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Clatsop County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2016

Chair Scott Lee called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm., in the Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial Street, Astoria, Oregon. Also present were Commissioners Sarah Nebeker, Lisa Clement, and Lianne Thompson and Dirk Rohne.

Staff Present:

Cameron Moore	County Manager
Heather Reynolds	County Counsel
Monica Steele	Budget & Finance Director
Kathi Mattinen	Fair Manager
Michael Summers	Public Works Director
Ted McLean	Assistant Public Works Director
Vance Swenson	County Surveyor

AGENDA APPROVAL

Nebeker made and Thompson seconded a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION

a. Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare

Amy Baker, Interim Executive Director for Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare (CBH), wanted to give the Board an update on CBH and how things are going currently. Baker said the role of CBH is to provide accessible and coordinated care to meet the mental health needs of the community. No person shall be denied services based on their ability to pay. Baker said when she first started in June things were not very smooth and she feels they have made some significant headway but still aren't where they want to be. CBH has about 1400 active clients which most are adult outpatient. Baker said the most significant thing she has done has been hiring quality staff in significant roles. CBH has a new clinical director, psychiatrist, psychiatric nurse practitioner, crisis respite administrator, crisis and engagement team staff, outpatient clinical staff and two managers. They are figuring out how to work together and how to streamline processes. The staff turnover rate has decreased. Some of the accomplishments have been:

- Opened the North Coast Crisis Respite Center
- Two year Oregon Health Authority certificate renewal
- Received award for Assertive Community Treatment funding
- Passed Supported Employment Fidelity Review
- Increased Intensity of Service for Children and Families
- Implementation of Systematic Review for All High Needs Clients
- Integration with Coastal Family Services

Baker said 79% of the individuals serviced are in county, 9% are out of county and 12% are out of state. The North Coast Crisis Center opened in July and so far 31 clients have been served. The average length of stay is around 22 days and there have been some remarkable success

1 stories. The center was intentionally designed to be half respite and half residential but over time
2 the state changed its overall plan around funding so the center became a Crisis Respite Center.
3 CBH is working hard to collaborate with community partners. Baker named the current CBH
4 Board members and as of last week two new members were added, Greg Sawyer and Jeremy
5 Catt. The Board has hired a consultant to enhance board expertise and oversight. Baker meets
6 with the Board Chair and Vice-Chair on a weekly basis. The next steps will be to:

- 7 • Standardize Policy and Procedures
- 8 • Improve Revenue Generation for CBH and the Crisis Respite Center
- 9 • Implement Rigorous Quality Management Program
- 10 • Strengthen Programming Geared Towards Court Involved Families
- 11 • Implement Fidelity Based Assertive Community Treatment

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13 Baker said this has been one of the most challenging jobs she has had in her life but also one of
14 the most rewarding. Baker said this community is amazing and people really care about
15 individuals with mental health and addictions and every day she is touched and honored that she
16 has the opportunity to serve.

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18 Nebeker asked if there was a way for people who come to the Respite Center to sign up for
19 insurance. Baker said the challenge is that some people won't ever be eligible or those that only
20 have Medicare. Baker said they are looking at a staff member who can get people signed up with
21 the Oregon Health Plan. Nebeker asked if children that are referred to CBH receive an extensive
22 evaluation. Baker said generally speaking in order to engage a child there needs to be a mental
23 health assessment done and a diagnosis. Baker said in her experience those evaluations are a
24 snapshot in time and you don't get a full and complete picture. Nebeker asked if there was a
25 certain age that CBH evaluates and Baker said they will start at age zero. Thompson thanked
26 Baker and asked her if CBH is working with the Community Action Team who is also focusing
27 on 0-3 age group. Baker said she assumes her Program Manager is and will follow up on that.
28 Thompson asked how to encompass those people whose needs are not being met. Baker said
29 there are unmet needs in every community and statistically one in four individuals have a mental
30 health disorder. The need is huge but the funds are not. Baker feels there is a lot of unmet needs
31 in substance abuse and addictions which causes a challenge in the community. Baker would like
32 to be involved in prevention methods. Thompson asked if Baker was comfortable with the
33 strategy they are using. Baker said they have seen a reduction at the emergency rooms and every
34 high risk case is being reviewed by their psychiatrist.

