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Clatsop County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes

Wednesday, April 08, 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 Nebeker, Seconded by Commissioner Wev.
Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner
Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

PROCLAMATION

3. Child Abuse Prevention Month {Page 3}

*Motion: Approve the Resolution proclaiming April 2020 to be Child Abuse
Prevention Month*

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

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Clerk read a statement sent in by email. See here to attached – Exhibit A

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

4. IGA – Amendment # 8 with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) {Page 4}

5. R & O for Application to Local Government Grant Program {Page 18}

6. Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes 3-16-20 {Page 21}

7. Board of Commissioner Special Meeting Minutes 3-22-20 {Page 23}

COMMISSIONER'S LIAISON REPORTS

Thompson is concerned about the health and well being of the community along
with the economic impact.

1 Wev just learned that there is a recovery team and she would like more information
2 about that.

3 Kujala is encouraged with the latest projections and it doesn't appear to be as
4 severe as what was expected.

5 Nebeker is concerned about mental health and what the economic impact will be.

6 Sullivan encouraged the Board to continue to talk with one another and support
7 each other.

8 **COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT**

9 Bohn let the Board know that staff are still working on the Budget Process along
10 with the Strategic Plan. There will be a work session to discuss the options for
11 supporting the non-profit partners.

12 **BUSINESS AGENDA**

13 8. Appointment of Budget Committee Members {Page 25}

14 Steele said staff went back out to advertise for an opening on the Budget
15 Committee from District 3. There were three applicants from the initial
16 advertisement that went unassigned and can be used as a pool. None of these
17 applicants reside in District 3. An additional application was just received from
18 Dannell Davis who has a business in District 3, but lives in District 1.

19 Thompson said Jed Arnold appears to be more committed to participating in the
20 county process. Wev said she did recruit Dannell Davis.

21 *Wev nominated Dannell Davis to fill the unexpired term on the Budget*
22 *Committee.*

23 *Motion made by Commissioner Wev, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson.*
24 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Nebeker, Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner*
25 *Kujala, Commissioner Wev, Chair Sullivan*

26 **GOOD OF THE ORDER**

27 Nebeker is grateful to staff for their hard work and she has great confidence in
28 them. The Board all agreed.

29 **ADJOURNMENT 6:43 PM**

30 Approved by,

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34 Kathleen Sullivan, Chairperson

Theresa Dursse

From: Jenny Johnson <jennifercjohnson325@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Board of County Commissioners
Subject: Today's Meeting - Business from the Public

Hello – Please accept my public comments regarding forestry operations during the Covid-19 crisis. Thank you
– Jenny Johnson

I recently became aware of an effort in and outside Clatsop County to ban pesticide applications due to the statewide COVID-19 crisis. I am very concerned about the impact an action like this would have on our local community. It is critical that local farmers and foresters are able to manage their land for continued food and fiber production during these unprecedented times. As our communities remain at a standstill, it is becoming increasingly clear that some operations must push forward to help provide the vital services and products we all will need in the days and months ahead.

Targeted use of herbicides at the beginning of a new forest helps baby tree survival- and ensures that a new forest will regenerate after harvest. Without herbicides the baby trees will become entangled and covered in brush causing the tree to die. State licensed aerial applicators are highly trained to make precision applications while following all regulations and safe best practices protocols. They monitor and record wind speed, temperatures and precipitation to ensure effectiveness and safety.

Thanks to technological developments, foresters commonly use all parts of the tree, including bark, and even sawdust, to produce many household products. Let us not forget about all the recent talk of the demand for toilet paper. Credit to the hardworking folks at the paper mill in Wauna, we are able to have access to the wood supplies our households need most during this crisis so we can adhere to the in-shelter orders and have the products we need at home.

We are grateful to our farmers for growing the food on our grocery store shelves and kitchen tables, as well as the foresters growing and harvesting trees in order to keep the vitally important wood and paper products flowing.

I appeal to the Governor, and any local governing body, such as the Clatsop County Commission to not respond to these opportunistic scare tactics during this time. Forestry professionals are trying to ensure society has wood and paper products now, and for future generations. Furthermore, in times of need, it is best not to shut off critical care for our forests or jeopardize an industry that employs thousands in our state.