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Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, December 09, 2020

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Sarah Nebeker
Commissioner Lianne Thompson
Commissioner Mark Kujala
Commissioner Pam Wev
Chair Kathleen Sullivan

AGENDA APPROVAL

*Motion made by Commissioner Nebeker, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Kujala,
Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

PRESENTATION

1. Recognition of Commissioners Nebeker & Sullivan

County staff and Sheriff Phillips recognized Commissioner Nebeker and Sullivan for their years of service and presented them with a plaque, flag and cards. Commissioners each spoke about Nebeker and Sullivan. They both thanked the Board, staff, county management for their support.

PROCLAMATION

2. Climate Change Partnership {Page 16}

Sullivan apologized that this proclamation didn't get on a work session agenda previously. Sullivan asked for a motion to read the proclamation.

Kujala said he would like to have more discussion on this and he would like to have the two new commissioners coming on in January be part of the discussion as well.

Motion made by Commissioner Kujala to table the proclamation, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson.

Thompson has an issue with the process of how this was developed and brought forth. She wants to include everyone in the community and let them be heard. That isn't the case so she feels this should be tabled.

1 Nebeker said there is a time to take a stand and show leadership and to not wait for
2 everyone to reach a consensus. She feels it is her duty to act on this proclamation now.
3 She hopes the new Board will take this seriously.

4 Wev supports this proclamation and said Clatsop County is at the cusp of climate
5 change. She said this needs to be acted on and it should not be a political issue.

6 Nebeker said she is an avid gardener and she has noticed the changes throughout the
7 years.

8 Sullivan acknowledged Kujala and Thompson's concerns about the process of bringing
9 this proclamation forward. She regrets that they haven't had a proclamation like this
10 every year to talk about upcoming issues that concern the community. There is a great
11 deal of people in the community that are asking the Board to address the climate
12 change issue.

13 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Kujala*

14 *Voting Nay: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

15 The motioned failed to table the proclamation. Sullivan asked for another motion to read
16 the proclamation.

17 *Motion made by Commissioner Nebeker, Seconded by Commissioner Wev.*

18 Kujala and Thompson both will be voting to abstain. Thompson said it is a bad process
19 and sadly deficient. She didn't hear about it until the board packet was in the mail.
20 Sullivan said it is an important issue and the need to state it publicly is needed. She
21 *invites the next board to discuss this issue.*

22 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

23 *Voting to Abstain: Commissioner Kujala, Commissioner Thompson*

24 Sullivan read the Proclamation.

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26 **BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

27 Roger Dorband, thanked Commissioners Sullivan and Nebeker. He appreciated
28 Nebeker's advocacy for the arts and said Sullivan's leadership will be missed. Dorband
29 said the climate change resolution couldn't have come sooner and he was worried that
30 the proclamation would be postponed. He feels it should be a talking point for future
31 actions.

32 Nadia Gardner, 80285 Woodland Heights Rd, Arch Cape. Gardner thanked all the
33 Commissioners for their hard work and she appreciates all of them. She thanked Wev,
34 Sullivan and Nebeker for approving the proclamation and said climate change is now.
35 She said the fisheries and forests are suffering because of climate change.

36 Cheryl Johnson, 44183 Peterson Lane, Astoria, thanked Nebeker and Sullivan for the
37 work they have done over the past years. She appreciated their leadership, dedication
38 and time they have given to serve the community.

1 Tallie Spiller, 41948 Meyer Lane, Astoria, thanked Nebeker and Sullivan for their
2 service. Spiller said she is terrified for her daughter's future and said transformational
3 changes need to be made to preserve the earth.

4 Susan Banyas, thanked all the Commissioners for their service. She said the
5 Proclamation is essential and asked the Board to use it to build muscular action to
6 combat climate change. She stated that if the county and city leaders come together to
7 create a robust vision it would transform this into a strong eco education and design
8 concept. Banyas said the people in the county want a sustainable future.

9 Andy Davis, 376 3rd Street, Astoria, gave gratitude go Nebeker and Sullivan. He
10 complimented them and said their leadership and decision making has kept the county
11 steady in a difficult 2020 with COVID-19. Davis said the climate change proclamation is
12 a perfect way to end their tenures. Through partnership, education, communication and
13 innovation they can continue to make the county a wonderful place to live.

