



# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

(Must be submitted NLT 3PM Wednesday for next week agenda)

**Department: BOCC**

**WORK SESSION**

Meeting

**Date:**

**REGULAR AGENDA**  Meeting **Date:** 12/01/2009

**Required Originals Approved and Attached?**

Will Be Provided On:

## Item Summary:\*

- Call for Hearing
- Resolution
- Draft Ordinance

- Contract/Agreement/MOU\*\*
- Proclamation
- Final Ordinance

- Contract #
- Budget Item
- Other Proposed 2010 Budget Hearing

Documents exempt from public disclosure attached:

## Executive Summary:

The proposed 2010 Budget is hereby presented for final public hearing on December 1, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. and again at 6:00 p.m., both in the BOCC meeting room. Full documentation is also available online, at the County Web site at [www.Clallam.net](http://www.Clallam.net). Clallam County is not immune from the negative effects of the economic recession. General Fund Revenues (especially interest earnings, timber taxes, sales taxes and building permit fees) are projected to remain much lower than historical averages, and non-employee related costs (utilities, fuel, insurance, legal costs, and supplies) keep increasing at rates much greater than inflation. Without asking voters to approve new sources of revenue the resulting squeeze leaves the county in a position where it can really do only one of two things, cut essential services being offered to citizens, or use part of the "rainy day" reserves that were built up during better economic times. This budget was designed to maintain a consistent level of service, and despite a negative (-.63%) COLA for salaries together with a combination of lay offs and hiring freezes that results in a one-year reduction of 12.57 full time equivalent workers, still uses \$1.8 million of the \$11.5 million "rainy day" reserves to balance the budget. On the bright side, the county is able to provide some local economic stimulus through its Capital Projects, Opportunity and Road Funds that could see as much as \$20 million (mostly from outside grant sources) worth of work for local contractors. Significant differences between the 2009 and 2010 Budgets are as follows: Staffing is reduced, overall, by 12.57 full time equivalent workers and cost of living adjustments being made on 1/1/10 are negative for the first time ever; General Fund expenditures are reduced by \$147,668 from \$32,832,300 to \$32,684,632 reflecting the staffing reductions, offset by generally rising non-employee related costs. Total expenditures for all Funds are up \$9,055,277, reflecting increases in Public Works, Law and Justice and Other Services, while General Government, Internal Services, Public Health and Land Use and Development programs all decreased. Some changes are being recommended from the Budget documents presented on the web site, and are included in this packet. Other than moving money around within the budget, we are recommending increases in spending of \$37,650 from the Sheriff's Equipment Reserve Fund for Ballistic Vests; \$100,000 from the Capital Projects Fund for capital improvements; \$85,000 from the Opportunity Fund for a grant to the

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Port of P.A. for improvements needed to support the reopening of Pen Ply; and \$21,749 from the General Fund reflecting increases for the Local Government Initiative Funding and restoration of support for the Health and Human Services, Alcohol/Drug Abuse Fund.

**Budgetary Impact:**(Is there a monetary impact? If so, are funds for this already allocated or is a budget change necessary? If this is a contract and a budget change is necessary, the budget change form must be submitted with the item at work session and for the regular agenda) **If a budget Action is required, has it been submitted and a copy attached?**

This is the 2010 Budget.

**Recommended Action:**(Does the Board need to act? If so, what is the department's recommendation?)

Hold the hearings, suggest desired changes, if any, and approve the budget resolutions.

**County Official Signature:**



**Date Submitted:** 12/25/2009