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36 b. Award of Appreciation

37 Lee showed the Board's appreciation to Rohne for his service to Clatsop County and the Board.
38 Lee said he enjoyed working with Rohne and presented him with a plaque of honor for his
39 service to Clatsop County. Moore thanked Rohne for his service and presented him with a
40 Clatsop County Coin on behalf of the staff. Rohne said thank you and appreciated the support of
41 the community and the staff.

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43 **BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC**

44 Cheryl Johnson, 44183 Peterson Lane, Astoria. Johnson thanked Rohne on behalf of District 4
45 and the citizens of the county for his service. Johnson said it is very hard to find people to run for
46 public office and said Rohne brought an open mind and intelligence to the position. Johnson said

1 Rohne always listened to his constituents even when they disagreed and left them feeling heard
2 and respected. Johnson thanked Rohne for his eight years of service.

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4 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

5 *Nebeker moved and Clement seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar. Motion carried*
6 *unanimously.*

- 7 a. Board of Commissioners Work Session Minutes 11-9-16..... {Page 1}
- 8 b. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes 11-9-16 {Page 3}
- 9 c. Approval of Ceridian Contract – Payroll Services {Page 7}
- 10 d. Approval of Janitorial Service Contract with NW Facility Solutions..... {Page 33}
- 11 e. Approval of Contract for 2016-17 Emergency Management Program Grant..... {Page 39}
- 12 f. Consider approving the creation of a three parcel partition plat of the NCBP {Page 61}
- 13 g. Approve the 2016-17 Appropriation Adjustments as Required by ORS 294.463 {Page 63}
- 14 h. Long Term Financial Plan Contract {Page 67}
- 15 i. Purchase of Kenworth Dump Truck..... {Page 101}
- 16 j. Purchase of Kenworth Truck Chassis with Hook Lift & Attachments {Page 165}
- 17 k. Approval of contract amendment with Cowlitz County for juvenile detention services {Page 185}

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19 **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- 20 a. Appointments to the Fair Board

21 Kathi Mattinen, Fair Manager, addressed the Board. Mattinen said they received five good
22 applications to fill three vacancies. Tom Iverson resigned in August and Andy Mendenhall did
23 not reapply. The Fair Board recommends to reappoint Jack Ficken and appoint Kallie Linder and
24 Paul Mitchell to fill those vacancies. *Rohne moved to appoint Jack Ficken, Kallie Linder and*
25 *Paul Mitchell to the Fair Board for full terms ending December 31, 2019 and confirm Mike*
26 *Autio and Jack Edwards to complete their current terms ending on December 31, 2017 and*
27 *Clement seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

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- 29 b. Appointment to the Arts Council

30 *Nebeker moved to appoint Rick Crawford to the Arts Council of Clatsop County and Thompson*
31 *seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.*

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- 33 c. Addition of GIS Fee to county-wide fee schedule

34 Monica Steele, Budget & Finance Director, addressed the Board. Steele said in a recent
35 discussion with various departments that rely on Geographical Information Systems (GIS) data
36 and services it has been identified that the Geographical Information prepared by county staff is
37 not being charged appropriately for the data created and work performed. As a result staff have
38 identified those fees throughout the county-wide schedule where GIS services are utilized and
39 can be recouped by increasing the amount collected from customers utilizing those services.
40 Staff recommend an additional \$9.00 GIS fee. The estimated revenue generated from the GIS
41 fees will be approximately \$75,000, and will be received in the General Fund.

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43 Lee asked for public comment. No public comment.

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1 *Thompson moved the Board allow for an opportunity for public comment and after considering*
2 *all testimony adopt the proposed GIS fee as submitted to the Board and Rohne seconded. Motion*
3 *carried unanimously.*

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5 d. Consider the purchase of property adjoining Columbia River Valley Substation
6 Michael Summers, Public Works Director and Ted McLain, Assistant Public Works Director,
7 addressed the Board on the approval of property purchase adjoining Columbia River Valley
8 Substation. The purchase of this property would allow for a larger area to store additional
9 materials for road maintenance and construction in the Knappa/Svensen region. It would provide
10 better control of storm water runoff and provide a buffer area from residential development.
11 *Rohne moved to approve the purchase of the property and authorize the County Manager to sign*
12 *the Purchase and Sale Agreement, Deed and all escrow forms required by Ticor Title Company*
13 *for closing and Nebeker seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

