



**City and Borough of Wrangell  
Borough Assembly Meeting  
AGENDA**

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**October 28, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Assembly Chambers, City Hall**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Assembly Member Becky Rooney
- b. INVOCATION to be given by Nettie Covalt with the Presbyterian Church
- c. CEREMONIAL MATTERS – *Community Presentations, Proclamations, Certificates of Service, Guest Introductions*
  - i. Certificates of Service:
    - *Kipha Valvoda* *Planning & Zoning Commission*
    - *Rudy Briskar* *Economic Development Committee*
    - *Peter Helgeson* *Nolan Museum/Civic Center Board*

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

**4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Items (\*) 6a, 7a, & 7b

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- \*a. Minutes of the Special Assembly meeting held October 13, 2014; Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held October 14, 2014

**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

- \*a. Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held August 18, 2014
- \*b. Email correspondence from Stephen Todd, Bonnie Demerjian, Walter Moorhead, Marlene Clarke, and Gary Morrison

**8. BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

**9. BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE**

**10. MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Reports by Assembly Members
- b. Appointment of an Assembly Member to the Code Review Committee
- c. Appointment to fill the vacancy on the Nolan Museum/Civic Center Board
- d. Appointment to fill the vacancies on the SEAPA Board (1 voting/1 alternate)

**11. PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Approval to enter as a friend of the Court instead of an intervener in the Big Thorne Timber Sale issue

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of the Wrangell Capital Project Requests for FY 2015-16
- b. Approval of a Budget Amendment for the purpose of hiring a State Legislative Lobbyist
- c. Approval to hire a State Legislative Lobbyist

**14. ATTORNEY'S FILE**

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

# Agenda Items 1 - 6

## CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

### BOROUGH ASSEMBLY

#### AGENDA ITEM

October 28, 2014

#### **ITEM NO. 1 CALL TO ORDER:**

**INFORMATION:** *The Mayor, by code, is required to call the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Special meetings or continued meetings may be called for at differing times but at the same location. Notice of such will be required by the Borough Clerk. The Mayor will call the meeting to order according to such special or continued meeting notice. At all meetings of the assembly, four assembly members or three members and the mayor shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number less than a quorum may adjourn a meeting to a later date.*

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Mayor, as presiding officer, is to call the meeting of the Borough Assembly to order, with the following actions to follow:

- a. Pledge of Allegiance to be given by Assembly Member Becky Rooney
- b. Invocation to be given by Nettie Covalt with the Presbyterian Church
- c. Ceremonial Matters – *Community Presentations, Proclamations, Certificates of Service, Guest Introduction*
  - i. Certificates of Service:
    - Kipha Valvoda *Planning & Zoning Commission*
    - Rudy Briskar *Economic Development Committee*
    - Peter Helgeson *Nolan Museum/Civic Center Board*

#### **ITEM NO. 2 ROLL CALL – BOROUGH CLERK:**

**INFORMATION:** *The Borough Clerk shall conduct a roll call of each elected and duly qualified Assembly Member. Such call shall result in an entry of those present or absent from the meeting. The roll call is primarily utilized in determining if sufficient member(s) are present to conduct a meeting. The Borough Clerk may randomly change the conduct of the roll to be fair to the members of the governing body unless the council determined an adopted procedure for roll call which is different than currently in use.*

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Borough Clerk to conduct a roll call by voice vote. Each member to signify by saying here, present (or equal) to give evidence of attendance.

**ITEM NO. 3 AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:**

**INFORMATION:** *The assembly may amend the agenda at the beginning of its meeting. The outline of the agenda shall be as from time to time prescribed and amended by resolution of the assembly. (WMC 3.04.100)*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Mayor should request of the members if there are any amendments to the posted agenda. **THE MAYOR MAY RULE ON ANY REQUEST OR THE ASSEMBLY MEMBERS MAY VOTE ON EACH AMENDMENT.**

**ITEM NO. 4 CONFLICT OF INTEREST:**

**INFORMATION:** *The purpose of this agenda item is to set reasonable standards of conduct for elected and appointed public officials and for city employees, so that the public may be assured that its trust in such persons is well placed and that the officials and employees themselves are aware of the high standards of conduct demanded of persons in like office and position.*

*An elected city official may not participate in any official action in which he/she or a member of his/her household has a substantial financial interest.*

**ITEM NO. 5 CONSENT AGENDA:**

**INFORMATION:** *Items listed on the Consent Agenda or marked with an asterisk (\*) are considered part of the Consent Agenda and will be passed in one motion unless the item has been removed by an Assembly Member or the Mayor and placed on the regular agenda under Unfinished Business.*

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Move to approve those Agenda items listed under the Consent Agenda and those marked with an asterisk (\*) Items:

**\*6a, 7a & 7b**

**ITEM NO. 6 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**INFORMATION:**

**6a** *Minutes of the Special Assembly meeting held October 13, 2014; Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Assembly meetings held October 14, 2014*

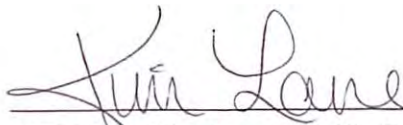
# *CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE*

