BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS
BOARD TIME
MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2016

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

1:30 P.M.

Approval of minutes for January 6, 2016 and January 13, 2016
Madore proposed some changes to the minutes. Mark McCauley, County Manager joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued. Further discussion ensued about the purpose of the grid. Further discussion ensued about the document in question and about the grid. Minutes will be reviewed and brought back the following week.

Change in meeting format / Retreat information
Mielke stated he would like to have the BOCC hearing every other week with the Board time meeting on the week they are not having the hearing. Olson spoke about having more discussion on the item at the Board retreat. Mielke stated he would like to have the discussion now. Further discussion ensued. Madore inquired about the agenda for the Board retreat. McCauley responded. Further discussion ensued. Bob Stevens, General Services Director, joined the discussion and spoke about the agenda items for the Board retreat. Madore spoke about Robert Rules of Order. More discussion with happen at the Board retreat.

HB 2414 – Creating a bistate bridge project legislative work group
Olson provided some background on House Bill 2414 which speaks about creating a bistate bridge project legislative work group. She spoke about a request to create a resolution in support of the work group. Madore spoke about the appropriate steps in moving forward if they were to support any house bill including writing letters to the legislators and then working with Mike Burgess, the County lobbyist. He spoke about mentioning in the letter the county's opposition to light rail and tolls. Mielke spoke about the recently repealed resolutions and organizations already working on the issues. Stewart spoke about her research on the bill and moving forward. Stewart spoke about leaving the door open for discussion. Boldt spoke about his previous discussion with Mike Burgess in regards to signing in for Clark County at the public hearing in the House Committee on transportation on January 21. Olson clarified the request of it showing support for the bistate work group itself not the product or projects. Madore stated his concerns with opening the door. He spoke about an east county and west county toll free bridge. He stated his concerns with it being morphed into the "I-5 Replacement Bridge project", a tolling project, or a light rail project. Boldt inquired to Madore if he wanted Mike Burgess to sign in support. Madore replied it needed to be conditional. Further discussion ensued.

ACTION: Moved by Madore to **SUPPORT** the formation as purposed with the condition that it does not include light rail, tolls, or morphed into a bridge replacement project. ***Motion died due to lack of a second to the motion.***

Further discussion ensued.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **NOT SUPPORT** House Bill 2414 as a Board as it is written. Madore seconded the motion and offered the condition that it does not include light rail, tolls, or morphed into a bridge replacement project.

Further discussion ensued. Stewart offered the solution of each individual Councilor writing their own letter of support / non-support, and / or support with conditions letter / email. Further discussion ensued.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **NOT SUPPORT** Mike Burgess signing in for Clark County at the public hearing in the House Committee on transportation on January 21. Madore seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued. Councilors David Madore and Tom Mielke voted aye. Chair Marc Boldt and Councilors Stewart and Olson voted nay. Motion failed.

ACTION: Moved by Olson to **SUPPORT** Mike Burgess signing in for Clark County in favor of House Bill 2414 at the public hearing in the House Committee on transportation on January 21. Stewart stated her concerns. Further discussion ensued. ***Olson withdrew her motion.***

Madore stated his support of local delegation that are interested in advancing a solution across the Columbia River but stated it was conditional based upon opposition to light rail, tolls, or a I-5 bridge replacement project and needs to include a west / east county toll free bridge.

Adjourned

The Board adjourned for Executive Session and reconvened at 3:45 P.M.

Adjourned

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ATTEST:

Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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