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## BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of October 9-13, 2023

### WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, October 9, 2023. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and French, and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published October 5 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Discussion with Department of Transportation regarding Highway 101 Projects
- Notice to call for bids to be received no later than Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 10 a.m. regarding the Courthouse Security project
- Agreement with Washington Traffic Safety Commission for Click it or Ticket and Distracted Driving Campaign programs
- Agreement with Washington Traffic Safety Commission for Target Zero Manager grant
- Agreement with Washington State Department of Military / Federal Emergency Management Agency for 2022 FEMA disaster grant funding
- Request to hire a half-time employee to help assist with the Marine Resources Committee operations
- Pre-application questionnaire and letter of support with Department of Commerce for Climate Planning Grant
- WA Conservation Action – New Opportunities to Protect Carbon-Dense Forests
- APEX Accelerator update
- Briefing and call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. regarding an Ordinance amending Clallam County Code Chapter 5.40 Opportunity Fund Program
- Administrator and Chief Financial Officer submit recommended 2024 Budget for review

Meeting concluded at 12:49 p.m.

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

Chair Ozias called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, October 10, 2023. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and French and Administrator Mielke.

### REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**ACTION TAKEN:** CMFm to adopt the agenda as presented, CMOs, mc

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Department of Transportation update and WA Conservation Action
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on item 4a
- Brian Grad, Sequim, commented on Power Plan – Elwha River
- Heath Heikkila, Oregon, commented on timber harvest

### CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of October 2
- 1b Approval of minutes for the week of October 2
- 1c Letter of support to the Washington State Department of Commerce for the Law Enforcement Pursuit Technology Grant Program

**ACTION TAKEN:** CMFm to adopt the consent agenda as presented, CMOs, mc

### REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMF commented on department staff meetings, Washington State Association of Counties Federal Issues Committee Meeting, Recompete

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**CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

2a Agreement amendment 14 with Department of Health for Foundational Public Health Services, Maternal and Child Health Block Grant, Immunizations, and WIC Nutrition Program

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CMOs, mc**

2b Agreement amendment 1 with Department of Ecology for Clallam Bay/Sekiu Sewer Improvements

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CMOs, mc**

**HEARING(S)**

H1 Proposed Ordinance repealing and replacing Astound Broadband Wave Franchise

- Mark Lane, Finance Department, provided a staff report

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to open the public hearing, CMOs, mc**

- The following signed up to speak:
  - Brian Grad, Sequim
  - Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay
  - Elizabeth Clark, Port Angeles
- The following sent in written testimony: James Bettcher (see attached)

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to close the public hearing and adopt, CMOs, mc**

**BIDS AND AWARDS**

3a Bid opening – Lighthouse Pump Station Replacement Project

<b><u>CONTRACTOR</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
Van Ness Construction	\$251,654.97
Rognlin's, Inc.	\$239,426.08
ICI Interwest Construction, Inc.	\$245,353.46
Tapani, Inc.	\$183,179.19

**ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to forward the Proposals to the Public Works/Road Department for review and recommendation to the Board of Commissioners, CMFs, mc**

**ADMINISTRATION**

4a Request for waiver of bid/RFP/quote requirement with Air Flo Heating Company for the purchase of heat pumps and wall units for the Harm Reduction Health Center

**ACTION TAKEN: CMFm to approve, CMOs, mc**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

5a Call for hearing to be held Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. regarding adopting the Six-Year 2024-2029 Transportation Improvement Program TIP

**ACTION TAKEN: CMOM to issue notice, CMFs, mc**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Tim Wheeler, Sequim, commented on Power Plan – Elwha River
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented budget meetings, TIP
- Ed Telenick, Sequim, commented on Finance Department, budget, Harm Reduction Center, Sheriff's Department
- Ellen Menshew, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Dungeness Levee Project – Towne Road
- Lisa Dekker, Port Angeles, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River
- Heath Heikkila, Oregon, commented on Power Plant and TCB 23 - Elwha River
- Kenneth Reandeau, Port Angeles, commented on Highway 112 (see attached)

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Meeting concluded at 11:30 a.m. and continued to 9 a.m., Monday, October 16, 2023.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC Virtual Update, Budget Meetings, Coffee with Colleen, Port Angeles Chamber Budget Show during the week of October 9.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

  
Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Ozias

Randy Johnson

Mike French

**KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:**

ATM Administrator Todd Mielke

CMF Commissioner Mark Ozias

CRJ Commissioner Randy Johnson

CRJ Commissioner Mike French

m moved

mc motion carried

s seconded

Public Hearing  
Item H1

10/10/23

James Bettcher

**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 8, 2023 2:38 PM  
**To:** Gores, Loni  
**Subject:** Online Form Submission #2375 for Contact the Clerk of the Board

## Contact the Clerk of the Board

**First Name** James  
**Last Name** Bettcher  
**Email** zoombag68@yahoo.com  
**Phone** 360-670-5994  
**Subject** Astound Broadband Franchise  
**Comments** Astound is totally unacceptable for a TV cable provider for Clallam County. Rates have continued a rapid increase and because we are too far from Seattle to receive free OTA broadcasts we have no other choice (except satellite) for even the most basic service.

We want only the most basic service, no add-ons. Only the Seattle local stations. We have TV's in 3 rooms. Our bill includes a Package Savings credit of \$5 (internet from OlyPen) and a "Customer Loyalty Credit) of \$10. Our bill just went from \$85.75 to \$102.52. Without the "credits" the bill would be nearly \$120 (fees increase as a percentage of charges) for the most basic service. The cost increases in the last 10 years have far exceeded inflation. We pay this only because there is no competition.

As part of our monthly cost we are forced to pay \$41.82 for digital boxes that we must rent even though our TV's can receive digital signals. A separate digital box is required for each TV. The required Astound digital converter is required so they can sell us services we do not want. We should be able to receive service without paying for something that is truly not required for reception of a TV signal over a cable.

If we wanted something more than what the county considers basic service then a a decoder box or whatever would seem to be fair. Basic service should not depend on a piece of equipment that is truly not required for modern TV's. There

have to be other ways to provide premium services without requiring everyone who doesn't want anything but basic TV to rent a box. Not so long ago that was the case and service over the same lines was much less expensive. Then TV signals switched to digital and we had to rent, could not purchase, a box for each TV in the house even though there was no technical reason for modern TV's to accept the digital signal.

If we lived within range of local TV stations we would not have a need for a cable. It is hard to accept that free over the air programming has to cost over \$100 / month to provide over an established cable system. Most residents of the Clallam County are priced out of this basic service.

Unless there is a roll back on prices we will be joining the majority of households in the county who have already dropped "Astound Broadband"s service.

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Public Comment

Kenneth Reandeau  
10/10/23

**From:** noreply@civicplus.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 10, 2023 11:20 AM  
**To:** Gores, Loni  
**Subject:** Online Form Submission #2408 for Contact the Clerk of the Board

## Contact the Clerk of the Board

First Name	Kenneth
Last Name	Reandeau
Email	kreandeau@gmail.com
Phone	3609283824
Subject	HWY 112
Comments	This highways condition is perilous at best. If it is proposed to be used for the only access to the west prepare for the worse.

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