



BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES for the week of January 23 – 27, 2023

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WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, January 23, 2023. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson, and French and Administrator Sill.

Items of discussion per the agenda published January 19 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Agreement with Clallam Conservation District for Onsite Septic Cost-share Program
- Agreement with Clallam Conservation District for Pollution, Identification, and correction Programs
- Agreement with Sequim School District for Developmental Disability Programs
- Agreement with Quillayute Valley School District for Developmental Disability Programs
- Agreement amendment 1 with Department of Ecology for solid waste activities/\$30,839.93
- Agreement amendment 1 with Department of Ecology for solid waste activities/\$67,390.88
- Contract amendment B with Salish Behavioral Health Organization for Criminal Justice Treatment
- Review and call for hearing to be held Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. regarding Amending Clallam County Policy 220 Classification, Work Hours, and Compensation
- Review and call for hearing to be held Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. regarding Amending Clallam County Policy 225 Employee Benefits
- Resolution canceling uncollectible personal property taxes
- Discussion on 2022 refunds and 2023 refund levy

Board recessed at 10:43 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

- Review and approval of updated Right of Way Procedures for Roads Department
- Certification of the 2023 Road Levy & Estimated Revenue Produced/County Road Administration Board
- Small Business Development Center update\
- Letter to House and Senate Transportation Committees regarding US 101 Simdars Bypass Project funding in 2025-27
- Commissioners' internal assignments for internal/cross departmental projects
- Legislative Session update
- United Way of Clallam County American Rescue Plan Act Funding update and next steps
- Agreement with Clallam County Public Works for Hotel/Motel Tax Funds – Olympic Discovery Trails Project/\$250,000

Meeting concluded at 1:22 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair Ozias called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, January 24, 2023. Also present were Commissioner Johnson and French and Administrator Sill.

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 1c

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1a Approval of vouchers for the week of January 16
- 1b Approval of minutes for the week of January 16
- 1c Letter to House and Senate Transportation Committees regarding US 101 Simdars Bypass Project funding in 2025-27

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

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REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- CMF commented on Department Natural Resources, Clallam Transit Consultant, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Meeting, Port Angeles School District Capital Advisory Committee
- CRJ commented on Olympic Consortium Board Meeting, housing
- CMO commented on Salish Behavioral Health Meeting, opioid settlement

ADMINISTRATION

2a Certification of amended Taxing District Levy Budgets to Assessor

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMFs, mc

2b Call for hearing to be held Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. regarding proposed sale of surplus property

ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue, CMFs, mc

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Kris Water, Parkwood Sequim, commented on Parkwood Community, affordable housing
- Martha Lawson, Parkwood Sequim, commented Parkwood Community, affordable housing
- Peg Burris, Parkwood Sequim, commented on Parkwood Community, affordable housing
- Jack Wike, Parkwood Sequim, commented on Parkwood Community, affordable housing
- Sharon Lohman, Parkwood Sequim, commented on Parkwood Community, affordable housing
- Angela Harmon, Parkwood Sequim, commented on Parkwood Community, affordable housing
- Mary Lohman, Parkwood Sequim, commented on Parkwood Community, affordable housing
- Lorraine Powell, Parkwood Sequim, commented on Parkwood Community, affordable housing
- Paul, Pickett, Port Angeles, commented on Parkwood Community, Proclamation regarding Orcas
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on District III Commissioner – Department of Natural Resources and west end meetings, Section 605 Funds, 8 projects discussed at work session on January 23, Deputy Chief Financial Officer – grant management, Olympic National Park and Olympic National Forest work session on February 6
- Doug Wright, Sequim, commented on Parkwood Community, affordable housing, City of Sequim municipal code, manufactured homes, protection of the parks – zoning overlay

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

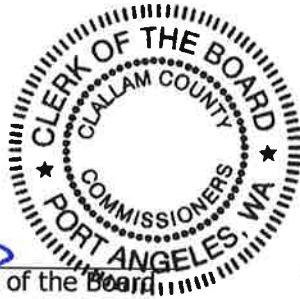
There are no Zoom chat logs for the week of January 23.

The Board of Commissioners attended WSAC Virtual Update, William Shore Memorial Pool District Meeting, Coffee with Colleen, WSAC Virtual Legislative Update, and Port Angeles Community Awards Gala during the week of January 23.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of January 2023.