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15 e. Linn County State Forest Lawsuit – Public Input
16 Cameron Moore, County Manager, said this suit was originated in Linn County and was filed in
17 March. Moore said Linn County was able to get this certified as a Class Action suit. The class
18 includes 130 different taxing districts in 15 counties and Clatsop is one of them. The county
19 needs to make a decision on whether to be part of the class or not. The opt out date is January
20 25th. Heather Reynolds, County Counsel, spoke about the legalities. Reynolds said Linn County
21 is alleging there was a contract between the state and the counties in 1941 where if the counties
22 turned over their forests to the state, the state would manage those lands. The state would receive
23 a fee and use some of the money for the Common School Fund and the balance of the revenue
24 would be delivered to the taxing districts. That continued for the next 50 years. Linn County
25 alleges that in 1998 the state unilaterally changed the terms of the contract and the counties did
26 not agree to the new terms. Linn County says the state enacted an administrative rule that
27 adopted what is known as the ‘greatest permanent value’. Linn County alleges that as a result of
28 the adoption of that rule the management of the forests changed. Linn County needs to prove at
29 trial the terms of the 1941 contract and whether it was amended or breached. If they do prove
30 those things, then then have to show if there were any damages and how those damages are
31 assessed. Reynolds said every taxing district has their own decision as a class member and a
32 class member is not a party. A class member has no obligation for the finances of the case and no
33 member of the class has the ability to direct litigation or decide what the next pleading is. A class
34 member does have its own right to have its own counsel. If a judgement is granted, then Linn
35 County would be obligated to distribute that judgement to the class members. It becomes more
36 complex if there are settlement negotiations and a settlement is reached. That settlement can only
37 be approved if the class members vote for it. The judge normally wants a majority rules vote.
38 Any class member who does not approve the settlement does have the right to object and has the
39 right to appeal based on that objection. If an entity opts out of the class totally they have no right
40 to participate in the lawsuit. Only class members will have an opportunity to vote on a proposed
41 decision that would arise from a settlement. Rohne said people seem to think that if the Board
42 opts out it will affect the outcome. Reynolds said from a legal perspective if the Board opts out it
43 will not affect the outcome. Rohne asked if they are in the lawsuit would that affect the
44 judgement and Reynolds said no. Reynolds said in this case there are a lot of outside influences
45 beyond straight legal analyses. Thompson said she understands that if Clatsop County wanted to
46 have a voice in the settlement then it was essential they need to stay in the lawsuit. Reynolds said

1 the county could have its own legal counsel and if a settlement is reached the county would have
2 to vote on that settlement but if the county objected the terms of that settlement it can voice those
3 objections to the court. Reynolds said any settlement would be originated between Linn County
4 and the State, than it would to be brought to the members to see if it is acceptable. Thompson
5 asked if there is a best way to retain maximum influence on the process to protect or negotiate
6 the best terms. Reynolds said from a legal perspective the only way there is a voice on a
7 settlement is to remain a member. Reynolds said there are a lot of unknowns. Clement asked
8 Reynolds if only the class members could have the right to vote or participate in forest
9 management issues. Reynolds said in a settlement discussion it is not necessarily limited to the
10 exact pleadings of the lawsuit. If the parties wanted to discuss changing or modifying forest
11 practices in the settlement they could.

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13 Susan Skinner, 511 Jerome, Astoria. Skinner said she is confused and it appears that taxpayers
14 are paying on both sides of the lawsuit. Skinner is hoping it's not a design to destroy what is left
15 of the state forests. The forests are needed for the soil to maintain water and create habitat for
16 salmon. If the trees are cut down then everyone is much closer to extinction.

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18 Susana Gladwin, 82316 Hwy 103, Seaside. Gladwin said climate change worries her. Gladwin
19 said the Linn County lawsuit will prevent the forests from maturing. Gladwin said she does not
20 believe the Oregon Department of Forestry will have enough money to fight fires if they have to
21 continue to fight the lawsuit. Gladwin asked the Board if they were aware of the many legal fees
22 for appeals that will come. Gladwin said if the county opts out it would send a very strong
23 message that this is a bogus lawsuit.

