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## Clatsop County Board of Commissioners Minutes Wednesday, November 08, 2023

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### REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 PM

#### FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### ROLL CALL

##### PRESENT

Chair Mark Kujala  
Vice Chair Courtney Bangs  
Commissioner John Toyooka  
Commissioner Pamela Wev  
Commissioner Lianne Thompson

#### AGENDA APPROVAL

*Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka to approve the amended agenda with the removal of item 6 - Subrecipient Funding Agreement – LiFEBoat Services.*

*Voting Yea: Chair Kujala, Vice Chair Bangs, Commissioner Toyooka, Commissioner Wev, Commissioner Thompson*

#### PRESENTATION

2. State Organization of Boating Access (SOBA) President's Award Presented to Clatsop County Parks Department {Page 37}

Steve Meshke, Natural Resources Manager, introduced Larry Warren, Oregon State Marine Board Director; Janine Belleque, SOBA Boating Facility Manager, Jeff Smith, Oregon State Marine Board Facilities Engineer and Erica Keyser, Clatsop County Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Meshke described the county boating facility project which was completed in Westport last year. This project took over eighteen years to complete and \$3.2 million for construction.

Ms. Belleque said the President's Award is not an annual award, it is reserved for projects that stand out and exceed. This project exceeds ADA requirements and went above and beyond.

Mr. Warren said this project was accomplished through partnerships, local support and the Board's support. He thanked the board on behalf of boaters for the work put into this project.

Chair Kujala said this is an amazing asset for the county and Westport and he thanked the Parks Department for all their hard work.

Commissioner Bangs is very impressed with the county staff and their work on this project.

### **BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Joshua Jensen, 87943 Hwy 202, Astoria. Mr. Jensen is a local business owner and was surprised to receive a heavy annual renewal increase for operating his food truck. He feels that this is sudden and something the business owners were not prepared for. He is asking for some compromise. These small businesses are most affected by tourism and weather but having two months in the slowest part of the season to come up with a very large increase sounded like it wasn't a team effort. They want to keep operating for the community and help the community as much as possible.

Rose Hoffmann, 37630 Brandon Lane, Astoria. Ms. Hoffmann is speaking about the recent increase in health inspection fees. The decision was made in July yet they were not informed until October which has given little time to prepare for the bill. They try to survive the economic challenges that are thrown at them and look up to the leaders such as the Board. She said most counties have a system in place to not raise fees above a certain percentage. She asked the Board what measures are there in place to protect them from another spike next year and what will they do to better inform them of decisions being made that impact them so greatly. She asked the Board to reconsider the decision.

County Manager Bohn said for many years the county has been subsidizing the restaurant license fees. Our rates were very low and subsidizing a state program is not the intention and not something that can be done long term. Going forward, there will be better communication. This is a one-time jump, when there are adjustments being made there will be communication done in June so everyone has ample lead time. County Manager Bohn recommends waiving the late fees administratively and give everyone until March 31<sup>st</sup> to pay the license fee. In 2022-23 the subsidy for this one program was almost \$100,000.

The Board thanked the citizens for speaking and appreciated how they communicated their thoughts in a respectful, constructive and positive way.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

*Motion made by Commissioner Toyooka, Seconded by Vice Chair Bangs to approve the amended consent calendar.*

*Voting Yea: Chair Kujala, Vice Chair Bangs, Commissioner Toyooka, Commissioner Wev, Commissioner Thompson*

3. Award Contract to replace the HVAC at Sheriff's Office {Page 55}
4. Body camera contract for Sheriff's Office Enforcement Division {Page 69}
5. Approve the 2023-24 Budget and Appropriation Adjustments {Page 75}
- ~~6. Subrecipient Funding Agreement – LiFEBoat Services {Page 78}~~
7. Subrecipient Funding Agreement – Clatsop Community Action {Page 123}
8. Purchase of a 2024 Ford Edge for Building Codes {Page 169}



1 9. Purchase of a new John Deere Tractor with Mower/Chopper {Page 178}

2 10. Yamhill Detention Bed Rental, Amendment No. 3 {Page 188}

3 11. Legislative Representation and Lobbying Services Agreement with CFM  
4 Advocates {Page 197}

## 5 **COMMISSIONER'S LIAISON REPORTS**

6 Commissioner Toyooka has heard from some constituents about elk harvesting in his  
7 district. He said there was a collaborative plan put together in 2021 by many agencies in  
8 order to figure out how to mitigate human and elk interactions. From that plan, they  
9 figured out how to issue the permits accordingly. This was not a hasty decision without  
10 thought.