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15 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

16 *Motion made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Nebeker.*
17 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Kujala,*
18 *Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

- 19 3. Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 10-28-20 {Page 19}
- 20 4. Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 11-4-20 {Page 24}
- 21 5. Medical Assistant Clinical Affiliation Agreement {Page 30}
- 22 6. Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization Letter of Agreement for Jewell
23 School Based Health Center Grant Funding {Page 36}
- 24 7. Homeless Liaison Funding - CCA {Page 44}
- 25 8. Notice of county land sale, set minimum bids and proceed with sale {Page 49}
- 26 9. IGA Amendment # 16 with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) {Page 78}
- 27 10. Contract with ERS for Police Vehicle Upfit {Page 107}
- 28 11. Approve the 2020-21 Budget and Appropriation Adjustments {Page 133}

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30 **COMMISSIONER'S LIAISON REPORTS**

31 Thompson attended a joint meeting with the Arch Cape Falcon Cove Beach Community
32 Club and Arch Cape Water District to discuss a forestry project. Staff will be putting a
33 link on the website to listen to the meeting. The Emergency Volunteer Corp of Nehalem
34 Bay gave a presentation on wild fires. She said 67% of all wildfires in Oregon occur
35 within a mile of the wildfire urban interface.

36 Kujala attended the fair board meeting and they are weighing on whether to plan for
37 2021 fair. They are going to plan accordingly.

1 Wev said the Owens Adair property has been bought officially by the Northwest Oregon
2 Housing Authority so the Clatsop County Housing Authority can now dissolve. Wev
3 attended some presentations put on by the 4-H & Extension Services from all across
4 the state. She was very inspired. Another fascinating meeting she attended was the
5 Lower Columbia Solutions Group who have been working on a project about dredging
6 the mouth of the Columbia River for the past ten years. Things at the Northwest Oregon
7 Housing Authority are going very well.

8 Nebeker attended the Human Services Advisory Council where there was a
9 presentation on the health promotion update. She said the county does not receive
10 funding for promotion and prevention. The county has been proactive with policies on
11 tobacco, alcohol and drug prevention as well as overdose and problem gambling
12 prevention. Knappa School District is looking at finalizing a school-based health
13 program. The social services grant applications will be going out through the county
14 website and social media. The deadline is January 29th. Nebeker attended the Public
15 Safety Coordinating Council. Judge Peterson will be replacing Judge Matyas on the
16 Council.

17 Sullivan thanked staff on everything they have done to include the public in the Board's
18 process in a more meaningful way. She thanked all the Commissioners for their
19 companionship and appreciated all their help throughout her tenure. She will be
20 attending the Northwest Senior and Disability Services meeting. Since COVID, the
21 Northwest Oregon Regional Outdoor Recreational Committee was formed. Sullivan
22 encouraged the Board to continue to work on increasing housing, including special
23 needs housing.

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25 **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

26 Bohn thanked the Board for their support as he is dealing with family issues and will be
27 out of the office intermittently.

28 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

29 12. Code Consolidation and Modernization – *(Second Reading)* {Page 138}

30 Gail Henrikson, Community Development Director, had no additional information.

31 Sullivan closed the public hearing.

32 *Motion: "Adopt Ordinance 20-03 and conduct the second reading by title only."*

33 *Motion made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Kujala.*

34 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner*
35 *Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

36 Henrikson read the second reading by title only.

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38 13. Hearing for vacation of portions of streets in Highland Park {Page 142}

39 Sullivan opened the public hearing for vacating portions of streets in the town plat of
40 Highland Park.

1 Vance Swenson, County Surveyor, thanked the Board for being great leaders and
2 especially to Sullivan and Nebeker.

3 Swenson said the portions are not physically built, structures are built within them
4 and the rural neighborhood. The property owners abutting the portion of the plat to
5 be vacated have all signed the petition.