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25 Jan Siebert-Wahrmund, PO Box 778 Cannon Beach. Wahrmund read a letter she prepared urging
26 the Board to opt out of the Linn County lawsuit which could lead to greatly increased clear
27 cutting. Wahrmund said an industrial approach to logging in the state forests would increase the
28 spraying of pesticides and the sedimentation and temperatures of the streams. The few remaining
29 old growth forests would be decimated. Wahrmund asked the Board to resist the pressure to go
30 along with the lawsuit and support the current forest plan. Wahrmund asked that Lianne
31 Thompson recuse herself from the process due to her marriage to the Linn County Administrator.
32 If Thompson will not recuse herself Wahrmund asked the Board to withdraw Thompson from
33 participation in the matter.

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35 Nicole Adamczyk, 42043 Eddy Point Lane, Knappa. Adamczyk said she was reading about
36 Tillamook County's suit against the State of Oregon in 2005 referred to as Tillamook II and said
37 there is a very compelling argument for staying in the lawsuit. There is a potential for many of
38 the taxing districts to obtain a substantial amount of funds. Adamczyk said the courts opinion in
39 Tillamook II specifically stated that part of the goal was to put money back into the forests.
40 Adamczyk said the Clatsop Forestry and Wood Products Economic Development Committee
41 said the state is failing to promote the state's timber harvest. After reviewing the financials of the
42 Forest Trust Lands fiscal year annual report, Adamczyk noted that the average stumpage value,
43 total volume and the revenues all increased for Clatsop County. Adamczyk urged the Board to
44 opt out.

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1 Jerome Arnold, PO Box 72, Cannon Beach. Arnold said the Linn County lawsuit is crap. There
2 will be an increase in timber harvest and the taxpayers will have to pay. In 1980, there was an
3 increase in timber harvest and the result was that any money obtained from that lawsuit was
4 consumed by the Sheriff Department.

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6 Theodore Thomas, 398 Atlantic Ave., Astoria. Thomas said he can see there is a difference
7 between outcomes and intentions. The outcome is the cost to the State Board of Forestry.
8 Thomas feels it is a financial assault on the Board of Forestry to pressure greater timber sales.
9 Thomas said timber companies have a non-complimentary adversarial interest in county revenue
10 but want to generate revenue for themselves. Thomas said this is a net loss to the community.
11 Thomas asked the Board to withdraw from the lawsuit and not waste the taxpayers monies.

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13 Debra Miles, 540 S.W. Juniper Ave., Warrenton. Miles owned a tree farm in Iowa and said their
14 timber was one of the largest pieces of forest in the state. Miles believes that the state forests are
15 important. Miles is hoping by opting out of the lawsuit it will create a long term vision for the
16 state forests in Clatsop County. Miles said creating a plan to save the forests will bring
17 challenges but the community supports this. Miles asked the Board to opt out of the short term
18 fix put forth by logging companies.

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20 Chris Farrar, 3023 Harrison, Astoria. Farrar appreciated the Board for inviting the public to
21 speak on the lawsuit issue. Farrar said the source of the water system in Astoria was changed
22 recently to improve the system. Farrar said there is more sediment in that water and that's what
23 happens in the clear cut areas. The forests have greater value then just timber revenues. Farrar is
24 asking the Board to stand up against the lawsuit and suggested filing an amicus curiae. Farrar
25 said this case is a corporate conspiracy to take away the rights of the people and is counting on
26 the Board to make it clear and join the defendants in this case.

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28 Andrea Mazzarella, 875 Franklin, Astoria. Mazzarella supports opting out for all the reasons that
29 have already been stated.

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31 Pamela Mattson-McDonald, 1561 Exchange, Astoria. McDonald said the Linn County lawsuit is
32 misnamed and should be called the Stimson, Hampton and Oregon Forestry Industry Council
33 lawsuit because those are the forces behind this thinly failed assault on the forests owned by the
34 people of the fifteen counties named in the action. McDonald said by participating in the suit
35 Clatsop County is assuming that timber harvest can be dramatically increased with no harm to
36 the environment. McDonald said the greatest permanent value means healthy, productive and
37 sustainable forest eco systems which over time and across the landscape provide a full range of
38 social, economic and environmental benefits to the people of fifteen counties. These benefits
39 include but are not limited to sustainable and predictable production of forest products that
40 generate revenues. McDonald said if the lawsuit is successful it will redefine the value of the
41 forests and lead to increases of industrial style logging. A particular concern is the heavy
42 herbicide that is used which is hazardous to fish. McDonald hopes the Board will use their moral
43 compasses to make the right decision.

