

**Minutes  
Public Hearing of the  
PORT OF CENTRALIA  
November 6, 2019  
Port Administrative Office  
2:30 PM**

Present: Commissioners Julie Shaffley, Peter Lahmann, Dan Keahey; Executive Director Kyle Heaton  
Press: Susan Delaire, Business to Business  
Public: John Elmore; Joyce Barnes; Jan Banevich; Bob Jackins; Alicia Bull, Centralia-Chehalis Chamber of Commerce;

- 1) **Call Meeting to Order/Introductions:** Commissioner Shaffley called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.
- 2) **Review of Proposed 2020 Budget:** Kyle Heaton introduced Amy Graber, the Port's Director of Finance & Administration, and stated that she will be presenting the budget and answering any questions the Commissioners may have. Kyle Heaton stated the budget did not differ substantially from the preliminary budget. He continued that the Lewis County Assessor, Dianne Dorey, felt confident that property tax estimates would be available prior to the commissioners final meeting in November. Amy Graber gave a brief overview of the budget to the Port Commissioners.

Commissioner Lahmann questioned whether there was a time limit regarding the DOT funds. Mrs. Graber replied that they are released in increments and no, there was not an expiration date on them. Commissioner Lahmann questioned why there was not more detail in the budget, specifically under marketing and advertising. He asked who the Port of Centralia was using for marketing and advertising. Mrs. Graber responded that Lewis Talk, the Silver Agency and the Chamber of Commerce.

- 3) **Public Testimony:** John Elmore stated that he appreciated the Port of Centralia's efforts and hard work.

Commissioner Lahmann asked whether any commissioners had any input into the budget process. Mr. Heaton stated no and that the staff had prepared the budget and the Commissioner have until the next meeting in November to recommend any changes. Commissioner Lahmann asked whether there were raises this year reflected under salaries. Mr. Heaton stated final determinations on staff salaries had not been made at this point. Commissioner Lahmann stated he thought salaries should be broken out between administrative and commissioner salaries.

- 4) **Adjourn:** With no further public comment Commissioner Lahmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m. Commissioner Keahey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

  
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