

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD TIME
MINUTES OF AUGUST 20, 2014**

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

Defense for the Spencer Case

Chris Cook, Prosecutor's Office, presented. The Prosecutor's Office recommended that the Board authorize the continued payment of attorneys' fees and costs to defend former employees Detective Sharon Krause and Sgt. Mike Davidson in an expected appeal by Clyde Ray Spencer of the federal district court's ruling overturning a jury verdict of \$9 million in favor of Spencer. If Krause and Davidson appealed, the county would not be obliged to pay for their legal representation. In an appeal by Spencer, the county's agreements with Krause and Davidson require that the county continue to provide their defense.

ACTION: Moved by Madore to **ACCEPT** the recommendation to provide defense representation. Barnes seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore and Barnes voted aye. Motion carried.

La Center Comprehensive Plan

Chris Cook, Prosecutor's Office, presented. The Prosecutor's Office recommended that the Board authorize the county's continued participation in, and response to, further proceedings related to the favorable decision of the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board. The Growth Board had ruled that the City of La Center violated GMA when it adopted comprehensive plan provisions that were inconsistent with Clark County's Countywide Planning Policies. The city's new plan provisions would have allowed extension of sewer, an urban service, beyond the city's urban growth boundary to the county's rural area in anticipation of a casino being built there by the Cowlitz Tribe.

ACTION: Moved by Madore to **ACCEPT** the Prosecuting Attorney's advice to uphold the county wide planning policies and continue to represent the County in this matter. Mielke seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke and Madore voted aye. Barnes voted nay. Motion carried.

Approval of board time minutes from July 30, 2014 and August 6, 2014

ACTION: Moved by Madore to **APPROVE** minutes from July 30, 2014 and August 6, 2014. Barnes seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore and Barnes voted aye. Motion carried.

Fireworks

Axel Swanson, Senior Policy Analyst presented. The Board discussed the use of the Peak Democracy software to conduct an online survey regarding the use of fireworks. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to not have an online survey due to Commissioner Madore's concerns regarding the legitimacy of a survey.

ACTION: Moved by Madore to **APPROVE** the request to hold a Public Hearing to revise the Fireworks Ordinance. The proposed changes to the ordinance would be that the current sale dates would remain the same and change the discharge dates to July 4 and December 31. Barnes seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore and Barnes voted aye. Motion carried.

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Elected Officials Salaries.

Swanson presented. The Board discussed the salary for position 3. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed to bring back this topic to Board Time after more research can be done regarding other like counties Commissioners salaries and benefits

Commissioner / Staff Reports

Barnes presented a resolution recognizing the region's volunteers, civic leaders and professional who, over the past two decades, worked to create a plan to address congestion in the interstate 5 corridor through Vancouver and Portland. Further discussion ensued.

Silliman spoke about a constituent he was helping regarding fee waivers. Further discussion ensued.

Silliman spoke about religious activities in park rentals. Further discussion ensued.

Mielke inquired about panhandling. McCauley responded.

Mielke inquired about the gun policy. Madore responded.

Mielke discussed integrating crisis services. Further discussion ensued.

Further discussion ensued about the new software for Animal Control.

Madore spoke further about the gun policy. Further discussion ensued.

McCauley spoke about a work session request regarding Traffic Impact Fee Program Update.

ACTION: Approval from the Board to schedule a work session regarding Traffic Impact Fee Program Update.

Vacancy Review (3)

McCauley spoke about the vacant position in Public Information and Outreach. The Board asked for more information and stated they would bring it back next week. McCauley spoke about two vacant positions in Public Works. Further discussion ensued.

ACTION: The Board approved in filling the vacant public works positions.

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Tom Mielke, Chair

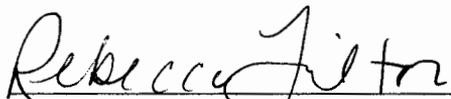


David Madore, Commissioner



Edward L. Barnes, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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