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**Clatsop County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, August 09, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 PM

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Pam Wev
Vice Chair Courtney Bangs
Chair Mark Kujala

EXCUSED

Commissioner Lianne Thompson
Commissioner John Toyooka

AGENDA APPROVAL

*Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Wev.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Wev, Vice Chair Bangs, Chair Kujala*

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mary Eng, P. O. Box 12, Astoria. Ms. Eng regrets that there are not enough female officers with the Astoria Police Department to get all sexual assaults reported. This is problematic with homelessness as victims of abuse often have to interact with their abusers if they are attempting to receive resources or trying to stay safe throughout the night. She hopes that the community can focus their outreach on very specific trauma informed care. Some people may have lost trust with law enforcement or they fear severe retaliation. She suggests that victims of that type of abuse be offered some type of legal support. She regrets that there are not victims advocates on call for any type of domestic violence. Ms. Eng said that Clatsop Community Action (CCA) does not believe that she was abused by a man who's program is promoted by CCA. If victims feel they are not believed, they do not report.

CONSENT CALENDAR

*Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Wev.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Wev, Vice Chair Bangs, Chair Kujala*

1. IGA OYA Basic and Diversion {Page 3}
2. IGA OYA Individualized Services {Page 39}
3. Approval of Contract with Ryder Election Services LLC for printing of election ballots {Page 67}

4. Board of Commissioners Minutes 6-14-23 {Page 71}
5. Board of Commissioners Minutes 6-28-23 {Page 81}
6. Board of Commissioners Minutes 7-12-23 {Page 88}
7. Lease Agreement with Joseph Harwager {Page 91}
8. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon Department of Justice, Clatsop County, and District Attorney's Office {Page 97}

COMMISSIONER'S LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Wev had no reports.

Vice-Chair Bangs attended the Clatsop County Fair. She requests that staff send a thank you to the job corps students who volunteered along with their chaperones. She said the new staff and new fair board did a great job. She attempted to attend the Northwest Senior & Disabilities Services meeting but sat in traffic and never made it.

Chair Kujala suggested that community input might be helpful and see what people might like to see at the fair and how it can be improved to make it better.

Commissioner Wev said there was negativity on Facebook about not having a carnival. She thought the fair was spectacular.

Chair Kujala attended the Northwest Oregon Housing Authority (NOHA) meeting and Chair Nina Reed will be stepping down as Chair and David Oser who represents Clatsop County will be the new Chair of NOHA.

COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT

County Manager Bohn reported he met with the state regarding the building issues on Marine Drive. They still intend to stay in Astoria and will have a bigger presence in Seaside. County Manager Bohn wants to integrate them with the county and the non-profits and they are very eager to do so.

BUSINESS AGENDA

9. Knappa School District – ARPA Contribution for Water and Fire Suppression Infrastructure {Page 140}

County Manager Bohn said this was discussed at the July 24th work session which is a request from the Knappa School District to augment a very large project. This will help them do some additional improvements.

Motion: "Motion to approve the ARPA Funding agreement between Knappa School District and Clatsop County in the amount of \$150,000."

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

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

- 9a. Relinquish Reversionary interest on property located at 1596 Exchange Street, Astoria, OR 97103

1 County Counsel Pope said this is a housekeeping action to clear the title for
2 escrow. Northwest Oregon Housing Authority (NOHA) is requesting the county
3 relinquish the reversionary interest since the Clatsop County Housing Authority
4 was dissolved.

5 County Manager Bohn said this is required in order for the project to move
6 forward. He sees no risk to the county.

7 *Motion: "To approve the relinquishment if the Count's revisionary clause on the*
8 *deed for the property located at 1596 Exchange Street, Astoria, OR 97103."*

9 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Wev.*

10 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Wev, Vice Chair Bangs, Chair Kujala*
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12 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

13 10. Ordinance 23-11 Exclusive Farm Use Zone Amendment {Page 146}

14 Chair Kujala asked County Counsel for the first reading by title only. County
15 Counsel Pope read, "An Ordinance amending the Clatsop County Land and
16 Water Development and Use Code to allow alteration, restoration, or
17 replacement of a lawfully established dwelling under a Type I procedure in the
18 Exclusive Farm Use Zone."

19 Senior Planner Ian Sisson explained the purpose of the amendment would be to
20 make the application less expensive and the process easier and quicker while
21 still holding the same development standards for this provision in the code. Staff
22 held a public hearing on the amendment with the Planning Commission and they
23 recommend that the Board approve the amendment as proposed.

24 Chair Kujala called for public comment. Seeing none, he closed the public
25 hearing.

26 *Motion: "Continue the matter to August 24, 2023 meeting."*

27 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Wev.*

28 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Wev, Vice Chair Bangs, Chair Kujala*
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30 11. Ordinance 23-12: Geologic Hazards Overlay Amendment {Page 153}

31 Chair Kujala asked County Counsel for the first reading by title only. County
32 Counsel Pope read, "An Ordinance amending the Clatsop County Land and
33 Water Development and Use Code to provide exemptions to the Geologic
34 Hazard Permit requirement for certain activities in the Geologic Hazards Overlay
35 District."

36 Senior Planner Ian Sisson said the Planning Commission approved the
37 amendment with a vote of 5-2 with some changes. Planner Sisson gave the
38 Board the recommended changes from the Planning Commission. The reason
39 for the changes is that the county currently requires a grading permit and the
40 Commission wanted the numbers to be consistent to simplify things for
41 customers and staff. Public Works staff are in support of the changes. Another

1 significant change was to strike the language "provided the work does not extend
2 outside the existing right-of-way boundary" as this would trigger a geotechnical
3 report and geologic hazard requirements. This would exempt any maintenance
4 and repair of public and private roads, streets, parking lots, driveways, culverts,
5 and utility lines.

6 Vice-Chair Bangs supports the recommendations.

7 Commissioner Wev said she is comfortable as long as the Public Works Director
8 is comfortable.

9 Chair Kujala called for public comment. Seeing none, he closed the public
10 hearing.

11 *Motion: "Continue the matter to August 23, 2023 meeting."*

12 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Wev.*

13 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Wev, Vice Chair Bangs, Chair Kujala*
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15 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

16 **ADJOURNMENT**

17 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

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22 Mark Kujala, Chair