

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS
MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2014**

The Board of Freeholders convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington.

Call to Order

Nan Henriksen, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment

1. Scott Weber
2. Steve Foster
3. Bridget Schwartz

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Garry Lucas, seconded by Jim Mains to approve minutes from April 22, 2014.

Motion Passed

Transition Article

Chair Henriksen stated that in section 10.6E the last sentence which states “salaries shall be” was moved to section F so therefore was removed from section E.

Also in Section 10.6E, there was a concern that the language regarding filling a vacancy in a council position between the effective date and January 2016 assignments could read for a person who does not reside in the district to be appointed to fill the vacancy, which is contrary to state law. To clarify this section the language has been changed to:

“In the event of a vacancy in a county council position between the effective date and January 2016 assignments to council districts the person appointed to fill the vacancy shall reside in the same council district as the original member.”

Chair Henriksen stated that section 10.6F will read as follows:

“Any person appointed or elected to fill an unexpired term of a council member elected before 2015 shall be paid \$53,000 per year.”

The board discussed salary transition and was given a briefing by the County Prosecuting Attorney, Chris Horne. It was moved by Randy Mueller to approve Option A which is \$53,000 for all four years for the commissioner elected in 2014. Liz Pike made a motion to amend the current motion to approve Option C, which is \$102,000 for the first two years and \$53,000 for the second two years of the term of the commissioner elected in 2014. The board ensued in a lengthy discussion regarding each option. The board voted to approve the amendment. **Motion passed.** The board voted on the amended motion to approve Option C. **Motion passed.**

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Overview of draft charter

Chair Henriksen stated that board voted on revisions to Page 5 Section 2.6 at the last meeting and wanted to clarify that the changes were made correctly.

Chair Henriksen asked for input from the board regarding Page 8 Section 3.3 “confirmation of the council of appoints made by the county manager” Moved by Pat Jollota, seconded by Jim Mains to delete A1 of Section 3.3. **Motion Passed.**

Chair Henriksen stated that there were other minor changes in the document. The charter will be compiled and ready for the next meeting.

Public outreach material

Chair Henriksen stated that Holley Gilbert from PIO is developing an unbiased simple summary of what the charter includes. She also stated that she has requested that Holley assist her in writing a letter to Chair Mielke, which would include an offer to attend a Board Meeting to talk about the charter elements.

Moved by Randy Mueller that the Board of Freeholders direct the Clark County Elections Department to include in the 2014 General Election Voter’s pamphlet two pages of factual, unbiased information describing the proposed Home Rule Charter, furthermore asked the Clark County Elections to request the Clark County Public Information and Outreach office to create the content and that the Executive Board of the Freeholders is given final authority to approve the content, seconded by Garry Lucas. **Motion Passed.**

Notice of intention to act on Charter at May 27, 2014 meeting

Chair Henriksen stated that there will be two steps to this final action at the May 27, 2014 meeting:

1. There will be a roll call vote on the charter with no amendments allowed.
2. Resolution for all members to sign requesting that the County Auditor bring the charter for vote of the electorate in the November, 2014.

Close of Business

Good of the Order

A photo of the Board of Freeholders will be taken at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date/Location

May 27, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Public Service Center, Training Room, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington.