

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF JANUARY 29, 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.

10:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Stuart provided some background on consent agenda item #1. Jose Alvarez, Community planning, explained further on consent agenda item #1. Madore inquired if the property owners were going to be affected by the change requested in consent agenda item #1 or if this was an internal correction. Alvarez stated the property owners were notified and the correction needs to be made to correct the public record. Madore inquired more about notifying the property owners and ensuring they had the opportunity to give public comment. Stuart started a discussion about notifying the property owners and the process. Oliver Orjiako, Community Planning Director, stated they held an open house for the property owners. Stuart inquired about the new warrant documentation process in regards to consent agenda item #2. Bill Barron, County Administrator, reported back on the progress. Madore commented about the importance of having the documentation. Madore inquired about Tri-Mountain and asked why they continue to hang on to it when it is losing money. Stuart responded. Further discussion ensued. Madore stated he would like to look at it closer. Madore inquired about the weatherization program. Stuart stated they will get more information on that. Stuart inquired if there were any questions on consent agenda item #3. Madore stated he would like to amend the January 22, 2013 minutes to include the following changes: more information about the fire alarm going off and time lapse, adding the following language to page 1, last paragraph, "To even out the cash flow so we don't have large peaks, so they have a smaller, more regular cash flow increments going on there." Madore also mentioned a typo that needed to be changed.

ACTION: Moved by Madore to **AMEND** January 22, 2013 minutes as specified above. Mielke seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

Madore stated he would like more information on Ad Valorem Taxes. Barron stated he would work with the Fire Districts and the Assessor on getting some more information for the Board. Madore inquired about some of the abbreviations on the 2013 Expenditure Budget from Clark County Fire District 3. Chris Horne, Prosecuting Attorney responded. Madore inquired about volunteer reimbursement on page 3 of the 2013 Expenditure Budget from Clark County Fire District 3. Stuart asked Barron to follow up with Fire District 3. Stuart explained further on consent agenda items #5 and #6. Mielke stated they had an add on item requesting approval by the Board of County Commissioners for the cancellation of personal property and mobile home taxes for 2012.

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ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **ADD** the Treasurer's staff report requesting approval by the Board of County Commissioners for the cancellation of personal property and mobile home taxes for 2012 as consent agenda item #7. Madore seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

Madore inquired more about abbreviations and categories on consent agenda item #7. Stuart responded. John Payne joined the discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda items #1 - #7 as amended. Mielke seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke, Madore, and Stuart voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Larry Ellie stated his concerns with the fees and process in the permits services. He also commented about Tri-Mountain golf course. **The Board recognized his concerns and stated they are working on process.**
2. Ed Barnes stated his concerns of the action the Board took regarding CREDC on January 16th. **Madore stated he highly respects Mr. Barnes and stated they take a different approach in bringing jobs to the area. Further discussion ensued.**
3. Bruce Barnes commented about a Hoof Rot Pandemic going on in the State of Washington. He also talked about bringing revenue to the fairgrounds. He also spoke about bringing jobs to Clark County. **Madore stated he wanted to make the hoof rot pandemic an action item. Madore suggested a meeting to discuss future business opportunities at the fairgrounds. Madore talked about the job crisis in Clark County and his goals in getting them here including getting rid of fees. Stuart stated they would be having a public work session and public hearing deciding the fee issue. Further discussion ensued.**
4. Sharon Nasset commented about RTC meetings being recorded. She stated her concerns with Oregon representation and voting rights on a variety of boards. She also spoke about the CRC Project. **Madore stated he would like to bring these items on an agenda and stated he would like to have two way conversations with CRC. He also stated they were working on getting C-Tran meetings televised in the hearing room.**
5. Jack Davis commented about tolling. He also commented about Commissioner Madore's job. He spoke about the local economy, homeless transients, and unemployment. He also spoke about Parks and Recreation. **Madore explained the importance of trust in staff. He spoke about removing park fees. Stuart stated they will have a public process on that because that is the law.**
6. Jaison Teragouchi inquired about the global budget crisis. He inquired about their basic priorities and sustainability. He stated they should be more concerned about the homeless community. He asked for a moment of silence of the fallen boy that was slain in Hazel Dell.

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7. Sue Cannard, member of Audubon Society and Minnehaha Garden Club, stated her concerns with removing the park fees. She stated her enjoyment in the park system.
8. Don Cannard, active member for 45 years in conservation preservation activities and planning trails. He stated the importance of staff in the planning activities. He stated his concerns with cutting parks fee.

Stuart assured there would be a public hearing with an opportunity for public testimony for everyone to weigh in on any potential proposal that may change funding associated with the parks. Mielke stated they were only talking about cutting park fees, not staff. Stuart stated the information would be available to the public prior to the work session and public hearing. Madore stated it is not about discontinuing the development of parks, nor cutting staff. He stated it is to ensure the parks they already have can be enjoyed especially by those that can't afford it. He stated he is a big supporter of the parks.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

9. Vern Veysey, Ridgefield, stated the importance of collecting the fees. He stated there is a significant difference between free pay, who gets in and how they treat the facilities. He commented about the importance of impact fees. He suggested asking the public about their priorities and what they want to pay for.
10. Sydney Reisbick, Ridgefield, stated the west coast has a different perspective on tolling.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Stuart commented about the conduct and discussions at the public hearing/ public meetings to ensure open transparent meetings. He stated there will always be a public process that will be noticed appropriately and it will be on the agenda and discussed openly. He stated anything ahead of that is something that one of them has an opinion on. He stated they have to be careful about not prejudging their action before they hear from the public.

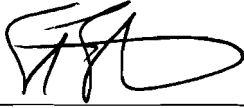
Mielke stated he was troubled by the parks article in the Columbian.

Madore stated he appreciates the Chairman's role in the meetings. He stated he likes to be a responsive government and will stand up for citizen's right to be heard. Stuart stated they all stand up for that but it has to be within the law, which means they will not be assessing action items from the dais without being duly noticed.

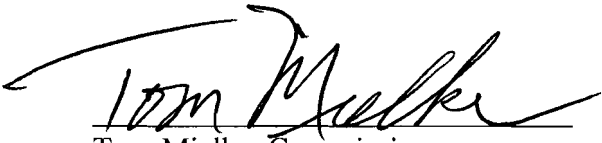
Hearing Adjourned

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Steve Stuart, Chair



Tom Mielke, Commissioner

David Madore, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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