

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
BOARD TIME
MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2015**

The Board of Councilors convened at 1300 Franklin St, Vancouver, Washington 98660, Conference Room B.

Woodland Chamber & Visitor Center letter

Stewart provided some background and presented about the proposed letter to Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office asking them to match the amount. She reported it was not the organization's policy as they do not fund anyone's Chamber. She also spoke about lodging tax for City of Vancouver and Clark County. She spoke about the tourism promotion area funding from the State. She provided some background on the previous funding. Mark McCauley, County Manager, joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued about providing additional funding for the Woodland Chamber and Visitor Center. Mielke spoke about the volunteers at the Visitor Center. Discussion ensued about debt services for the exhibition hall. Further discussion ensued about bonds and amphitheater rent. Madore joined the discussion and spoke about the funding being specifically allocated for the visitor center not the chamber of commerce. Stewart stated it was the responsibility of the Woodland Chamber and Visitor Center to seek any other funding outside of the already agreed upon \$2,500 they are receiving from Clark County. Further discussion ensued. Madore provided a recap of the previous decisions made by the Board and Stewart's discussion with the Vancouver USA Regional Tourism Office. The Board decided to take no action at this time.

Fireworks

Jon Dunaway, Clark County Fire Marshal presented on consideration of fireworks ban due to dry conditions. Further discussion ensued. Stewart stated she was neutral on the position but always is concerned about safety. Mielke stated he wanted to see the season go ahead as planned without the ban. Madore spoke about providing safety tips to the public / firework stands. Further discussion ensued about providing a form to the public and making it accessible on the grid.

Chairman – Spokesman

Mielke presented on new duties for the Chairman on behalf of the Board due to the Charter in relation to responding to the media. Stewart stated she believes any of the Councilors can speak to the media at any point but agrees about having a main contact for representation on formal decisions / announcements made by the Board. Stewart stated she would like to see the section in the Charter this topic relates to before moving forward. McCauley joined the discussion and read Section 2.2 from the Charter. Stewart shared her concerns with the language and duties mentioned. She spoke about finding a balance. Further discussion ensued. Further research will be done including working with legal staff.

Authorization for Board to fill positions

Mielke presented on filling vacancies. He stated his concerns on the recent amount of vacancies and wanted to do further research. Stewart spoke about importance of the Board being involved and spoke about employee morale. Further discussion ensued. McCauley spoke about seasonal employees. Further discussion ensued about the vacancy review process. The Board asked for an example of the vacancy review form. Mielke stated he wanted to get back into that process. Madore spoke about the implementation of the Charter and working as a team. McCauley responded. Further discussion ensued. The Board agreed going back to the original process with

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one on ones with the County Manager.

Councilors Reports

Mielke spoke about an email he received regarding the Ridgefield's Comprehensive Plan. Further discussion ensued. Peter Silliman, Research Analyst / Policy Assistant joined the discussion. Stewart inquired about Madore's comment regarding "fine-tuning". Madore responded. Further discussion ensued about the process and moving forward.

Washington Investment Board (Columbia River Gorge)

Silliman presented on proposed language to put on the grid. Stewart provided some background. Mielke inquired more on the Board. Silliman responded. Further discussion ensued about grants. Madore asked to see their annual report. Silliman responded.

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David Madore, Chair

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

Tom Mielke, Councilor

ATTEST:

Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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