11 Vice-Chair Bangs said the Childcare Task Force is still looking for a grant manager for  
12 the childcare support program. She attended the FTLAC meeting in regards to the  
13 Habitat Conservation Plan. There will be a special Board of Forestry meeting in  
14 December. She is meeting weekly with the governor's office regarding the impacts of  
15 the Habitat Conservation Plan on the county. The conversation is focused on the direct  
16 payment process. She attended the Northwest Senior and Disability Services meeting.  
17 She is running for chair or vice-chair on the Council of Forest Trust Lands Committee  
18 which will be decided at the Association of Oregon Counties meeting.

19 Commissioner Thompson is representing the county on the Land Conservation and  
20 Development Commission. She wants to talk about sharing leadership with the Board  
21 and redistribute the work. She will be attending the Col-Pac and NWACT meeting which  
22 will include their new director. She will be attending the ribbon cutting at the Red Lion in  
23 Seaside. She will be the co-chair of the AOC Governance and Revenue Policy  
24 Committee.

25 Commissioner Wev wants to wait until the next meeting for her report on her Workforce  
26 Development Conference. She did compliment the Parks and Recreation Committee for  
27 their work and how involved they are to increase access to the parks.

28 Chair Kujala – lost audio

## 29 **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

30 County Manager Bohn reported the Coast Guard's Veterans Day Event would be on  
31 Friday at the Barbey Center at 9:00 am. He also reminded that the Board's meeting  
32 schedule had been changed due to the holidays. Upcoming meetings would include a  
33 daytime work session on December 6<sup>th</sup> and an evening meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

## 34 **BUSINESS AGENDA**

35 11. Resolution Proclaiming Clatsop County's Call for Repeal of Measure 110, the  
36 Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act (2020) {Page 238}

37 Sheriff Phillips presented the Staff report on the resolution to request the repeal  
38 of Measure 110, citing drug overdose and substance abuse data indicating the  
39 measure had failed.

Commissioner Thompson reported on the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) meeting discussing the call to repeal the measure. She fully supported the resolution because doing so would save lives.

Commissioner Wev said she supported the resolution. However, she wanted the resolution to indicate that the County was trying to learn from the measure's failures. More effective wrap-around services were necessary.

Vice Chair Bangs appreciated that Sheriff Philips' report included the measure's impact on youth. She hoped that repealing the measure would have better results.

Commissioner Toyooka stated the reasons for opposition to Measure 110 were happening. He hoped the State would learn from what did not work and formulate a new plan.

*Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka to approve the Resolution seeking repeal of Measure 110 and authorize the Board Chair to read and sign the Resolution.*

*Voting Yea: Chair Kujala, Vice Chair Bangs, Commissioner Toyooka, Commissioner Wev, Commissioner Thompson*

Chair Kujala read the proclamation calling for the repeal of Measure 110.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **12. First Reading of Ordinance 23-09: Goal 11 Exception to Expand Arch Cape Sanitary District to Arch Cape Fire Hall {Page 241}**

Julia Decker, Planning Manager, presented the Staff report on the ordinance completing the annexation of the Arch Cape Fire Hall.

County Counsel Pope conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

Commissioner Thompson said if the fire hall closed, resident's insurance would increase.

Chair Kujala opened the public hearing and confirmed no Commissioners had any conflict of interest to declare. He called for public comments. There were none. He closed the public hearing.

*Motion made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka to continue the matter to December 13, 2023 for the second reading and adoption.*

*Voting Yea: Chair Kujala, Vice Chair Bangs, Commissioner Toyooka, Commissioner Wev, Commissioner Thompson*

### **13. First Reading of Ordinance 23-10: Goal 11 Exception to Expand Arch Cape Sanitary District to Include 79876 and 79878 Hwy 101 {Page 287}**

County Counsel Pope conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

Ian Sission, Senior Planner, presented the Staff report on the annexation of two residential properties in the Arch Cape Sanitary District.



1 Commissioner Thompson stated she knew one of the property owners, but she  
2 had not spoken to him about this.

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4 any conflict of interest to declare. He called for public comments. There were  
5 none. He closed the public hearing.

6 *Motion made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka*  
7 *to continue the matter to December 13, 2023 for the second reading and*  
8 *adoption.*

9 *Voting Yea: Chair Kujala, Vice Chair Bangs, Commissioner Toyooka,*  
10 *Commissioner Wev, Commissioner Thompson*  
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## 12 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

13 Commissioner Thompson stated she wanted the Commission to discuss the regional  
14 liaison positions. She also wanted to discuss Commissioner roles prior to electing a  
15 chair and vice chair.

## 16 **ADJOURNMENT**

17 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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22 Mark Kujala, Chair