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Clatsop County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes

Wednesday, September 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 Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Wev to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Nebeker to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan

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COMMISSIONER'S LIAISON REPORTS

Wev reported that the Housing Authority had received a bad report card from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) about a year ago and had been working to address the concerns. Their recent review was much better than the previous one, and HUD has given them technical assistance money to train staff and help address some of the problems. The Housing Authority has also received State grants for housing projects that will add over 100 units of housing in the region. She also reported that Northwest Oregon Works was having staff issues that she hoped would be resolved soon. She would make sure that Kevin Leahy knew a significant

1 amount of money would be coming from the federal government in addition to the
2 CARES Act funding.

3 Thompson reported that the Community Action Team voted to allow three counties to
4 open their Head Start programs if the health department director in each county and the
5 school superintendents agree. The Community Action agencies are concerned that if
6 Oregon Housing and Community Services funds new culturally specific organizations,
7 those organizations should be held to the same standards of accountability as the
8 traditional Community Action agencies have been held to. She also reported that the
9 Childcare Taskforce met earlier that day to discuss working with the County Manager on
10 childcare as part of the County's strategic planning. Broadband is also part of the
11 County's strategic planning and Col-Pac's broadband action team. The fires are huge
12 concerns as well. The volunteer firefighters in Cannon Beach have told her that when
13 travel was restricted, the demand for their services was greatly reduced. Senator
14 Johnson is working with Tillamook County Commissioners to get a legislative change so
15 that some of the tourism revenue can be used to fund Oregon State Police. She wanted
16 the revenue to also fund local first responders because the load on the infrastructure is
17 considerable. Tourism professionals in Clatsop County include the Department of
18 Forestry, so forestry should be included as well.

19 Kujala reported that the Fair Board met last week to discuss the bond. However, he
20 would have to provide more details later, as technical difficulties made it impossible for
21 him to participate in the meeting. He reported that two local foresters were in Tillamook
22 County fighting fires and his wife's family has had to evacuate from their home in Mill
23 City. Clatsop County is fortunate that there had been no evacuations, but the air quality
24 has been impacted.

25 Nebeker stated she had no reports. She asked if the fires were being contained, if the
26 volunteer firefighters from Gearhart who had been sent to California would be coming
27 back to work on the Oregon fires, and if there was information she could access about
28 the size of the fires.

29 Sullivan understood the goal was to protect life and property, and that containment was
30 not yet being discussed. She believed the good neighbor policy of helping each other
31 was being managed as best as possible, and noted that information was available
32 online.

33 Lyons-Antley stated InciWeb's website showed information about the large fires.

34 Bohn added that the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center has maps and
35 provides updates online. He confirmed for Sullivan that both websites would be emailed
36 to Commissioners.

37 Sullivan reported that the Board of Forestry met that morning, during which time one of
38 the board members was evacuated. She was grateful for those who were risking their
39 lives to save lives and fight fires.

40 **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

41 Bohn reported that Staff continued to work on responding to Covid-19 and was
42 discussing what a vaccination plan might look like. The next work session discussion
43 would be on right-of-way issues. During the first week of October, Staff would be talking

1 to the Commission about the main line project. Staff has also started working on focus
2 group sessions with the governance committee and economic development group.
3 Sessions will be spaced out and will include more groups as Staff mobilizes.

4 Sullivan noted that Clatsop County was in a much better position than any other county
5 in the State, but the County still needs to make an all-out effort at prevention. All of the
6 state forests are closed at this time, so people need to educate themselves on what
7 causes these types of fires.

8 Bohn added that the County has reached out to other counties and will be helping by
9 housing animals displaced by the fires at the fairgrounds.

10 **BUSINESS AGENDA**

11 9. Highland Park Vacation Petition {Page 90}

12 Vance Swenson, Surveyor, presented the Staff report on the petition to vacate
13 several streets in the Old Town Plat of Highland Park.

14 Thompson noted there were a couple of errors to the notary's signatures on
15 Pages 95 and 96 of the Agenda packet, though she did not expect them to cause
16 an issue.

17 *Motion: "Accept the petition for vacation of portions of streets in Highland Park
18 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the resolution and order initiating
19 proceedings."*

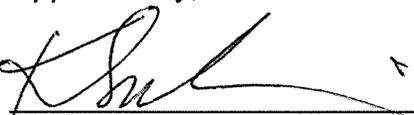
20 *Motion made by Commissioner Thompson, Seconded by Commissioner Kujala.
21 Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner
22 Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

23 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

24 Sullivan stated unions have created the 40-hour work week, the concept of a weekend,
25 and helped build the middle class and healthcare. Men and women have fought through
26 the decades for worker's rights and better working conditions and she wanted to honor
27 them even though Labor Day had passed.

28 Nebeker encouraged everyone to stay safe and do whatever possible to protect
29 themselves and their family. She had family staying with her to escape the smoke.
30 These are trying times and she hoped everyone could cultivate optimism in spite of the
31 hardship.

32 **ADJOURNMENT 6:33 P.M.**

33 Approved by,
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36 Kathleen Sullivan, Chairperson
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