

**BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS  
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015**

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

**10:00 A.M.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Councilors led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Rich Blum, Bethel Community Church, delivered the invocation.

**PROCLAMATION**

Day of Service

Councilor Mielke read a proclamation proclaiming September 12, 2015 as "Day of Service" and called on citizens of all ages to get involved in community service on this day and throughout the year. Curt Stone and Gary Bock accepted and said a few words.

**RETIREMENT PRESENTATION**

Bob Winsor, Clark County Sheriff's Reserve Unit

Councilor Madore read a resolution recognizing the longtime public service of Reserve Commander Bob Winsor and offered their heartfelt congratulations on his retirement from the Clark County Sheriff's Reserve Unit. Sheriff Chuck Atkins joined the discussion and read the retirement plaques from the BOCC and the Sheriff's office. Bob Winsor accepted and said a few words.

*The Board adjourned for a break and reconvened.*

**BID AWARD 2626**

Annual Plant Materials

Michael Westerman, Purchasing Manager read a memo stating Purchasing and Environmental Services recommends the Annual Plant Material Bid be awarded as follows:

1. Award all plant material except the two species Nootka Rose and Douglas Spirea, the bidder could not supply, to the lowest responsible bidder Watershed Garden Works of Longview, WA – in the total bid amount of \$11,169.27 including Washington State Sales Tax.
2. Award the two remaining plant species, Nootka Rose and Douglas Spirea, to the lowest responsible bidder Beaverlake Nursery of Beavercreek, OR – in the total bid amount of \$11,211.27 including Washington State Sales Tax.

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**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **AWARD** Bid #2625 to Watershed Garden Works and Beaverlake Nursery. Stewart seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Stewart stated she would like to pull all of the consent agenda items for further discussion. Madore read consent agenda item #1.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #1**

1. Elizabeth Campbell
2. Nancy Schultz
3. Lee Jensen

**Madore spoke further on the resolution**

4. Tim Gaughan
5. Carol Levanen
6. Bridget McLeman

**Madore spoke further on the resolution**

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda item #1. Madore seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued. Stewart spoke about a financial forecast she inquired about from the Councilors to make a reasoned decision vs a political decision. Stewart inquired about the legality of making a consent agenda item for council members who are not seated on the Board until the New Year. Chris Horne, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued. Councilors Madore and Mielke voted aye. Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

Stewart stated she wanted to see all associated costs up to five years presented to the Board. Madore spoke further about the Budget. Madore read consent agenda item #2.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #2**

1. Tim Gaughan
2. Nancy Schultz
3. Lee Jensen
4. Bridget McLeman

Further discussion ensued. Stewart inquired more from legal about the Chair's responsibilities. Horne responded. Stewart stated her concern with the need to change the role of the Council at this time. Further discussion ensued. Madore spoke about cleaning up the Rules of Practice with the language change in relation to the County Manager vs the County Administrator. Further discussion ensued.

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**ACTION:** Moved by Madore to **AMEND** consent agenda item #2 to change the language to County Manager from County Administrator. Mielke seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued about housekeeping changes. Councilors Madore and Mielke voted aye. Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Moved by Madore to **AMEND** consent agenda item #2 on Page 3, Section C to add the following language to the paragraph "Executive Sessions, if needed, will generally be scheduled near the end of these meetings." Mielke seconded the motion with concerns. Further discussion ensued. Madore modified his motion to add the following sentence "Executive sessions may also be scheduled at any other time during the meeting including at the beginning." Mielke seconded the motion. Stewart spoke the action they took in Board time the previous week per the County Manager's suggestion. Further discussion ensued. Councilors Madore and Mielke voted aye. Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Moved by Madore to **AMEND** consent agenda item #2 on Page 2, Section B, in relation to addressing the Council Members to add the following language "The members of the Board of County Councilors (BOCC) may be referred as either Councilors or Commissioners." Mielke seconded the motion. Further discussion ensued. Horne joined the discussion and pointed out the following language on Page 2, Article 1 – "The Council recognizes that the public frequently refers to Councilors as Commissioners; the Council approves of this practice." Councilor Madore withdrew his motion.

Mark McCauley, County Manager inquired about changes being made to Page 8, Section 16. Madore stated they would come back to that at another time.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda item #2 as amended. Madore seconded the motion. Councilors Madore and Mielke voted aye. Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

Madore read consent agenda item #3.

**PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CONSENT AGENDA ITEM #3**

1. Judy Tiffany
2. Nancy Schultz
3. Elizabeth Campbell
4. Sharon Nasset
5. Carol Levanen, Clark County Citizens United

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **AMEND** consent agenda item #3 to insert the following sentence after line 65 "This resolution allows for an alternate date, time and location to be scheduled in order to accommodate the soonest available conference logistics." Madore seconded the motion. Councilors Madore and Mielke voted aye. Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

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Madore spoke about the recent C-Tran Composition Review Committee ruling and spoke about making an amendment in relation to the open meetings act. Mielke stated his concerns. Further discussion ensued. Horne joined the discussion. Further discussion ensued about the open meetings act. Stewart stated her concerns with the inaccuracies and facts mentioned in the resolution. She spoke about line 11 that reads "Because for 25 years, that service operated county-wide with no islands of exclusion." She stated that was not a factual statement and provided the example when she first sat on the C-Tran Board stating City of Ridgefield was an island of exclusion. She stated they still had a seat on the C-Tran Board and advocated accordingly. She also spoke about her concerns with line 15 that speaks about gerrymandering of the district on June 1, 2005 for political reasons. She stated the statement itself was very politically charged. Stewart inquired on the purpose of the resolution. Further discussion ensued about the boundaries and suggestions she had for C-Tran. Further discussion ensued about transit accountability. Further discussion ensued about the resolution. Further discussion ensued about services especially in the rural areas.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **Call for question**. *Motion died due to lack of a second.*

Stewart inquired more information about RCW 36.57A.030 from legal staff and what the purpose of the conference was. Horne responded.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **Call for question**. **Madore seconded the motion**. Councilors Madore and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda item #3 as amended. Madore seconded the motion. Councilors Madore and Mielke voted aye. Stewart voted nay. Motion carried.

Madore read consent agenda item #4.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda item #4. Stewart seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

Madore read consent agenda item #5.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda item #5. Stewart seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

Madore read consent agenda item #6.

**ACTION:** Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda item #6. Stewart seconded the motion. Councilors Madore, Stewart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Ed Barnes spoke about a variety of topics including a request for future Labor Day proclamations.

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2. Sydney Reisbick spoke on the growth management act related to the proposed alternatives. **Mielke responded.**
3. Carol Levanen, Clark County Citizens United spoke about the comprehensive plan and the alternatives.
4. Sharon Nasset spoke about transportation meetings she recently attended.
5. Susan Rasmussen, Clark County Citizens United, spoke about the comprehensive plan and the alternatives.

**COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS**

Mielke and Stewart spoke about their holiday weekend.

Hearing adjourned

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David Madore, Chair

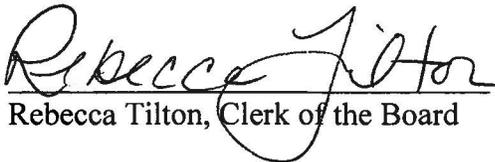


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Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor



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Tom Mielke, Councilor

ATTEST:



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Rebecca Tilton, Clerk of the Board

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