

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
BOARD TIME
MINUTES OF AUGUST 17, 2016**

The Board convened in Conference Room 698, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Chair Marc Boldt, Councilor Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor Julie Olson, and Councilor Tom Mielke present. Councilor David Madore absent.

1:30 P.M.

Approval of minutes for July 27, 2016

Mielke proposed some changes regarding signatures in an ethics complaint. Mark McCauley, County Manager joined the discussion.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** the minutes for July 27, 2016 with the proposed changes. Stewart seconded the motion. Chair Boldt and Councilors Stewart, Olson, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

Board Assignment Alternates

The Board reviewed the handout regarding board assignment alternates and discussed some possible changes. The Board assigned some alternates for various boards. Further discussion ensued about the boards / committees.

Options for review of Ethics Complaints

Marlia Jenkins presented and presented a handout titled "Options for review of Ethics Complaints." Further discussion ensued. Stewart inquired about the number of complaints received over the years. Chris Horne, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued. Horne spoke about the code in relation to ethical concerns. McCauley spoke about the rules of practice. Further discussion ensued. The Board stated they will continue to talk about it but might wait until October to move forward.

Councilor Reports

Stewart spoke about resolutions she would be bringing forward soon.

Boldt spoke about the email process and wanted to make sure a copy was being mailed / maintained by the Assistant to the Board.

Stewart spoke about RTC in regards to Federal discussion on funding. She also spoke about a letter Metro was sending out. Further discussion ensued.

Mielke spoke about the recent departure of the research analyst / policy assistant.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to give staff back and direct the County Manager to hire the analyst to help them do the work they were elected to do. *Motion died due to lack of second.*

Further discussion ensued. Mielke stated he is not given the tools he needs to do his job. Stewart stated he is not using the tools given to him.

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Olson spoke about Cowlitz Tribe and the recent federal court decision. Horne joined the discussion.

Work Session request: Review of the Vacant Buildable Lands Model

McCauley presented. The Board approved scheduling the work session.

The Board adjourned Board Time at 2:31 P.M. and convened for two Executive Sessions; one on Pending Litigation, one on Potential Real Property Acquisition and Potential Litigation; both are scheduled for about 1/2 hour. No action will be taken after.

Adjourned Executive Session.

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ATTEST:

Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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