ATTEST:


Loni Gores, CMC, Clerk of the Board



BOARD OF CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Mark Ozias

Randy Johnson

Mike French

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS:

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

Public Comment
Paul Pickett
1/24/2023

PROCLAMATION

Declaration of Rights for the Southern Resident Orcas

WHEREAS, the Southern Resident Orcas (the Orcas) have been a sacred, spiritual species to the indigenous people and Tribes of the North Olympic Peninsula since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Resident Orcas (the Orcas) are culturally and economically important to the people of Washington State and the world. However, despite legal protections for nearly two decades, the population continues to decline and is critically endangered, with only 73 of these magnificent individuals left in the wild; and.

WHEREAS, the Orcas' survival is dependent on healthy and functioning ecosystems including the Salish Sea, the Fraser River Watershed, the Columbia River Basin, and the lower Snake River Watershed; and

WHEREAS, the rights of marine mammals to exist and flourish have been recognized internationally and locally, including through the Helsinki Declaration (2010), the Marine Life Proclamation of the City of Malibu, California (2014), and the City of San Francisco's resolution guaranteeing the Free and Safe Passage of Whales and Dolphins in San Francisco's Coastal Waters (2014); and

WHEREAS, in May 2018, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians of the United States, passed a resolution (Resolution #18-32) recognizing the Orcas (also known as Blackfish) as revered relations for which there is a sacred obligation to ensure they are treated "in a dignified manner that reflects tribal cultural values that have been passed down for countless generations"; and

WHEREAS, over 20 countries, dozens of local communities in the United States, and several tribal governments have recognized that Nature has inherent rights, and that human society has the responsibility to protect and steward Nature in a manner consistent with our interconnected relationship; and

WHEREAS, Nature and all living beings, including the Southern Resident Orcas and the ecosystems upon which they depend, are recognized as possessing inherent rights, including to exist, flourish, evolve, regenerate, recover, and be restored.

WHEREAS, the rights of the Southern Resident Orcas include, but are not limited to, the right to: life, autonomy, culture, free and safe passage, adequate food supply from naturally occurring sources, and freedom from conditions causing physical, emotional, or mental harm, including a habitat degraded by noise, pollution and contamination;

NOW THEREFORE, the Clallam County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim a Declaration of Rights for the Southern Orcas and urges action by local, state, federal, and tribal governments to secure the ecosystems upon which these orcas depend.

PROCLAIMED this ____ day of _____, 2023

CLALLAM COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Mark Ozias

Randy Johnson

Mike French

January 24, 2023

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Dear County Commissioners,

My name is Kriss Kevorkian. I am the founder of Legal Rights for the Salish Sea. We're a small group of community members based in Gig Harbor doing all we can to educate our neighbors and decision makers to recognize the inherent rights of the Southern Resident Orcas. We're fortunate to be partners with the Earth Law Center on their Rights for the Southern Resident Orcas (SRO) campaign.

As you know, the SROs are declining for many reasons with the main one being lack of their preferred food choice, Chinook salmon. I researched the SROs in 2001 when I coined the term *environmental grief*, and asked scientists how they were coping with their decline. At that time, I don't think anyone could predict how poorly the SROs would fare over the years.

Last December, we made history! The city of Port Townsend was the first city to sign a proclamation supporting our campaign recognizing the inherent rights of the SROs. Gig Harbor followed a week later, and Langley a week after that. Most recently, on January 17th Jefferson County became the first county to support our campaign.

Coverage of the SRO Rights campaign includes:

- Inside Climate News
- The Orcsonian
- The Olympic Peninsula Environmental News
- KNKX
- Seattle Times
- KING 5
- South Whidbey Record
- Peninsula Daily News

As Ken Balcomb, the world's preeminent observer of the Southern Residents, said: *For us to be able to live on this planet with those amazing creatures, it's a gift. And we're killing the gift.*

We are hoping that the Clallam County Commission will consider supporting our campaign recognizing the inherent rights of the Southern Resident Orcas by issuing the attached Proclamation.

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kriss

Kriss Kevorkian, PhD, MSW
Founder, and CEO, of A Grieving World
Founder of Legal Rights for the Salish Sea
Pronouns: she her hers

Our Lhaq'temish term for killer whales is qwe'thol'mechen, meaning "our relations under the waves." They are members of our family, and we have a sacred obligation to help heal and protect them. Recognizing our relations' inherent rights is critical to this work. We are guided by ancestors and our culture, and we appreciate these Proclamations that bring us all together in our shared responsibility to our whale relatives and also to our own future generations.

~Squil-le-he-le. Raynell Morris

Lhaq'temish matriarch and Lummi Nation tribal member.