

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
BOARD TIME
MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2015**

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

Surplus Hazel Dell property

Mielke presented. He stated his preference is to sell the property. Peter Silliman, Research Analyst / Policy Assistant joined the discussion. Heath Henderson, Public Works Director and Carolyn Heniges, Public Works stated their recommendation was to maintain the property as an important asset for future transportation improvements as identified on the arterial atlas. Further discussion ensued. Axel Swanson, Senior Policy Analyst joined the discussion. Chris Horne, Prosecuting Attorney joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued. Madore inquired more information about surrounding parcels. Henderson responded. Further discussion ensued. Stewart spoke about having another discussion about picking charities. Further discussion ensued on their preference of what to do with the property.

ACTION: Moved by Stewart to **RETAIN** the property as is. Madore seconded the motion. Councilors Stewart and Madore voted aye. Mielke voted nay. Motion carried.

Extending St. Johns to 119th Street

Mielke presented. He stated his preference was to purchase the parcel – Wiebold Property to eventually extend St. Johns Road to east (St. John Extension) and connected it to 119th Street to the north. Henderson and Heniges joined the discussion and their recommendation was not to pursue purchasing the property. Mark McCauley, County Manager joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued about the pros / cons of purchasing the parcel. Madore stated since there is a project moving forward with the Port of Vancouver they shouldn't interject the current study. Further discussion ensued.

ACTION: Moved by Stewart to **NOT** purchase the parcel. Madore seconded the motion. Councilors Stewart and Madore voted aye. Mielke voted nay. Motion carried.

St. Johns Median

Mielke presented. He stated his preference was to remove the medians at the intersection of NE St. Johns Road and NE 109th Avenue. Horne joined the discussion and stated his concerns with the requests. Further discussion ensued. Stewart stated she was going with staff's recommendation to leave intersection as is. Madore spoke about the inconveniences but agree with legal staff in not exposing the County to severe liability. Stewart stated she respects Councilor Mielke's vision of the land but also agrees with the safety concerns presented by staff.

ACTION: Moved by Stewart to **MAINTAIN** the medians at the intersection of NE St. Johns Road and NE 109th Avenue. Madore seconded the motion. Councilors Stewart and Madore voted aye. Mielke voted nay. Motion carried.

Henderson stated Public Works will review options for addressing potential illegal turning movements in the area. Further discussion ensued.

August 4th Hearing

Swanson spoke about Elections using the Hearing room for the Primary results which falls on the same day as the BOCC evening hearing. McCauley joined the discussion.

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ACTION: Moved by Stewart to **MOVE** the August 4th evening hearing to 10:00 A.M. on August 4th. Mielke seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

Transportation Funding Package / Legislative Call with Mike Burgess

Madore spoke about writing a letter opposing the transportation funding package. Mielke agreed. Stewart stated she would like to know more information before moving forward. Mielke suggested for her to talk to the County lobbyist. Swanson joined the discussion and stated he didn't think he would support sending the letter at this time. Madore spoke about modifying the letter to be more specific. Further discussion ensued about the contents of the letter. Mielke stated it was important to write the letter. Madore spoke about McCauley / Swanson writing the letter. Mielke inquired if they could call Burgess. Silliman joined the discussion. Mike Burgess, County lobbyist joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued about various projects. Swanson inquired about a timeline in relation to the house / senate proposals. Burgess responded. Madore spoke about his concerns with the proposed transportation funding package and wants to fight for their fair share. Stewart stated she would do further research. Burgess reported on SW Washington projects. Madore inquired about reforms. Burgess responded.

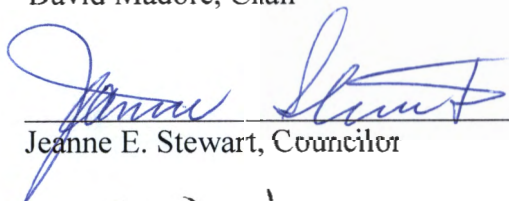
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Silliman presented. Stewart inquired more. McCauley / Silliman responded. Stewart commented she wants to know what they are working on and the intended use. Further discussion ensued. She stated she would like a policy set in place if the land has value. Further discussion ensued.

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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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