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45 Kathleen Zunkel, 1236 SW Pine Dr., Warrenton. Zunkel said she started an online petition
46 asking the Clatsop County Commissioners to opt out of the Linn County lawsuit. Zunkel said

1 after four days there have been 227 supporters and many compelling comments in hopes that the
2 Board will opt out of the suit. Zunkel believes they will secure over a thousand signatures
3 because the more people learn about the lawsuit they will understand what there is to lose.
4 Zunkel said by participating in the lawsuit the county assumes that the timber harvest can be
5 dramatically increased with no harm to the environment and the major purpose of the state forest
6 is to provide revenue. Zunkel supports the 1998 amendment that provides a balanced and
7 scientific evaluation of the state forests for the best uses and benefits to everyone, not just the
8 timber interests. Zunkel asked the Board not to give in to short term greed and opt out of the
9 lawsuit.

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11 Meredith Payton, 434 Chinook St., Astoria. Payton wants the Board to think about what the
12 lawsuit means for tourism in the area. Payton said being part of the lawsuit does not give the
13 county control. Payton said she doesn't want her home to be turned into a timber farm and asked
14 the Board to opt out.

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16 Tallie Spiller, 875 Franklin Ave., Astoria. Spiller said if you focus on one particular detail you
17 can't see the entire situation and believes this is what Linn County is doing. Spiller said she
18 thinks Linn County is seeing the revenue in the trees but not seeing the forests. Spiller said by
19 opting out it will make a statement in support of the 'greatest permanent value'. Spiller supports
20 the idea of an amicus brief so there will be a voice.

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22 Ute Swerdloff, 1087 11th Street, Astoria. Swerdloff said the trees brought her to this area and is
23 asking the Board to not take the bait. Swerdloff said the state will have to log more aggressively
24 and is asking the Board to send a clear message and opt out.

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26 Jan Mitchell, 362 Duane, St. Astoria. Mitchell said the Board was elected to be leaders and
27 money is not the only value at stake. Mitchell said the forests need protection for the health of
28 the air, water, protected species and the children to come. Mitchell asked the Board to take a
29 stand for the people and for the long term health of the climate and not support the Linn County
30 lawsuit.

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32 Roger Rocka, 362 Duane St., Astoria. Rocka said the lawyer from Linn County is representing
33 different interests than Clatsop County's. Rocka said once Clatsop County has opted in or
34 included through inaction, the train has left the station and Linn County is at the controls. Rocka
35 said Linn County did not ask for the opinion of Clatsop County before filing and they will not be
36 interested after. Rocka asked if Linn County should set policy for Clatsop County. Rocka said
37 the complaint dismisses any values the state forest has except for revenue. Rocka said if Clatsop
38 County does not opt out of the lawsuit then they are agreeing with it and approving it. Rocka
39 asked the Board to opt out.

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41 Rick Culver, 3506 Harrison, Astoria. Culver has been an Oregon resident all his life and is
42 asking the Board to stay in the lawsuit. Culver said not all revenue from the state forest stays in
43 Clatsop County. Culver said the Board can always opt out later.

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45 Roger Dorband, 462 6th Street, Astoria. Dorband said opting out will not result in losing a place
46 at the table. Dorband said the only venues for making changes in forest management in Oregon

1 are the Oregon Board of Forestry and the Department of Forestry. Dorband said the county's
2 representative wasn't present, simply remained silent or claimed that the county had not agreed
3 upon policy at the Forest Trustlands Advisory Council. Dorband said hoping to gain a voice in a
4 settlement which would occur only if the state loses is the same as saying the balanced
5 management plan loses in favor of an industry driven plan which is clearly not what the majority
6 in this county or the state want. Dorband said if Clatsop County opts out of the lawsuit the
7 county will gain a much greater voice in determining the direction of forest management in the
8 state. Dorband said since Clatsop County has the largest forest there will be interest in the
9 position in the statewide media and opting out is a chance to take a leadership role in the
10 dialogue about forest management. Dorband asked the Board to opt out of the lawsuit.

