



## BOARD of CLALLAM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES for the week of February 9-13, 2026

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### WORK SESSION – 9 a.m.

The work session convened at 9 a.m., Monday, February 9, 2026. Present were Commissioners Ozias, Johnson and French and Administrator Mielke.

Items of discussion per the agenda published February 5 were:

- Calendar/Correspondence
- Resolution appointing various members to the Homelessness Task Force
- Call for hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. regarding an Opportunity Fund request for Clallam County Public Works – Clallam Bay / Sekiu Pipe Replacement Project
- Letter of support for the Port of Port Angeles application Marine Trades Expansion Project
- Agreement with Department of Commerce for Violence Against Women STOP Grant Program
- Verbal approval to use the Interlocal Purchasing System TIPS for the County Fair Rodeo Arena Grant Project
- Discussion and next steps for regarding the Housing Solutions Committee recommendation regarding the Peninsula Housing Authority – Eklund at Gales Project
- Pre-application questionnaire with Office of Crime Victim Advocacy for Victim Witness Assistance DV Specific Grant
- Discussion on proposed budget reductions to be considered on February 24
- Discussion of proposed supplemental appropriations to be considered on February 24
- Discussion of proposed debatable emergencies to be considered on February 24
- Dungeness National Wildlife Refuge Access Improvement DNWR Project update
- Code Enforcement update
- Briefing and next steps regarding the proposed RV Ordinance addressing the residential use and occupancy of Recreational Vehicles
- Boundary Review Board discussion
- Agreement amendment for Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization
- Legislative session update

The meeting concluded at 12:25 p.m.

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

Chair French called the meeting to order at 10 a.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2026. Also present were Commissioners Johnson and Ozias and Administrator Mielke.

### REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Postpone: Item 3a

**ACTION TAKEN:** CRJm to adopt the agenda as modified, CMOs, mc

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jake Seegers, District III, commented on items 1d, 1e and 1f
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on item 1f
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on item 1a
- George Peterson, Sequim, commented on opioid crisis, change in the community
- Brandon Miller, District III, commented on stability of Clallam County, taxes

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**CONSENT AGENDA – Any Commissioner may remove items for discussion**

1a Approval of vouchers for the week of February 2

The Following warrants and electronic payments are approved for payment:

<b>Accounts Payable:</b>	Total
Warrant numbers: 9949142-9949279	<b>\$4,788,872.51</b>
Electronic payments dates: n/a	<b>\$0.00</b>
Total Accounts Payable:	<b>\$4,788,872.51</b>

1b Approval of payroll for a period ending January 15

The following voucher/warrants/electronic payments are approved for payment:

<b>Payroll</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Warrant Numbers</b>	
183690 – 184006, 9948940 – 9948956	\$906,916.74
<b>Electronic Payment Date</b>	
1/23/2026 – 1/26/2026	\$328,297.29
Total Payroll:	\$1,235,214.03

1c Approval of minutes for the week of February 2

1d Resolution appointing Dorothea Hoffmann to the Crescent Community Advisory Council

1e Resolution appointing Leah Rathwell and Lisa Law to the Olympic Area Agency on Aging

1f Resolution appointing Pete Tjensland to the Board of Health

**ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to approve the consent agenda as presented, CMOs, mc**

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- CRJ reported on Port Angeles Chamber Community Awards, Brix Marine, Serenity House Open House
- CMO reported on Washington State Association of Counties WSAC update, WSAC dues, Emergency Management Council, Salish Behavioral Health Organization, Elwha project lands
- CMF report on Parks Advisory Board, Recompete, Olympic Community Action Program OlyCAP

**CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

2a Agreement with Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission for boating safety

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

2b Agreement with Washington Traffic Safety Commission for traffic safety programs

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

2c Agreement with Washington State Military Department and State 911 Funds for emergency dispatch

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

2d Contract amendment 9 with Department of Health for the consolidated contract

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

**BUDGET**

3a Postpone:

Notice that the following budget reductions will be considered for adoption on February 24:  
Parks & Facilities-Capital Projects – The Parks Fair & Facilities Department requests that 2026 budget funds be returned to the Ending Fund Balance because the project was completed and paid for in 2025/(\$10,000)

**ACTION TAKEN: No action taken (postponed)**

3b Notice that the following supplemental appropriations will be considered for adoption on February 24:  
Health & Human Services-Environmental Health

- Department of Health Consolidated Contract Amendment #9 adds a \$218,392 two-year pollution identification and correction (PIC) grant, funding professional services for Tyler software consultants, with additional funds to be added later/\$47,877

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- Environmental Health received a Puget Sound Partnership (PSP) grant to fund onsite septic projects and support implementation of the Tyler Health module for managing septic inspections/\$94,292

Public Works-Roads – Lodging Tax award from the City of Forks for the Calawah to Sitkum Sol Duc Road segment of the Olympic Discovery Trail/\$44,000

Sheriff-Emergency Services - Wildfire defense plan costs were mostly incurred and reimbursed in 2025, but final expenses and some reimbursements will occur in 2026/\$38,685

Sheriff-Jail - The fingerprint machine was purchased in 2025, with reimbursement through the NCHIP Grant received in 2026/\$19,497

Sheriff-Operations - A quarterly payment for 2025 Jamestown Contract Policing services was received in 2026, requiring an increase to the 2026 revenue line to properly record the payment/\$75,000

Sheriff-Nine-One-One Enhanced - A new E911 dispatch equipment grant requires increasing both revenue and expenditure lines to account for the additional funds/\$178,289

