

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CLALLAM COUNTY
MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT WORK SESSION WITH THE
CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 21, 2004

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Clallam County held a joint work session with the Clallam County Board of Commissioners at the County Courthouse, 223 East 4th Street, Port Angeles, Washington, on the above date commencing at 11 a.m.

Commissioners present were: W.E. Purser, President; Hugh Haffner, Vice President; and Hugh E. Simpson, Jr., Secretary

Staff present were: Dennis Bickford, General Manager; Mike Kitz, Water & Wastewater Systems Superintendent; and Donna Hansen, Administrative Assistant.

Others present were: Mike Chapman, Clallam County Commissioner; Mike Doherty, Clallam County Commissioner; Steve Tharinger, Clallam County Commissioner; Fred DeFrang, Steve Gray, Bill Henry, Sr., Cindy Kelly, Michael Quinn, and Ed Tuttle.

County Commissioner Steve Tharinger opened this portion of the Clallam County Board of Commissioners regular work session at 11 a.m., explaining the purpose of the joint work session as an opportunity to talk about utilities and difficult issues faced by both the County and Clallam County PUD in some areas of the county.

Commissioner Haffner explained that the goal of Clallam County PUD is to serve the community with electrical infrastructure, water, sewer and now telecom authority. The issue of annexation should be separated from the goal of serving the community. The preliminary results of a PUD survey of water customers primarily in the Urban Growth Area east of Port Angeles showed that out of 500 people, about 80% said "no" to annexation.

A discussion of the planning zone LAMRID (limited area of more intensive rural development) followed.

County Commissioner Mike Doherty pointed out that the City of Port Angeles appears to have adequate water capacity. In the past, the separate local governments have worked together to provide services to the entire community as available, particular in light of reduced local revenue sources.

The County has been working with the City of Port Angeles for sewer in the east Urban Growth Area and on a scope of work for a consultant to accomplish a county-funded feasibility study. The funding for the cost of installing the main line and stubbing off for growth, capacity, pumping stations, etc. has not been determined.

County Commissioner Steve Tharinger explained the process of re-initiating a Boundary Review Board to consider issues such as this. The PUD could request this process if necessary.

County Commissioner Chapman stressed that this is a serious issue facing our community and requested staff arrange for a joint meeting of County, PUD, and Port Angeles City Council and develop an agenda. Mike Quinn agreed.

Revenue sharing options were discussed.

County Commissioner Mike Doherty thanked the PUD for its cooperation with the OPS-CAN project in the installation of the North Point line. All agencies benefit from this type of partnership, when those who have the best capabilities perform the necessary work.

This joint work session adjourned at 12:00 noon.