6 Sullivan closed the public hearing.

7 Thompson wanted to send the petitioner a nice thank you from the Board.

8 *Motion: "Approve the Resolution and Order vacating portions of streets in the town*
9 *plat of Highland Park and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Resolution and*
10 *Order and authorize the Chair to sign."*

11 *Motion made by Commissioner Kujala, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson.*
12 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner*
13 *Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

15 BUSINESS AGENDA

16 14. Consider a transfer of property to the Camp Kiwanilong Board Inc. {Page 153}

17 Sirpa Duoos, Personal Property Specialist, is asking the Board to consider a
18 transfer of property to Camp Kiwanilong Board with a reversionary clause. In
19 1936, the county leased the camp to the Girl Scouts. By 1978, the camp was in
20 disrepair. The county agreed to lease the camp to an independent board as a
21 non-profit organization. Leased properties require a significant amount of staff
22 time and potential costs to oversee. Staff is proposing to deed the property to
23 Camp Kiwanilong Board Inc. with a reversionary clause that if not used by the
24 organization for their specific youth purpose, the property will revert back to the
25 county.

26 Thompson asked if this is the way for this property to have better upkeep and
27 well cared for and Duoos said absolutely and this should help the camp receive
28 more grants.

29 Bohn said this positions the camp to be more competitive on grant applications.

30 *Motion: "Adopt the Resolution and Order approving the transfer of the property to*
31 *the Camp Kiwanilong Board, Inc. for zero dollars and authorize the Chair to sign*
32 *the deed."*

33 *Motion made by Commissioner Nebeker, Seconded by Commissioner*
34 *Thompson.*

35 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner*
36 *Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

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38 15. Tourism Promotion Funds Distribution Agreement {Page 163}

1 Monica Steele, Assistant County Manager, proposed a contract with the Lower
2 Columbia Tourism Committee for work to be done by the Oregon's North Coast
3 Marketing Coalition. The tourism monies will be distributed according to statute.

4 Thompson is looking for monies for restrooms and trash facilities. Steele said the
5 construction of a restroom would be a possibility but a trash receptacle would not
6 be.

7 Wev said there may be discussion about redistributing the transient room tax at
8 the state level. She said all of the parks lack adequate signage. Wev would like
9 to see more marketing to rural resources in the county.

10 Sullivan asked if there is discussion regarding COVID and encouraging people to
11 stay home and Steele said yes.

12 Kujala said the Lower Columbia Tourism Council has been very effective and he
13 is glad the county is entering into this agreement.

14 *Motion: "Approve the proposed agreement and authorize the County Manager to*
15 *sign with the Lower Columbia Tourism Committee for work to be done by the*
16 *Oregon's North Coast Consortium in an amount up to \$90,000 to promote*
17 *tourism within Clatsop County and authorize the County Manager to sign any*
18 *contract amendments."*

19 *Motion made by Commissioner Kujala, Seconded by Commissioner Wev.*

20 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner*
21 *Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

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23 16. Consideration of appointments to the Elsie-Jewell / Seaside Rural Citizen
24 Advisory Committee and the Lewis and Clark Olney Wallooskee Citizen Advisory
25 Committee {Page 171}

26 Gail Henrikson, Community Development Director, said they solicited for new
27 members to the citizen advisory committees. Staff is recommending that Don
28 Abing, Jody Abing, Susanna Gladwin, Tiffany Hall, Pat O'Grady and Herb Olstedt
29 be appointed to the designated citizen advisory committees.

30 *Motion: Appoint Don Abing, Jody Abing, Susanna Gladwin and Herb Olstedt to*
31 *the Elsie-Jewell/Seaside Rural Citizen Advisory Committee and appoint Don*
32 *Abing, Jody Abing, Tiffany Hall and Pat O'Grady to the Lewis and Clark Olney*
33 *Wallooskee Citizen Advisory Committee.*

34 *Motion made by Commissioner Wev, Seconded by Commissioner Kujala.*

35 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner*
36 *Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

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38 17. CARES Funding Authorization {Page 191}

39 Monica Steele, Assistant County Manager, said the state is distributing \$852,864
40 to the county in grant funds to then be distributed to businesses that meet the
41 requirements. Staff is recommending the funds be passed through to Clatsop

1 Development Resources (CEDR) to distribute on behalf of the county to
2 qualifying businesses. CEDR has been actively distributing CARES grant funds
3 and has a process in place.

4 Wev asked Kevin Leahy, CEDR Director, if CEDR is offering counseling to the
5 businesses of how to obtain grants. Leahy said the Small Business Development
6 Center offers free and confidential advising. He said they have the capacity to
7 handles these grants.

8 *Motion: "Approve the State CARES Grant Agreement, the recommended CARES*
9 *funding distribution and the corresponding budget and appropriation adjustments*
10 *as required by ORS 294.338 (2) as presented to the Board and authorize the*
11 *County Manager to sign the state grant funding and contractual agreement with*
12 *CEDR and any amendments."*

13 *Motion made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner*
14 *Nebeker.*

15 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner*
16 *Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

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18 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

19 Nebeker asked that everyone stay safe and be good role models.

20 **ADJOURNMENT 8:38 P.M.**

21 Approved by,

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25 Board Chair

Gratitude for Government Service

Thank you for your kind words. Serving as a Clatsop County Commissioner is one of the highlights of my life. It has been a privilege serving the residents of my district and the entire county.

I would like to thank my family and my friends for their sound advice and unconditional love, I could not have done this without them. I would also like to acknowledge my former workplace, The Cannery Pier Hotel & Spa where I worked fulltime until March of this year, I continue to be thankful for the support I received from Jake, the other owners, the management, and my fellow employees.

I am grateful to have served with such hard working and dedicated fellow commissioners and county staff and volunteers. I have participated on various committees, and I am particularly proud of my service on Northwest Senior and Disability Services Board, as well as being the Clatsop County Representative to the Forest Trust Lands Advisory Committee. It has been an honor to support balanced forest management on our public forestlands that includes not only revenue, but also recreation and habitat.

One of the fascinating parts of serving as a county commissioner is to see up close what a vital role county government plays in the lives of all Clatsop County residents. As commissioners, we absolutely depend on the good work of the county staff and volunteers. This board thanks our county leadership team, our county staff, our county volunteers, and our fellow elected officials and our community partners. Good governance is collaboration and compromise, along with a lot of hard work on the part of many people.

Close your eyes for a moment think about the ways government seamlessly cares for our communities. Turn on the faucet in your kitchen, how does that water get to your facet? How do you know it is safe to drink? Take a drive in your car, how are those roads you travel maintained? Building a house, who checks the safety of your plans, electrical work, the plumbing? Eating in a restaurant? How do you know the food served has been safely stored and handled? Outbreak of fire? Who do you call? Car crash? Who do you call? Government services are woven throughout our daily lives in ways that allows us to take these services for granted. Nonetheless, the services continue, because the government workers, dedicated to maintaining these services, continue to do their best day in and day out, if you are paying attention or not. All of this in normal times.

What happens when the extraordinary happens? Is there anyone paying attention to the most feared events we all want to avoid thinking about? Yes, our emergency management department, our roads departments, our sheriff's office, our county health department, our behavioral health agency, all levels of government, doesn't look away they go to work. Through

education, training, and planning, government builds muscle memory that serves well when disaster strikes, to know what needs to be done to survive and to recover.

This year, 2020, will be remembered for the beginning of the COVID -19 pandemic, catastrophic floods and wildfires, and economic fallout, and social unrest. How did our county government react? With grace and determination. Our county staff have been working long hours to manage this fierceness of this pandemic of a novel corona virus. This virus is so new, we are literally learning as we go.

Think about the times you were fed up with the restrictions, the difficulties, and the heartaches so much of the news is so heart wrenching. You might decide to binge watch your favorite television show. The government employees, by definition of their roles, have to stay involved, have to stay tuned to the bad news, have to figure a pathway to solutions and to recovery. This work continues if anyone is paying attention or not. But we have been paying attention, and this Board of Commissioners wants to say thank you, staff, thank you on our behalf of the Commissioners and thank you on behalf of the residents of this county. Work well done, we wish for you strength, courage, endurance, and rest when needed, because we need you. the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, thank you for the important work you do on behalf of all of us.

It has been my privilege to be a part of this county organization.

Sincerely,

Clatsop County Commissioner Kathleen Sullivan, District 4,

Board Chair 2020