Noxious Weed Control - Unused funds from last year's WA Department of Agriculture knotweed grant, due to staff shortages, will be used for seasonal staff and vehicle rental before the grant expires in June 2027/\$8,200

Parks & Facilities-Capital Projects - The Parks Fair & Facilities Department requests 2025 budget funds be carried over to 2026 to complete the Courthouse Security/Safety Assessment project, delayed due to procurement issues/\$73,757

#### **ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to issue notice, CMOs, mc**

- 3c Resolution calling for a hearing to be held February 24 at 10:30 a.m. to consider adopting the following debatable emergencies:

Coroner – Funding needed to purchase equipment such as gurneys & a loading deck to convert van for decedent transport/\$10,000

Sheriff-Animal Control - A two-day spay and neuter clinic is planned for late February to help address pet overpopulation. The event, organized by Center Valley Animal Rescue and Spay to Save, is requesting \$4,925 in county funding for supplies, facility rental, and volunteer meals/\$4,925

Parks & Facilities-Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) – The Parks Fair & Facilities Department is requesting an additional \$80,000 to cover cost overruns for the Courthouse/Juvenile TRANE Upgrade project beyond the 2026 budget allocation/\$80,000

#### **ACTION TAKEN: CRJm to adopt, CMOs, mc**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Jake Seegers, District III, commented on incident at Tumwater Creek, drug crisis
- George Peterson, District I, commented on drug crisis
- Ed Bowen, Clallam Bay, commented on Revenue Advisory Committee Meeting, trust land transfer, Coffee with Colleen, Elwha project lands, Olympic National Park, Olympic National Forest
- John Worthington, Sequim, commented on CERN, NGO's, Tribes
- Eric Fehrmann, Sequim, commented on Commissioner Forum session, reading a book, income tax
- Gayle Baker, Sequim, commented on RV Ordinance
- Linda Ogden, Sequim, commented on Towne Road, visitors coming to the area, drug crisis, homeless
- John Mackay, Sequim, commented county right-of-way tree trimming issues
- Denise Lapio, Sequim, commented on Courthouse name change
- Jeff Tozzer, Sequim, commented on Port Angeles Chamber of Commerce Awards, drug supplies, Jury Trial, asked a questions about killing people

The meeting concluded at 11:41 a.m. and continued until Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 9 a.m.

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The Board of Commissioners attended a Coffee with Colleen, KONP Radio Show and KSQM Radio Show during the week of February 16, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February 2026

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Mike French/Chair

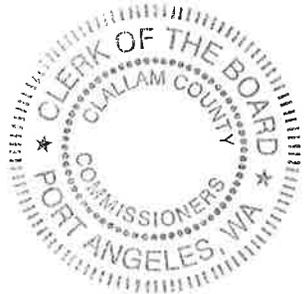
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*Mark Ozias*  
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ATTEST  
*Loni Gores*  
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Loni Gores, MMC, Clerk of the Board

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  
2/10/26  
John Mackay

## TREES ON MY PROPERTY WERE MUTILATED BY A COUNTY CREW

BY WHAT AUTHORITY WAS THIS DONE?

It is on the "Right of Way". "A Deputy Sheriff complained".

"We can do as we please."

WOULD YOU PERMIT THIS ON YOUR PERSONAL PROPERTY?

(County Crew leadership response)–

"I do not want to talk about it!"

"It looks okay to me!"

WHY DOES THIS BOTHER ME?

Absolutely NO concern for the health of my trees!

UNSIGHTLY! NO pride in workmanship at all!

My property taxes should not fund defacing of my property!

UNRESOLVED CONCERNS--

This senseless damage is detrimental to the life of the trees!

The County Crew is allowed to do as they please!

There is NO accountability for damage done to homeowner!

Why the County Commissioners condone such irresponsibility?

John Mackay

114 Kirner Road, Sequim, 360-460-3026

John Mackay  
114 Kiewer Road  
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**BOCC Mail Correspondences Received  
from other Jurisdictions**



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CLALLAM CO. COMMISSIONERS

FEB 06 2026

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February 2, 2026

Clallam County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee  
Board of Commissioner's Office  
223 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 4  
Port Angeles, WA 98362-3015

Dear members of the Clallam County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee,

Thank you for supporting Washington's National Park Fund – this is such a generous commitment! Your grant supporting the Olympic National Park Night Sky Interpretation Program shows that you see the value of wild places—as well as their impact on local tourism—and are stepping up to care for them into the future so that they can be there for visitors for many years to come.

With this funding, we look forward to welcoming thousands of visitors at Hurricane Ridge this summer, many of them choosing to stay overnight in hotels in the local gateway communities of Port Angeles and Sequim. This is a great partnership that benefits many!

You can learn more about the impact of your grant at [wnpf.org/projects](http://wnpf.org/projects). With your gift, know that you are part of a growing force committed to preserving Washington's national parks for years to come – we are truly grateful that you are choosing to be a part of it.

If you'd like to connect to hear more about the impact of your grant, I invite you to reach out to me any time at [andrea@wnpf.org](mailto:andrea@wnpf.org) or (206) 623-2063.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Andrea Christensen'.

Andrea Christensen  
Philanthropy Director

P.S. This letter lets the IRS know the Clallam County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee did not receive any goods and services for its generous grant of \$15,000.00, which we received on 1/21/2026. You may want to hold on to it for tax time.

We appreciate this first-time grant.  
We, and Olympic National Park are grateful for the support and to be able to offer the Night Sky Program to the public this summer.

Washington's National Park Fund is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization with Tax ID #01-0869799  
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