

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2013**

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Tom Mielke, David Madore, and Steve Stuart, Chair, present.

2:00 P.M. PUBLIC BID OPENING

Present at bid opening: Tina Redline, Board of Commissioners Office; Mike Westerman and Beth Balogh, General Services-Purchasing Department.

BID WO 018216

Joint County-City 2013 Pavement Preservation Project

Delayed to June 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

BID #2599

Two Personal Watercraft

Held a public hearing for Bid #2599– Two Personal Watercraft. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid #2599 on June 18, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners hearing room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center.

2:00 P.M.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICT #2 BOARD MEETING

Minutes done separately

6:00 P.M.

PROCLAMATION

Great Outdoors Month

Commissioner Stuart read a proclamation proclaiming June 2013 as “Great Outdoors Month” in Clark County, Washington and invited the community to celebrate the outdoors and enjoy healthy, active fun at National Get Outdoors Day on June 8, 2013. Smokey the Bear accepted and staff spoke about the event.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Reverend Olin Brock, Trinity Baptist Church, delivered the invocation.

CONSENT AGENDA

Stuart stated they were pulling consent agenda item #1 and read through the consent agenda.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda items #2 - #9. Madore seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Red Warren spoke about the hiring of Benton and spoke about the rules of practice.
2. Bob Carroll thanked all Veterans for their service. He stated his concerns with funding for the County. He also spoke about the hiring of Benton.
3. Pauline Warren spoke about light rail and about building a third bridge.
4. Ed Barnes spoke about the recent departures of County staff and about the CRC project.
5. Temple Lentz spoke about building a new bridge with light rail. She asked for the Board to televise Board time on CVTV.
6. David Norris spoke about the invocation.
7. Mike Harrington spoke about park fees, hiring of Benton, and the bridge.
8. Terry Allen spoke about park acquisitions.
9. Christian Berrigan stated he would like to see more information on the qualifications for jobs within Clark County. He also spoke about the CRC project.
10. Don Orange stated his concerns with the term "job creation" and wants the Board to focus on doing their job.
11. Milada Allen spoke about surplus parks.
12. Paul Montague spoke about the CRC project.
13. Lee Jensen spoke about a third bridge and light rail.

PUBLIC HEARING: CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL

To consider the adoption of an ordinance and the approval of a franchise agreement renewing with revised terms and conditions, a nonexclusive and revocable franchise to Comcast of Washington V, LLC, a limited liability corporation organized under the laws of the State of Washington ("Comcast"), pursuant to state and federal law, County ordinance codified at Chapter 36.04A, Clark County Code, to operate, maintain, reconstruct and repair a cable system for the purpose of providing cable service and to provide a related Institutional Network, subject to the terms set forth in the Franchise Agreement.

Jim Demmon, City / County Cable Television office, Fred Bateman, Chair, City / County Telecommunications Commission and Bronson Potter, Prosecuting Attorney presented. Further discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. John Jenkins, Comcast spoke about their customer service.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** Ordinance 2013-06-02. Madore seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC HEARING: MINOR BUILDING PERMIT FEE REDUCTION

To consider a reduction of fees charged for minor building remodel projects.

Marty Snell, Community Development Director presented. Jim Muir, Chief Building Official presented. Further Board discussion ensued.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** Ordinance 2013-06-03. Madore seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: FREEHOLDER ELECTION

To consider a resolution calling for the election of freeholders at the November 5, 2013 general election for the purpose of drafting a home rule charter for Clark County government.

Kelly Sills, Economic Development Manager, presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Jeanne Schaeffer-Ringo stated her support of the freeholders.
2. Esther Schrader stated her support of the freeholders.
3. Rod Livengood stated his support of the freeholders.
4. Peter Van Nortwick, Assessor, stated his support of the freeholders.
5. Ken Opp, former freeholder, stated his support of the freeholders.
6. Scott Weber, Clerk, stated his support of the freeholders.
7. George Vartanian stated his support of the freeholders.
8. Doug Lasher, Treasurer, read a letter he gave to the Board earlier in the day. He stated his concerns with the home rule charter and stated his opposition to the resolution.
9. Randy Mueller stated his support of the resolution.
10. Lynda Wilson stated they need to do more research on the matter before passing the resolution.
11. Joel Littauer stated his support of the home rule charter.
12. Elaine Schick stated she would like them to amend #4, stating freeholders should be non partisan.
13. Vern Veysey stated his support of the home rule charter.
14. Troy Van Dinter stated his support of the freeholder resolution. He stated the positions should be non partisan.
15. Ann Rivers stated her support of the freeholder resolution.
16. Paul Montague inquired about the process and gave other options in seeking leadership in Clark County.
17. Greg Kimsey, Auditor, stated his support of the freeholder resolution.
18. Milada Allen stated her concerns with the resolution and stated there should be more research done before making a decision.
19. Terry Allen stated his support of having five Commissioners.
20. John Bockmier stated his support of the freeholder election.
21. Christian Berrigan stated they need to do what is right for Clark County. He stated he would like more research on the process.

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22. Glen Owen stated his support of the freeholder election.
23. Heather Tishbaum stated her concerns with the resolution and stated they need to do more research on the matter before passing the resolution. She stated her support of Doug Lasher's comments.
24. Pauline Warren stated her support of Doug Lasher's questions mentioned in the letter.
25. Karen stated her support of Doug Lasher's questions mentioned in the letter and asked them to delay passing the resolution.

Further Board discussion ensued.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** Resolution 2013-06-04. Madore seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Mielke stated he was going to WSAC this week.

Madore stated it was a wonderful day and encouraged everyone to enjoy the rest of it.

Hearing Adjourned

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Steve Stuart, Chair



Tom Mielke, Commissioner

David Madore, Commissioner

ATTEST:



~~Deputy Rebecca Tilton~~, Clerk of the Board

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