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Clatsop County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2024

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 PM

1. Designate Board Chair and Vice Chair for 2024 {Page 19}

Motion: "Approve Commissioner Kujala as Chair and Commissioner Bangs as Vice Chair of the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners for 2024."

*Motion made by Commissioner Toyooka, Seconded by Vice Chair Bangs.
Voting Yea: Chair Kujala, Vice Chair Bangs, Commissioner Toyooka*

Abstentions: Commissioner Thompson

Commissioner Thompson stated she abstained from voting because she believed the officer positions should rotate among Commissioners each year.

Vice Chair Bangs responded that she believed her leadership and Chair Kujala's leadership would be crucial in the upcoming year, particularly as the County worked with the Board of Forestry on the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP).

Commissioner Toyooka added that he did not want to detract from Commissioner Thompson's work with the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) which gave the County a voice. He also wanted Vice Chair Bangs to continue working on forestry issues.

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Commissioner Pamela Wev

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Commissioner Toyooka, Seconded by Vice Chair Bangs to approve the agenda as presented.

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

1 **PROCLAMATION**

2 2. Mental Wellness Month Proclamation {Page 20}

3 Shyra Merila, Deputy Director, Clatsop Behavioral Health, introduced the proclamation.

4 Vice Chair Bangs encouraged Commissioners to stop using the term mental illness
5 because people are not sick; their brains are just built differently and there is no way to
6 change how the brain is structured. Commissioners should focus on acceptance and
7 celebration and helping people find resources.

8 *Motion: "Approve Resolution and Order proclaiming January 2024 as Mental*
9 *Wellness Month and authorize the Chair to read, then sign the proclamation."*

10 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka.*

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

13 Chair Kujala read the proclamation declaring January 2024 as Mental Wellness Month in
14 Clatsop County.

15 **BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

16 Mary Eng, P.O. Box 12, Astoria, stated the cultural stigma around mental health issues
17 could be mitigated if people acknowledged that everyone dealt with challenges. She
18 was glad to see mental wellness on the agenda and she encouraged the County to
19 expand resources. She recommended a drop-in recovery center. She also
20 recommended that culture and socialization be incorporated into mental healthcare.

21 Tyler Thorson – inaudible

22 Blaine Verley, 4798 Cedar Street, Astoria, stated that he wanted to bring back the
23 wilderness ecosystem that was destroyed in Clatsop County 100 years ago. He also
24 recommended the forest be made more productive by not cutting down the trees. The
25 rate of rising ocean levels will have parts of Clatsop County underwater in 10 years, so
26 the County would need to change the way it viewed natural resources and see them as
27 resources to hold on to. He encouraged the Board to save and bring back the trees.

28 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

29 Commissioner Toyooka requested that Item 4 be removed from the Consent Calendar
30 because he wanted local vendors to be involved in the procurement process rather than
31 using a statewide pool of vendors.

32 *Motion: "Approve the consent calendar with the removal of Item 4 – Purchase of 2023*
33 *Ram 1500 4x4 for Building Codes."*

34 *Motion made by Commissioner Toyooka, Seconded by Vice Chair Bangs.*

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

38 3. Lower Columbia Youth Soccer Association – Lease Renewal {Page 22}

39 ~~4. Purchase of a 2023 Ram 1500 4x4 for Building Codes {Page 33}~~

5. Formal Categorization of certain properties pursuant to Property Management Policies {Page 35}

6. Fisheries Net Pen Gangway & Float Contract {Page 59}

7. Non-Profit ARPA Funding Agreement – Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers – Seaside Inclement Weather Shelter {Page 68}

County Manager Bohn confirmed that Staff would do more research on the truck purchase and bring it back to the Board at a future meeting.

COMMISSIONER'S LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Thompson reported that she was working on the information technology used by mental health providers and homeless services. She also reported that several State elected officials and staff were working with the County to get federal funding for system design and a new water structure for the Evergreen Acres neighborhood. They were also working with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and County Public Health Staff on more effective community responses. Some water was available in the neighborhood but there was still a lot of work to do. Lastly, she reported that the AOC was working on governance and revenue issues that impact taxpayers.

Commissioner Toyooka announced that the natural resources recognition dinner and auction was on January 20th, noting that the event was a benefit to support a school natural resource program. He also reported that the housing taskforce was currently addressing infrastructure and recreational vehicle (RV) issues.

Vice Chair Bangs reported that the County received a lot of concerns from people about issues that the County does not have any jurisdiction over. She also reported that the Board of Forestry met to discuss using the HCP as a tool for complying with the Endangered Species Act, rather than using the plan as a policy document.

