

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS  
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2013**

The Board of Freeholders convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington.

**Call to Order**

Nan Henriksen, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Public Comment**

1. Jack Davis
2. Heather Tischbein
3. Dan Ogden
4. Sunrise O'Mahoney
5. Ron Goodman

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes approved for November 26, 2013

**Continuation of Legal Briefing**

Kelly Sills gave an overview of the Open Public Records Act.

**Meeting Agenda**

**Ground Rules**

The Board discussed the proposed ground rules. It was suggested to amend the rules regarding the use of electronic devices to: "Turn all cell phones off. Encourage appropriate use of I-Pads, I-Phones, blackberries, or other gadgets". And amend the rule regarding notification of absence to: "Freeholders are encouraged to notify the Chair and Primary Staff in advance whenever they know they will miss a BOF meeting". Moved by Marc Boldt, seconded by Paul Dennis, to approve the Ground Rules with amendments. **Motion Passed**

**BOF Perspectives and Priorities**

The Board discussed their perspectives on the key issues to consider as they move forward on the development of a Charter. It was moved by Val Ogden, and seconded by Liz Pike to adopt the following priorities. **Motion Passed**

1. Separation of executive and legislative branches of county government.
  - ↳ Related Discussions:
    - Transfer of executive powers from the Board of Commissioners to an elected County Executive.

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- Transfer of executive powers from the Board of Commissioners to an appointed County Manager.
- 2. Increase the number of commissioners or county council members from three to five.
  - ↳ Related Discussion:
    - Increase the number of commissioners or county council members to a number greater than five.
- 3. Elect commissioners or county council members by district instead of at-large.
- 4. Establish for the people the powers of initiative and referendum.

**Elected Presentations or Survey**

The Board was presented with a proposed survey to use for input from current elected officials. It was moved by Liz Pike, seconded by Randy Mueller to distribute the survey to current elected officials with the goal of discussing the survey at the January meeting.

**Motion Passed**

**Budget request to BOCC**

After Board discussion it was moved by Liz Pike to ask the Board of Commissioners for \$2,000, seconded by Val Ogden. Moved by Val Ogden to amend to \$5,000, seconded by Garry Lucas. **Amendment passed. Motion passed as amended to \$5,000.**

**Close of Business Items**

**Good of the Order**

Liz Pike will be absent at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Primary Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

1. Carolyn Long, Professor from WSUV will be presenting at the next meeting.
2. Discuss the Executive/Manager question.

**Next Meeting Date/Location**

December 16, 2013, 6:00 p.m., Training Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center.