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**Clatsop County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 PM

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chair Kujala stated the State Homeland Security Program Grant Amendment 20-207-1 would be added to the Consent Calendar.

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

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

PROCLAMATION

2. Sexual Assault Awareness/Action Month Proclamation {Page 115}

Tess Witnik presented on The Harbor, Clatsop County's only domestic and sexual violence advocacy center. She also cited statistics on sexual assault.

Motion: "Approve the Resolution and Order proclaiming April 2023 Sexual Assault Awareness/Action Month and authorize the Chair to read, then sign the proclamation."

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

Commissioner Thompson noted that a County Commissioner had announced they were a survivor of sexual assault during an Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) conversation. She stated the shame and silence needed to be broken for the victims.

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

Chair Kujala read the proclamation declaring April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness/Action Month in Clatsop County.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rick Bowers, 357 Commercial, Astoria, said the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) score was the result of a study done by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Kaiser to figure out what impacts long-term health. Toxic stress from ACE could affect brain development, which impacts depression, jobs and managing life. Out of 6,000 people surveyed in Washington, very few people had a score of eight adverse childhood experiences. However, most homeless people had a score of eight adverse childhood experiences. He advised to be careful before blaming the victims of childhood trauma.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

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

3. Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes 3-8-23 {Page 117}
4. Contract for Geotechnical Services & Pile Design {Page 126}
5. Project Turnkey 2.0 {Page 146}
6. Property Easement {Page 160}
7. State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Amendment 20-207-1 {Page 173}

COMMISSIONER'S LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Thompson reported that Business Oregon's Seismic Rehabilitation Grant Advisory Committee awarded a grant to Knappa School for seismic retrofitting. She also reported on her efforts to increase traffic safety, citing some recent accidents on Highway 30 and Highway 101, which she had shared with Representative Pham. She requested that rural areas be included in the Great Streets Program to increase the safety of orphan Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) highways, and was collaborating with other Commissioners in other Counties to figure out how to help ODOT work with local road departments. She also noted that The North West Area Commission on Transportation (North West ACT) was working on using local traffic safety committees to gather information about local issues and educate people to improve pedestrian and bike behaviors. Lastly, she reported on the AOC conversation about gun control legislation, noting there was no consensus among the members, their newly published report on water, and their Membership Committee's new goals.

Commissioner Bangs reported that the Council of Forest Trust Land Counties (CFTLC) met to discuss ways to promote the local timber industry and their concerns about the Habitat Conservation Plan and how to move forward. She was particularly concerned about how much the plan would cost and how those costs would be funded. She

attended a Clatsop Behavior Health (CBH) meeting to discuss the recruitment of pediatric mental healthcare professionals, and a Childcare Taskforce meeting to discuss improving access to childcare. The North West Senior and Disability Services was working on their budget. The Fair Board met yesterday to discuss promoting the fair, where Sawyer Brown would be having a concert.

Commissioner Wev reported that the Public Health Open House was a success. Most of the Staff attended, tote bags were given out, and a lot of information was provided about the services provided by the department. At the open house, she had asked Staff several questions about program operations during COVID and was pleased with the responses. She also reported that Ambulance Services Advisory Committee had been discussing response times and she believed their zones needed to be redrawn. She noted that all emergency responders had been discussing the difficulties recruiting volunteers and providing services.

Commissioner Toyooka reported on the Clatsop Economic Development Resources (CEDR) award winners. He also reported that the Human Services Advisory Committee discussed how to address the issues that lead to homelessness, including Measure 110. Lastly, he reported that a veterans group had discussed their opposition to the gun control bill currently being considered by the legislature.

Chair Kujala reported that the County did not receive any money from the homeless funding. He also reported that Northwest Oregon Housing Authority's (NOHA) Owens Adair II project had been approved on appeal. Additionally, the executive director of NOHA would be leaving, so the County was reconsidering the future use of NOHA's America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Commissioner Bangs reported that the Astoria District of the Department of Forestry was honored during the CEDR award event. While she had concerns about the Habitat Conservation Plan, she also appreciated and respected the Astoria District.

Commissioner Thompson spoke about the assumptions made by metropolitan areas that rural areas are less educated, bigoted, and did not respect people of color. However, this community honored people of color and she hoped that would be publicized.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Bohn reported that only the initial 11 counties that were included in the Emergency Declaration Due to Homelessness had received funding. However, a second round of funding would be set aside for the counties that were added. Those funds would be disbursed in July because legislative action was necessary to allocate those funds first. He also reported that Staff was looking for the capacity to provide technical assistance and planning for affordable housing. He would be speaking to the Fire Defense Board in May about their concerns with volunteers, the financial structure of fire districts, ambulance response times, and the consolidated 911 services.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. ORDINANCE 23-01: LAWDUC REVISIONS "Trucking Terminal" and Rural Community Commercial (RCC) Zone {Page 165}

1 Planning Manager Decker presented the Staff report on the Code amendments
2 related to trucking terminals and noted that no public comments had been
3 received.

4 Commissioner Thompson said someone has asked her what would happen if
5 someone wanted to operate a trucking terminal 24 hours a day close to a
6 residence. Planning Manager Decker explained that standards for the necessary
7 Conditional Use Permit would address any concerns about hours of operation,
8 noise, glare, and other things. Additionally, the RCC zone allowed some
9 residential uses and there were residences that were grandfathered into the
10 zone. However, the zone is a commercial zone, so Staff would consider the other
11 uses in the neighborhood, including any residential uses. If the public raised
12 issues about an application, the Director could require a hearing before the
13 Planning Commission, which could be appealed. Staff could also impose
14 reasonable conditions of approval that would mitigate impacts on the community.

15 Commissioner Thompson asked how Staff would handle issues that arise after a
16 permitted trucking terminal started to operate. Planning Manager Decker stated
17 the complaint process would be implemented. However, if the conditions of
18 approval were not being followed, the permit could be revoked. She noted that
19 most complaints are about home businesses.

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

21 Chair Kujala opened the public hearing and confirmed that none of the
22 Commissioners had any conflicts of interest. He called for public comments.
23 There were none. He closed the public hearing.

24 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka to*
25 *continue the matter to April 26, 2023.*

26 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Wev, Commissioner*
27 *Toyooka, Vice Chair Bangs, Chair Kujala*
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29 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

30 There was nothing for the good of the order.

31 **ADJOURNMENT**

32 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.
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37 Mark Kujala, Chair
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