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**Clatsop County
Board of Commissioners
Minutes
Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING: 6:00 PM

FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

- Commissioner Lianne Thompson
- Commissioner Pam Wev
- Commissioner John Toyooka
- Vice Chair Courtney Bangs
- Chair Mark Kujala

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka to approve the agenda as presented.

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

PROCLAMATION

1. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation {Page 15}

Maria Warren, Filipino American Association of Clatsop County, provided background information about the association and gave a brief history of Filipino Americans in the area.

Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Thompson to approve the Resolution and Order proclaiming May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and authorize the Chair to read then sign the proclamation.

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

Chair Kujala read the proclamation into the record.

BUSINESS FROM THE PUBLIC

Michael Martin, 646 16th St., Astoria, said the Clatsop Care Health District was formed by the community a little over 40 years ago to provide services for the aging population so that people would not have to go to Portland or Longview for services and housing. Clatsop Care employs 147 people and provides services to around 250 people each

1 month. The services include the only skilled nursing facility in the area, long- and short-
2 term rehabilitation, in-home care, assisted living and a memory community. People do
3 not realize that all of the services are part of one entity. When special districts are set
4 up, they receive subsidies from operating revenue, tax levies, donations and grants.
5 One levy is from property taxes and is up for renewal on the May 16th ballot. Since it is a
6 mid-term election, as much participation as possible is necessary to gain a simple
7 majority. The tax provides funds for key technology and infrastructure that allows the
8 district to provide quality care. The levy renewal is called Measure 4223. There will be
9 no increase to the percentage in how the tax is calculated. He asked everyone to vote
10 yes to Measure 4223 on May 16th so the district could provide new windows at the care
11 center, an interior refresh at the retirement village, and new software for the in-home
12 care services. The district also hoped to build a new care center for the health and
13 rehabilitation skilled nursing facility. More details were available at ClatsopCare.org.

14 Rick Bowers, 357 Commercial St., Astoria. He said the 2019 Clatsop County Housing
15 Strategy Report indicated that the population increase forecast for 2038 was reached
16 last year. Based on the forecast, consultants predicted 1,500 new housing units would
17 be necessary. Since the housing forecasts have been unreliable, the State hired
18 consultants to develop a new forecasting method, which resulted in a report that
19 indicated 4,295 additional housing units would be needed by 2040. The new method
20 was part of House Bills 2001 and 2889.

21 22 **CONSENT CALENDAR**

23 Commissioner Toyooka commented that the purchase of bulk fuel (Item 5) saved the
24 County a lot of money and extended the life of the roads. He commended the Public
25 Works Department for thinking long-term.

26 *Motion made by Vice Chair Bangs, Seconded by Commissioner Toyooka to approve the*
27 *Consent Calendar.*

28 *Voting Yea: Commissioner Thompson, Commissioner Wev, Commissioner Toyooka,*
29 *Vice Chair Bangs, Chair Kujala*
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