

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Tom Mielke and David Madore present. Commissioner Steve Stuart, Chair absent.

10:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

Heath Henderson, Public Works explained further on consent agenda items #3 - #6.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT AGENDA

1. Jack Davis stated his concerns with the costs associated with consent agenda #2.
2. Carolyn Crain commented on consent agenda #2.

ACTION: Moved by Madore to **APPROVE** consent agenda items #1 - #10. Mielke seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke and Madore voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. David Benedictus stated his concerns with the Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington and asked for the Prosecuting Attorney's office to investigate.
2. Unidentified woman stated her concerns with the Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington.
3. Bruce Barnes commented about a Hoof Rot Pandemic going on in the State of Washington.
4. Judy Tiffany commented on the care her mother receives from Area Agency on Aging & Disabilities of Southwest Washington. She also spoke on CRC.
5. Christopher Crudupt stated his concerns with the way that homeless people are being treated by Clark County work crew.
6. Dave Rogers stated his concerns with environmental reporting on the Yacolt Mountain Quarry.
7. Howard Jones shared his concerns with the costs of putting in a water line. Further discussion ensued about the trucks traveling to and from the quarry.
8. Carolyn Crain spoke about House Bill 5598.
9. Milada Allen, Felida Neighborhood Association, spoke about parks, trails, and open spaces.
10. Margaret Tweet stated her concerns with a C-Tran records request.
11. Jaison Teragouchi stated his concerns with the economy and the food shortage nationally and locally.

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**PUBLIC MEETING: COLUMBIA RIVER CROSSING LIGHT RAIL TOLLING
PROJECT**

To consider a resolution opposing the Columbia River Crossing Light Rail Tolling Project. Madore explained that he would like an orderly meeting where everyone feels welcome to talk.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Peter Van Nortwick, Assessor stated his concerns with the Columbia River Crossing.
2. Ed Barnes stated his concerns with the process of how the resolution was presented to the public. He also stated his concerns with the language in the resolution.
3. Bruce Barnes stated he supports the bridge but not the tolling. He also stated he would like to see Commissioner Stuart in the discussion before a vote is taken.
4. Sue Kautz stated her support of the Columbia River Crossing for future plans.
5. Robert Schaefer, Attorney, representing Thompson Metal Fab, stated the importance of having a bi-state agreement. He commented about the language in the resolution.
6. David Knowles, Portland Business Alliance spoke about the importance of getting jobs in the community.
7. Bernie Bottomly, Portland Business Alliance, commented about funding. He stated their members support light rail because it boosts the economy.
8. Ralph Schmidt stated they must replace the bridge and spoke about liquid fraction.
9. Gretchen Starke stated her opposition of the resolution. She stated her support of light rail.
10. Jack Davis commented about traffic jams. He stated the importance of jobs, new bridge, no tolls, and express bus service
11. Paul Riggs stated his support for light rail.
12. Dave Ritchey, Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, LIUNA – Local 335 stated their opposition of the resolution.
13. Scott Olderham stated the bridge would bring jobs to the community. He also stated his support for light rail He stated his opposition of the resolution.
14. Shannon Walker, President of Southwest Washington Central Labor Council, stated her opposition of the resolution. She stated unions are in support of the Columbia River Crossing.
15. William Meyers, President of Columbia Pacific Building and Construction Trade stated his opposition of the resolution.
16. Todd Mitchell, Helmets to Hardhats stated their support of the Columbia River Crossing and their opposition of the resolution.

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PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

17. David Shehorn stated his support of the Columbia River Crossing and light rail.
18. Robin White representing various community organizations, stated his disappointment with the actions of the Board the last month and stated his opposition of the resolution.
19. Jerry Buchanan stated his support of local jobs.
20. Ed Lynch stated his support of building a new bridge.
21. Shannon Staller stated his support of Columbia River Crossing and light rail.
22. Scott Milam commented about the language in the resolution. He stated his opposition of the resolution.
23. Mark Feichtinger, Identity Clark County stated his support of Columbia River Crossing and opposition of the resolution.
24. Bob Caroll, IBW Local 48, stated his support of Columbia River Crossing.
25. Paul Montague, President, stated his support of Columbia River Crossing and opposition of the resolution.
26. Tiffany Couch stated her concerns with the Columbia River Crossing.
27. Scot Walstra, Vice President, Cowlitz Economic Development Council, stated his support of the Columbia River Crossing.
28. Royce Pollard inquired about the legality of the resolution and how it was brought forward. He stated his support of Columbia River Crossing and opposition of the resolution.
29. Carolyn Crain stated she would like more information on the Columbia River Crossing.
30. Josephine Wentzel stated her opposition of the Columbia River Crossing.
31. Ron Robbins. Lead Representative Oregon / SW Washington at Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters, stated his support of the Columbia River Crossing and opposition of the resolution.
32. Jeff Johnson, President of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, stated his support of Columbia River Crossing and opposition of the resolution.
33. AJ Gomez, Global Security stated his opposition of the Columbia River Crossing.
34. Margaret Tweet stated her concerns with light rail.
35. Sharon Nasset provided some data on the bridge.
36. George Espinoza stated his opposition of the Columbia River Crossing and stated his support of the resolution.
37. Ron Sworen stated his support of the resolution.
38. Dick Sohn stated his opposition of the Columbia River Crossing and stated his support of the resolution.

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PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED

39. Unidentified man stated his concerns with the tolls.

Madore presented a map that was featured in "The Columbian" regarding the voter turnout regarding Proposition 1 – C-Tran Tax increase, indicating that more than 80% of the precincts rejected the sales tax increase for funding for operation / maintenance for light rail and bus rapid transit. He stated he wanted a countywide vote on the Columbia River Crossing. He spoke about the process in which the resolution was brought up. Further discussion ensued. Mielke responded to public comment.

ACTION: Moved by Madore to **APPROVE** Resolution 2013-02-03. Mielke seconded the motion. Commissioners Mielke and Madore voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Madore spoke on a resolution helping Pearson Air Museum that he is planning on bringing forward next week. Further discussion ensued.

Hearing Adjourned

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Steve Stuart, Chair

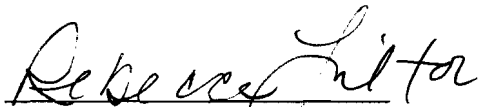


Tom Mielke, Commissioner



David Madore, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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