Chair Kujala reported that he attended the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority (NOHA) meeting, where the Owens-Adair project was discussed. Hazards were identified with the proposal to build an underground parking lot and Astoria was working with Owens-Adair to find a solution. He also reported that Staff was preparing in advance for the coming weather.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Bohn reported that the Emergency Management Department had activated the Emergency Operations Center and Staff would monitor what happened over the weekend. The Inclement Weather Policy required the County to remain open, but some Staff could work from home. He reminded that the County would be closed on Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Junior Day.

BUSINESS AGENDA

8. Appointments to the Fair Board {Page 71}

Kyle Sharpsteen, Fair Manager, stated the Board reviewed the four applications at their work session, noting that two of the applicants were existing board members seeking an additional term.

Vice Chair Bangs recommended the Fair Board maintain status quo because the board had done a lot of work over the last year and there was still a lot of work to be done. The other two applicants could still volunteer on Fair Board committees.

Motion: "Approve Sarah Finn and Matt Bellingham and with terms ending December 2026 to the Clatsop County Fair Board."

Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka.

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

9. Intergovernmental Agreement Amendment #5 between Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Clatsop County, for the Biennium July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 {Page 80}

Jiancheng Huang, Public Health Director, presented the Staff report on the proposed amendment to an IGA with OHA, which allowed for the rollover of COVID-19 Epidemiology and Lab Contract (ELC) funding, new State funding for Naloxone distribution, and funding to promote COVID-19 vaccines.

Motion: "Approve the budget adjustment for \$61,724.00 to remain in compliance with Oregon budget law per ORS 294.338 and authorize the County Manager to sign Amendment 5 of IGA 180004 between OHA and Clatsop County Department of Public Health."

Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. Ordinance 24-01: LAWDUC Legislative Amendments (formerly Ordinance 23-15) {Page 93}

Chair Kujala stated this hearing had been continued from a previous meeting.

County Counsel Pope conducted the second reading of the ordinance.

Chair Kujala confirmed there were no public comments. He closed the public hearing.

Motion: "Adopt Ordinance 24-01"

Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka.

Commissioner Thompson said she was concerned that budget constraints would delay the implementation of the new Codes.

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

11. Ordinance 24-02: Comprehensive Plan Goal 5 Updates {Page 106}

County Counsel Pope conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

1 Gail Henrikson, Community Development Director, presented the Staff report on
2 the proposed updates to the Comprehensive Plan, focusing on the most recent
3 revisions which were made in response to concerns expressed by Vice Chair
4 Bangs and Commissioner Thompson. Staff originally meant to remove the last
5 sentence of Wetland Policy M, which had been removed from other areas of the
6 Plan. The Commission could direct Staff to remove the sentence or change the
7 word "shall" to "may". Staff recommended the hearing be continued to January
8 24, 2024.

9 Commissioner Thompson recommended the last sentence of Wetland Policy M
10 be removed. Chair Kujala confirmed there was consensus among the
11 Commission to remove the sentence.

12 Chair Kujala opened the public hearing and asked if any Commissioner had a
13 conflict of interest to declare. There were none. He called for public comments.
14 There were none. He closed the public hearing.

15 *Motion: "Continue the matter to the January 24, 2024 meeting for second reading*
16 *and adoption."*

17 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka.*
18 *Voting Yea: Chair Kujala, Vice Chair Bangs, Commissioner Toyooka,*
19 *Commissioner Thompson*

20 12. Ordinance 24-04: Solid Waste Ordinance and Rules Amendment - Recycling
21 {Page 187}

22 County Counsel Pope conducted the first reading of the ordinance.

23 County Counsel presented the Staff report on the proposed amendments
24 changing the recycling requirements. The changes would allow all County
25 residents to have curbside recycling services within the year.

26 County Manager Bohn noted the haulers were supportive of the requirement to
27 provide curbside recycling services to all residents. However, the haulers had
28 infrastructure and supply chain issues to deal with before the services would
29 become available.

30 Commissioner Toyooka asked if the recycling would include glass and Assistant
31 County Manager Monica Steele responded and said not at this time.

32 Chair Kujala opened the public hearing and confirmed that no Commissioner had
33 a conflict of interest to declare. He called for public comments. There were none.
34 He closed the public hearing.

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36 *and adoption."*

37 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka.*
38 *Voting Yea: Chair Kujala, Vice Chair Bangs, Commissioner Toyooka,*
39 *Commissioner Thompson*

40 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

1 There was nothing for the good of the order.

2 **ADJOURNMENT**

3 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

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Approved by,

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Mark Kujala, Chair