

A resolution related to the process for making appointments to various boards and commissions serving Clark County, Washington.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 27.12.130 and 27.12.190, with the Boards of County Commissioners of Skamania and Klickitat counties are through joint action to appoint a board of trustees for the Intercounty Rural Library District; and

WHEREAS, Clark, Skamania, and Klickitat counties have entered into an interlocal agreement setting forth a process for the appointment of trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 84.48.010 is to appoint a Board of Equalization to assist in the administration of property tax, providing an impartial citizen forum for property owners; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 35.63 RCW is to appoint a Clark County Planning Commission to make recommendations to the Board on matters related to land use regulation: and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to Clark County Code 13.30A.040 is to appoint a Clean Water Commission to represent a balanced interest in storm and surface water treatment and regulation; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to ensure a consistent public process for making such appointments; and

WHEREAS, the appointed County Administrator has recommended a policy and procedure to foster such consistency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County that the Board does hereby approve the recommendation, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

DATED this 24 day of January, 2006.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Attest:

James Richards
Deputy Clerk of the Board
Approved as to Form Only

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Marc Boldt, Chair

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CLARK COUNTY
WASHINGTON

DATE: January 4, 2006

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Bill Barron, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Appointment process for regional library board, similar bodies

Following is a recommended policy and procedure to ensure a consistent public procedure for appointing members of the Fort Vancouver Regional Library Board of Trustees. Additionally, I recommend that this approach serve as the model for consistent public processes for appointments to the Board of Equalization, Planning Commission, and Clean Water Commission.

For library board positions #1, #4, and #7, staff should be directed to issue an announcement to the news media, business organizations, neighborhood associations, and the county Web site on or about October 1, to recruit applicants for terms to begin the following January. Thus, the county would next call for applicants in October of 2007, 2008, and 2009 for those positions.

In case of an unexpired term, staff should be directed to initiate the process above as soon as possible. For vacancies of less than 120 days, the public announcement should call for applicants to fill the vacancy and a subsequent term.

This process contemplates a reasonable written application period, after which the Board would select applicants for interviews open to the public. In case of only one applicant, the applicant would be scheduled for an interview open to the public. Interview sessions would include opportunity for public comment before Board deliberation on a specific appointment.

Further, I recommend a BOCC letter to the boards of commissioners for Skamania and Klickitat advising them of Clark County's intention to follow this process when recommending Clark County residents for appointment to the library board. In addition, I suggest the letter ask Skamania and Klickitat counties to advise you of their plans for ensuring consistent public procedures for recommending residents from those counties to serve in positions #3 and #6.

Likewise, my recommendation includes a BOCC letter to the Mayor and Council of the City of Vancouver to advise them of the Clark County library board appointment process and to encourage them to adopt a comparable process, if they have not done so already.