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12 Ted Messing, 44183 Peterson Lane, Astoria. Messing said he is very suspicious of any lawsuit
13 prepared for and paid for by the corporate timber industry and their only real interest is for
14 themselves. Messing said sustainable forestry is the only thing that should be considered because
15 it leaves healthy forests for future generations. Messing said the Oregon state forestry land
16 belongs to everyone and all wildlife. Messing said the lawsuit has a very narrow focus and
17 whatever position gives the county the most power is the one that should be pursued.

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19 Amy Magnussen, 4411 Lief Erikson, Astoria. Magnussen is concerned that the Board doesn't
20 have all the information they need. Magnussen doesn't understand that as a participant of the
21 class action lawsuit what happens if the county doesn't agree with the outcome. Magnussen
22 asked the Board to make a decision that will guarantee continued sustainable practices in the
23 county.

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25 Bob Rees, PO Box 3208, Clackamas. Reese has property in Hammond and is a commercial
26 fisherman. Reese is also representing the North Coast State Forest Coalition. Reese said the
27 Lower Columbia River is in dire straits due to direct relations to the water quality as exhibited on
28 the state forest lands. Reese said he has seen the low of Coho Salmon and to increase harvest
29 would further damage the species. Reese said there have been several attacks on the greatest
30 permanent value which recognizes all Oregonians and if the Board chooses to opt out it will set
31 an incredible precedent for all values. Reese said the state is already in a 1.7 billion shortfall for
32 the next biennium and the Oregon Department of Forestry has already spent about a half million
33 dollars on the lawsuit. Reese asked for a show of hands from those agreeing to opt out.

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35 Kathy Kleczek, PO Box 602, Cannon Beach. Kleczek asked the Board to reflect on the decision
36 of opting out and if that is the decision they want to put themselves in. Kleczek asked if there
37 was an action to put themselves on the other side of the case to gain more control of the state
38 forestlands. Kleczek asked how Clatsop County can create its best value and said Linn County is
39 looking at dissecting the meaning of greatest value in 1941. Kleczek wants to know how to
40 protect the watersheds, forests and livelihoods because the forest lands are the major reason
41 people visit Clatsop County and asked the Board to set a good example to the rest of the taxing
42 districts.

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44 Helen Westbrook, 2860 Log Bronc Way, Astoria. Westbrook said the Linn County lawsuit
45 argues that money for trust counties was the primary focus of the 1941 legislation. Westbrook
46 said the notice of class action says, "Forest trust counties understood the phrase 'greatest

1 permanent value' to mean the greatest potential to generate revenues for these counties and their
2 local districts." Westbrook questioned why the forest trust counties would think that when that's
3 not what the law said and nowhere does it say that revenue comes first over all other values.
4 Westbrook says the lawsuit states that neither Linn County nor the other class members
5 consented to the 'greatest permanent value' rule. Westbrook said they have been saying for
6 months to have someone at the table to represent Clatsop County. The table was the guaranteed
7 place at the Forest Trust Land Advisory Council and the Board of Forestry and Westbrook said
8 that was the best place to have influence. Westbrook said if the Board does support having a
9 balanced approach to forest management including designated conservation areas then the Board
10 should opt out of the lawsuit and start working with foresters of the Oregon Department of
11 Forestry and the policy makers on the Board of Forestry to ensure that the Clatsop forests are
12 healthy and productive in every regard. Westbrook said if the Board chooses to join the suit then
13 the Board is supporting industrial tree farming over all other values.

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15 Tom Bergin, Sheriff, thanked Rohne for his service. Bergin said Baker has been the best thing
16 for Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare and has done a fabulous job with the mental healthcare
17 system. Bergin said there is a lot of passion on the forestry issue but he sees how the money from
18 the forests helps law enforcement. Bergin believes if the county opts out then they won't have a
19 place at the table and feels it is imperative that the county stay in the suit. Bergin said the drain
20 that the jail and law enforcement puts on the general fund is immense. Bergin said every day he
21 thinks about Sargeant Jason Gooding who was shot and killed in Seaside and if the jail was an
22 appropriate size with the funds that could come from some of this money, Jason Gooding might
23 still be alive. Bergin said you can't always speak with passion and is asking the Board to think
24 with reason. Bergin said they do have sustainable forests and this won't change the forest
25 practices but most importantly this creates jobs and opportunities for people and it is imperative
26 to stay at the table.

