

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 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 9:01 a.m.

Public Comment

1. Chuck Green
2. Steve Foster
3. Ann Foster
4. Heather Tischbein
5. Sunrise O'Mahoney
6. Greg Kimsey

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Liz Pike to approve minutes from February 15, 2014 seconded by Jim Mains.
Motion Passed

First Deliberation on Charter Element

Initiative and referendum

Each board member gave their viewpoint regarding initiative and referendum. By straw vote the majority of the board agreed to include an element of initiative and referendum in the charter.

By straw vote staff was directed to bring to the next meeting draft language for initiative and referendum which should include a range of percentages based on the last gubernatorial election, and a prohibition to unfunded initiatives.

Second Review of Charter Element

Separation of powers

The Board reviewed and provided their viewpoint regarding the draft separation of powers element which included, county manager, five commissioner districts, nomination by district in primary and election at large in general election, partisan election.

It was agreed upon by the board to review the draft separation of powers element, make suggested changes and bring back to the next meeting for further discussion.

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Members took straw polls on two items. By straw poll, then confirmed earlier decisions to have partisan elections and to continue to nominate council members by district in the primary and to conduct elections in the general election on a countywide basis.

Discussion

The Board discussed items for possible inclusion in the charter. Bu straw poll, no items were added.

Good for the Order

Marlia Jenkins proposed to the Board to use Code Publishing to develop the final hard copy of the proposed Charter. Moved by Garry Lucas, seconded by Peter Silliman to approve final preparation of the Charter using Code Publishing at an approximate cost of \$22 per page, and request additional funds from the Clark County Board of Commissioners if needed. **Motion passed**

Next Meeting Date/Location

March 8, 2014, 9:00 a.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center.