homelessness Funds/\$46,446

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

- 2k Agreement with Serenity House of Clallam County for Homelessness Funds/\$588,202

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**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

2l Agreement with The Answer for Youth (TAFY) for Homelessness Funds/\$28,152

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

2m Agreement with The Answer for Youth (TAFY) for Homelessness Funds/\$56,681.30

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

2n Agreement with Peninsula Housing Authority for Homelessness Funds/\$25,000

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve, CMFs, mc**

**ADMINISTRATION**

3a Resolution appointing Mindy Mady and Cindy Kelly to the Fair Advisory Board

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**


- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on Harm Reduction Center
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, Homelessness Funding, Veteran's support


The meeting concluded at 10:49 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, June 26, 2023.

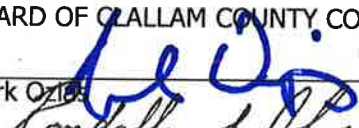


There are no Zoom chat logs for the week of June 19.

The Board of Commissioners attended Board of Health Meeting, Coffee with Colleen, and Clallam Transit Meeting during the week of June 19.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

ATTEST:   
Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

 BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Ozias   
Randy Johnson   
Mike French 

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

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|-----|----------------------------|----|----------------|
| ARS | Administrator Rich Sill    | m  | moved          |
| CMO | Commissioner Mark Ozias    | mc | motion carried |
| CRJ | Commissioner Randy Johnson | s  | seconded       |
| CMF | Commissioner Mike French   |    |                |

JUNE 20, 2023  
Public Comment  
Ed Telenick

**From:** Ed telenick  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2023 8:23 AM  
**To:** ed telenick  
**Subject:** public record

Good morning Commissioners,

I am speaking this morning about my ongoing concerns and the lack of CE in Clallam county. It appears there was another executive session regarding potential litigation involving CE this morning. I have no idea what this is about but am not at all surprised that there are ongoing problems with this department and expect many more given the way in which they operate. The Board decided to keep CE in the DCD at the new Directors request, instead of moving it into the CCSO where they at least had some staffing. There was also an MOU that was prepared that was supposed to create accountability for the perspective departments. We were told that it would we were entering a new era of interdepartmental cooperation and accountability. It was understandable that this would take some time but what we have observed over the past 7 months shows that nothing has fundamentally changed. The new Director said he would follow the Codes and Judges binding orders but has proven to our neighborhood that those were only campaign promises. Instead of actually dealing with serial violators CE is still ignoring serious issues and instead actually rewards those people by offering free dump vouchers, vehicle affidavits and who knows what else. While compliance may be the goal it is the owners responsibility and not CE's to buy their compliance using taxpayers funds when repeated and less punitive measures don't work. This distorted way of solving problems is not limited to just CE.

A similar tactic is used in EH for the OSS program. Law abiding citizens are now paying additional taxes to cover the cost of septic system education and repair while also getting to pay for a professional inspection. HOWEVER, if a person actually lets their system fail the County will step in, pay for their inspections, repairs and who knows what else. It is a perfect way to incentivize people to let their systems fail. Harm reduction is another perfect example of rewarding bad behaviors without personal accountability.

The County has hundreds of open cases that in some CE cases date back decades using anywhere between .4 and 1.6 employees to deal with the entire County. Additionally now they are going to be tasked with monitoring the new sign ordinance, the new landscaping ordinance, in addition to the hundreds of open cases that they enabling instead of enforcing. The MOU will remain unenforced because all of the departments that are supposed to be working together are understaffed. Even if they were working with CCSO, EH and the PAO they are hamstringing them by failing to take the lead in some of these cases by enabling chronic situations with little hope of compliance.

Today you are renewing a contract for Sound law center for HE services that includes among other things, serious code enforcement issues. This County has ignored dozens of Judges orders and I see no evidence that anything is going to change because there doesn't seem to be a willingness to follow through on anything. *It is not the HE interpretation of the law that is lacking but DCD's unwillingness to enforce his orders.*

You are also signing off on a lease with the new harm Reduction center that is going to create the same mess that exists at the Lincoln Safeway and behind the Liberty Bell. Despite provisions prohibiting dumping, litter, etc. it will likely end up just like so many of the CE cases that go unenforced.

*planning to renew*

*unwillingness to enforce his orders.*

Until this County undergoes a fundamental shift in how they deal with these types of issues you are only kicking the can down the road and disenfranchising the people in this community who are increasingly frustrated with how government rewards the criminals at the expense of the rest of us.

ED TRENICK

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows