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Clatsop County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, May 10, 2023

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 PM

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Lianne Thompson
Commissioner Pam Wev
Vice Chair Courtney Bangs
Chair Mark Kujala

ABSENT

Commissioner John Toyooka

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the agenda.

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

PROCLAMATION

1. Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation {Page 3}

Tom Strecker, Paramedic General Manager, Medics Ambulance Services, provided a history of emergency medical services (EMS) and outlined the purpose of Emergency Medical Services Week.

Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson approve the Resolution and Order proclaiming May 21, 2023 through May 27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week, and authorize the Chair to read and sign the proclamation.

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

Chair Kujala read the proclamation into the record.

2. National Maritime Day Proclamation {Page 5}

Jeff Smith, Maritime Museum Curator, provided information and statistics that demonstrated the importance of water on all aspects of life and noted the benefits of the maritime industry on the local economy.

1 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson to*
2 *approve the Resolution and Order proclaiming May 22, 2023 as National*
3 *Maritime Day, and authorize the Chair to read and sign the proclamation.*
4 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Wev, Vice Chair Bangs,*
5 *Chair Kujala*

6 Chair Kujala read the proclamation into the record.

7 3. Provider Appreciation Day Proclamation {Page 8}

8 Kristen Freund, Program Director, Clatsop Child Care Retention and Expansion
9 Program, presented statistics on child care services and expressed appreciation
10 for child care providers.

11 Vice Chair Bangs commented that child care had been one of her priorities prior
12 to becoming a Commissioner and she did not want women to have to stop
13 working in order to take care of their families. She was thankful that the American
14 Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding provided the County with an opportunity to
15 solve the child care problem in the community.

16 Commissioner Thompson added that she had started working on child care
17 issues in 1971 and was glad the County was working on ways to support the
18 healthy development of children so that women can contribute to the community.

19 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson to*
20 *approve the Resolution and Order proclaiming May 10, 2023 as Provider*
21 *Appreciation Day, and authorize the Chair to read and sign the proclamation.*
22 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Wev, Vice Chair Bangs,*
23 *Chair Kujala*

24 Chair Kujala read the proclamation into the record.

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26 **BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

27 Rick Bowers, 357 Commercial St., Astoria, explained that a renewal project in Denver
28 had converted a street full of flop houses into a tourist destination. Similar projects had
29 been completed all over the country and he questioned where the people living in the
30 flop houses had gone. He also explained how a 1963 bill meant to offer community-
31 based care to people with mental health issues had resulted in the closure of many
32 state hospitals and an increase in homelessness, substance abuse and crime. He made
33 a handout available, which contained information about a social outreach project that
34 focused on homelessness in Texas. The organization in charge of the project
35 purchased land, built homes, and provided community resources. The project was
36 possible because county land in Texas had no zoning requirements. The current
37 homeless situation is the result of system policy decisions that have taken decades to
38 manifest the unintended consequences.

39 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

40 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve*
41 *the Consent Calendar.*

1 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Wev, Vice Chair Bangs, Chair*
2 *Kujala*
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4 4. Stommel Inc. Contract {Page 11}

5 5. Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 4-26-23 {Page 15}

6 6. Project Turnkey 2.0 {Page 19}

7 7. Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon State Marine Board for Waterborne
8 Public Safety {Page 27}

10 **COMMISSIONER'S LIAISON REPORTS**

11 Commissioner Thompson reported that she had attended a presentation on disability
12 awareness and shared her takeaways regarding inclusion and accessibility. She
13 announced that she would be working with Craft3 to help select recipients for a
14 scholarship for students in Clatsop County. She had also spoken to someone from
15 Nehalem about housing, employment, child care and food issues in the community,
16 noting that data did not support the claims that Clatsop County had enough money to
17 spend down reserves and that there would be more jobs at \$80,000 a year. As a result
18 of the conversation, she was motivated to try to get funding from the Association of
19 Oregon Counties (AOC). She hoped the County would focus on the health and well-
20 being of people in the community.

21 Vice Chair Bangs reported on the Child Care Taskforce meeting to discuss the budget
22 and future plans for their grant program. The focus remains on the gap in child care for
23 ages zero to three. The taskforce had also discussed current grant recipients and their
24 need for continuous support or education. She also reported on the Fair Board meeting.
25 The Fair Board members provided positive reviews about the work session they
26 attended with the other entities that participated in the fair. She provided public
27 comments for Senate Bill 5506 on capital projects for the Westport area, where she
28 learned that over 300 people were waiting on state funding. She announced that she
29 would be attending an FTLAC meeting and a budget meeting for the Northwest Senior
30 and Disability Services. She noted that the Habitat Conservation Plan discussion was
31 ongoing.

32 Commissioner Wev reported that Col-Pac, Northwest ACT, and Kitchen Table would be
33 meeting tomorrow.

34 Vice Chair Bangs noted that the Child Care Taskforce runs its funding through Col-Pac.
35 She appreciated that Col-Pac allowed the taskforce to operate under its non-profit
36 status.

37 Chair Kujala had no reports.

39 **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

1 County Manager Bohn reported on the wildfire prevention campaign going on through
2 May. He thanked the Planning Staff and the Planning Commission for all of their work
3 on the Comprehensive Plan amendments. He also noted that Staff was working to
4 prepare for election day on Tuesday and the subsequent certification process, which
5 would take about a month.

7 BUSINESS AGENDA

8 8. Architecture Firm Contract Approval {Page 51}

9 Dave Dieffenbach presented the Staff report on the contract with the architectural
10 firm working on the 800 and 820 buildings and the old jail building. He also
11 provided details about prior renovations to County buildings.

12 Commissioner Wev confirmed that the total square footage of the old jail was
13 around 18,000 or 19,000 square feet. She asked how much of that space the
14 County wanted to use. Dave stated the County wanted to use the entire space
15 eventually because the building was unused.

16 County Manager Bohn added that Staff was still in the process of fully vetting the
17 ultimate use of the facility. The needs and inefficiencies have been identified and
18 it was likely the County would use the entire building. However, it had not yet
19 been decided whether the County would do any tenant improvements for their
20 use. The old jail, would be used to provide space relief for highly compressed
21 functions in the 800 and 820 building. In a future phase, a plan would be made
22 for how the remaining space in the building might be used. He explained that the
23 County's need for space was severe and several options were considered,
24 including building new buildings. However, the County did not have the financial
25 capacity to pursue new buildings. Therefore, Staff looked at how to use existing
26 assets to meet the immediate- and medium-term needs. He confirmed for
27 Commissioner Wev that the project would provide the Public Health Department
28 with needed space, which would give the clinic more freedom to expand.

29 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson to*
30 *authorize the County Manager to sign the contract with Sera Design and*
31 *Architecture Inc in the amount of \$540,528 and to authorize the County Manager*
32 *to sign amendments up to 25 percent of the contract amount.*

33 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Wev, Vice Chair Bangs,*
34 *Chair Kujala*
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36 GOOD OF THE ORDER

37 There was nothing for the good of the order.
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39 ADJOURNMENT

40 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm.
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Approved by,



Mark Kujala, Chair