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**Clatsop County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, September 27, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 PM

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Vice Chair Courtney Bangs
Commissioner John Toyooka
Commissioner Pamela Wev
Commissioner Lianne Thompson

EXCUSED

Chair Mark Kujala

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PROCLAMATION

2. Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation {Page 25}

Laura Parker, Juvenile Probation Counselor and Julie Johnson, Parole and Probation Deputy addressed the Board. Ms. Parker gave an update on the Domestic Violence Counsel and said its mission is to bring agencies together, increase community awareness, reduce barriers to services and promote trauma informed response to increase the safety and well being of domestic violence survivors and their children. The Council is running a silent witness campaign throughout the county this month and a free skate night on October 22nd to increase domestic violence awareness.

Motion: "Approve Resolution and Order proclaiming October 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and authorize the Chair to read, then sign the proclamation."

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

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mary Eng, PO Box 12, Astoria. Ms. Eng said she was discriminated against at LiFEBoat Services and know others who have been discriminated against there. She asks the Board to make safe and equitable services for women in the community who are suffering from abuse and abuse on the street. Ms. Eng said the types of violence that women face include being chased by a metal pipe, being exposed to genitals by a LiFEBoat employee, being chased by knives, threatened, beaten up, tied up and raped, choking incidents and there are probably many more. She asks that the Board protect women in the community and institute changes. She hopes that the homeless women are included in the domestic violence awareness.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

3. Economic Opportunities Analysis Contract {Page 28}
4. Contract for purchase of Skid Steer for Fairgrounds {Page 55}
5. Approve the 2023-24 Budget and Appropriation Adjustments {Page 57}
6. Funding Agreement with Northwest Regional Education Service District (NWRESA) for Child Care Retention and Expansion {Page 60}
7. Rail Engineering Design Services Contract {Page 63}
8. Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) Membership Recommendation {Page 75}

COMMISSIONER'S LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Wev said she is very sad that the statistics of domestic violence have not improved.

Commissioner Thompson is committed to addressing the needs to protect domestic violence victims. She attended the AOC Conference in Klamath Falls and encouraged the other commissioners to engage in AOC.

Commissioner Toyooka had no reports.

Vice Chair Bangs attended a meeting on the new state fire maps and is happy to report that they show moderate as being the highest danger of fires in our community. It needs to be shared with constituents to be thoughtful and safe during fire season. She did express some concerns and hopes they are taken under consideration in thinking about fire risks and fire danger.

Commissioner Wev attended the fire map meeting and gave thanks to county staff for carefully reviewing the maps in preparation of land use planning. She hopes that the maps are distributed to the citizens. Vice Chair Bangs said the maps are not official yet. Commissioner Wev suggested having public meetings to communicate to the citizens about what the maps mean.

1 **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

2 County Manager Bohn announced that the ribbon cutting for the Columbia Inn is coming
3 up and he recognized Assistant County Manager Monica Steele and the buildings and
4 grounds staff for their hard work in making the Columbia Inn come to fruition. The hand
5 off to Clatsop Community Action is being finalized. This is a big moment in working on
6 the homeless issues.

7 **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- 8 9. Amend Human Services Advisory Council By-Laws, Article IV - Membership
9 {Page 75}

10 Randy Anderson, Chair - Human Services Advisory Council, addressed the
11 Board and said there are some proposed changes regarding membership,
12 attendance and to change the verbiage from alcoholism to substance use
13 disorder.

14 *Motion: "Approve the attached changes to the Human Services Advisory*
15 *Council's By-Laws Article IV – Membership."*

16 *Motion made by Commissioner Wev, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson.*
17 *Voting Yea: Vice Chair Bangs, Commissioner Toyooka, Commissioner Wev,*
18 *Commissioner Thompson*

- 20 10. Sanchez Temporary Use Permit Fee Waiver Request {Page 85}

21 Director Gail Henrikson, Community Development, asked the Board to waive a
22 \$300 fee waiver for a temporary use permit so Mr. Sanchez may live in an RV on
23 the property that was destroyed by fire. Mr. Sanchez is working on retaining the
24 funds to rebuild his house but he is requesting a fee waiver as it is more than the
25 project can bare.

26 *Motion: "Approve a waiver of the \$300 application fee for a temporary use permit*
27 *for Felix Sanchez, to allow Mr. Sanchez to temporarily live in an RV while his fire-*
28 *destroyed home is replaced."*

29 *Motion made by Commissioner Wev, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka.*
30 *Voting Yea: Vice Chair Bangs, Commissioner Toyooka, Commissioner Wev,*
31 *Commissioner Thompson*

33 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

34 There was nothing for the good of the order.

35 **ADJOURNMENT**

36 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

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Approved by,



Mark Kujala, Chair