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28 **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

29 Thompson thanked the people who came to the meeting expressing their thoughts. Thompson
30 attended the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) Annual Conference and ran for Vice-Chair
31 of the Council of Forest Trust Lands and wanted to establish Clatsop County's credibility as
32 leaders of the conversation about forestry. Thompson was not elected and the person who was
33 elected as Vice-Chair asked what Clatsop County's needs were. Thompson attended the
34 Leadership Summit for the Oregon Business Plan to talk with economic, political and non-profit
35 leaders about developing modular housing in Clatsop County and believes that effort is moving
36 forward. Thompson said there will be a conference in Portland in March where Business Oregon
37 is bringing in business people from all over the world to look at manufacturing mass timber
38 products in Oregon and could improve the bottom line of every taxing district in our county.
39 They had the first meeting of the AOC Resilience Sub-Committee to talk about how to improve
40 the capacity to not only survive but flourish after a catastrophic event. Thompson testified before
41 the House Healthcare Committee to talk about mass displacement and mass evacuation.

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43 Rohne said Clatsop Economic Development Resource (CEDR) wrote a letter to the State in
44 support of the Astoria Marine Construction Company (AMCCO) which received some reprieve
45 from the State for a five year period. Rohne said they set up a sub-committee to try to look at
46 retaining the skills and knowledge that people who work at AMCCO have ultimately to figure

1 out how to fund a boatyard somewhere else. Rohne said there was a transportation meeting led
2 by Senator Betsy Johnson and one point of discussion was if the area could support a gas tax
3 which would stay at its point of origin. Rohne thanked everyone for the recognition.
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5 Nebeker attended the AOC Conference and one of the sessions was Poverty to Prosperity.
6 Nebeker said Clatsop and Columbia counties have higher than the state average of poverty.
7 Nebeker said employers are complaining after they have trained employees for technical jobs
8 that they are lacking soft skills such as creative thinking, working well with others, language, and
9 understanding how to learn new concepts. Nebeker feels it is a lack of liberal arts. Nebeker
10 contacted Brian Wagner, Oregon Arts Commission, to try to work with the AOC because this
11 effects economic development. Nebeker is hoping there can be some dialogue.
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13 Clement said both primary schools are on free breakfast and lunch programs. The biggest
14 concern is how these children will get nourishment over the break and summer. During the
15 summer they are provided lunch locations to pick up a lunch five days a week. Clement said that
16 eligible students will receive a 1 ½ week supply of food to go home with them over the break.
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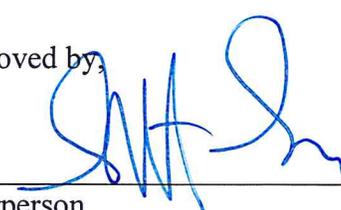
18 Lee said he attended the AOC Conference where it was a good time to interact with his
19 colleagues throughout the state. The Oregon Coastal Zone Management Association is moving
20 forward with a new policy position to speak in support of bills. Lee attended a CREST meeting
21 where they will be having a financial audit. Lee attended the Northwest Oregon Housing
22 Authority meeting and they are still looking for a member from Clatsop County to serve on that
23 Board.
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25 COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

26 Moore thanked the community for all of their comments and said written testimony is being
27 accepted until January 6th at which time they will be delivered to the County Commissioners.
28 Moore said the lawsuit decision is a difficult one and the obligation the Commissioners have is to
29 make the best decision for Clatsop County residents. Moore is hoping to have the Charter
30 Review Committee members finalized at one of the January meetings. There are a number of
31 candidates for the At-Large positions where there will be interviews. Most of the interviews are
32 set up on January 4th at 5:00PM but there was one applicant that was not available on that date so
33 another date and time will be selected to interview that candidate. Moore reminded the Board
34 that each of them need to select a member from their own district.
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36 **ADJOURNMENT 8:28pm**
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