The City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
Presents this Certificate of Service to:

**Kipha Valvoda**

for his service and dedication on the Planning & Zoning Commission  
from:

*2012 – October 2014*



ATTEST: Kim Lane, CMC, Borough Clerk

Dated this 28th day of October, 2014



David L. Jack, Mayor



# *CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE*

The City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
Presents this Certificate of Service to:

**Rudy Briskar**

for his service and dedication on the Economic Development Committee  
from:

*2013 – October 2014*

*Kim Lane*

ATTEST: Kim Lane, CMC, Borough Clerk

Dated this 28th day of October, 2014

*David L. Jack*

David L. Jack, Mayor



# *CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE*

The City & Borough of Wrangell, Alaska  
Presents this Certificate of Service to:

**Peter Helgeson**

for his service and dedication on the Nolan Museum/Civic Center Board  
from:

*2008 – October 2014*

*Kim Lane*

ATTEST: Kim Lane, CMC, Borough Clerk

Dated this 28th day of October, 2014

*David L. Jack*

David L. Jack, Mayor



**Minutes of Public Hearing  
Held October 14, 2014**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m., October 14, 2014, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Mitchell, Decker, Blake, Prysunka, and Rooney were present. Assembly Member McCloskey was absent. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

**Public Hearing Items**

- a. PROPOSED ORDINANCE No 887 (am): AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING, AND ADDING NEW A NEW CHAPTER AND NEW SECTIONS, TO TITLE 7 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, ANIMALS (*second reading-amended*)
- b. PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 889: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE MINOR OFFENSE FINE SCHEDULE IN CHAPTER 1.20, GENERAL PENALTY, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE (*second reading*)

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

There was no written testimony.

**ORAL TESTIMONY**

**Susan Wise-Eagle, 9.5 Mile Zimovia Hwy.**, requested that the Assembly make various changes to Proposed Ordinance No. 887 (am) with regards to Dogs At-Large.

**Christina Florschutz, 11.2 Mile Zimovia Hwy.**, commented on Proposed Ordinance No. 887 (am) with regards to the City & Borough At-large; requested that the Assembly look at what laws should be for just the Business District and what laws should be for the whole Borough.

**Dave Sweat, Lot 1, Block 1, Olive Cove Subdivision**, spoke in opposition of Proposed Ordinance No. 887 (am).

Public Hearing recessed at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing reconvened at 7:02 p.m.

**Dave Sweat** continued with his comments on Proposed Ordinance No. 887 (am).

Public Hearing Adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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David L. Jack, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Lane, CMC, Borough Clerk



**Minutes of Special Assembly Meeting  
Held October 13, 2014**

Mayor David Jack called the Special Assembly meeting to order at 12:00 p.m., October 13, 2014, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Blake, Wiederspohn, Rooney, and Mitchell were present. Assembly Member Decker arrived at 12:01 p.m. Assembly Member McCloskey was absent. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane were also in attendance.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Assembly Member Blake stated that he may have a conflict of interest since his spouse was one of those who were being elected to office. Mayor Jack stated that he did not see that he had a conflict of interest. There was no objection from the Assembly.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

There were no persons to be heard.

**ITEMS OF BUSINESS**

**5a** Certification of Election Results for the October 1, 2013 Regular Election

*M/S: Mitchell/Wiederspohn, that the Borough Assembly of the City and Borough of Wrangell, Alaska, hereby certifies the results of the Regular Election held October 7, 2014, as prepared by the Canvass Board, and that the following persons were elected into the office:*

<i>David L. Jack</i>	<i>Borough Mayor</i>	<i>Two Year Term</i>
<i>Mark Mitchell</i>	<i>Borough Assembly</i>	<i>Three Year Term</i>
<i>Stephen Prysunka</i>	<i>Borough Assembly</i>	<i>Three Year Term</i>
<i>Becky Rooney</i>	<i>Borough Assembly</i>	<i>One Year (unexpired term)</i>
<i>Walter Moorhead</i>	<i>Port Commission</i>	<i>Three Year Term</i>
<i>Susan Eagle</i>	<i>School Board</i>	<i>Three Year Term</i>
<i>Beth Blake</i>	<i>Hospital Board</i>	<i>Four Year Term</i>

*Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

**5b** Distribute Certificates of Services

Mayor Jack distributed Certificates of Services to:

- Maxlyn Wiederspohn, Assembly Member
- Brennon Eagle, Port Commission
- Megan Clark, Hospital Board

**5c** Administer Oath of Office

Borough Clerk Lane administered Oath of Office to all members except Susan Eagle, Beth Blake, and Cori Robinson who were absent.

Special meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

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David L. Jack, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Lane, Borough Clerk

**Minutes of Regular Assembly Meeting  
Held on October 14, 2014**

Mayor David L. Jack called the Regular Assembly meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., October 14, 2014, in the Borough Assembly Chambers. Assembly Members Mitchell, Wiederspohn, Rooney, Decker, and Blake were present. Assembly Member Decker McCloskey arrived at 7:43 p.m. Borough Manager Jeff Jabusch and Borough Clerk Kim Lane was also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Assembly Member Julie Decker.

Invocation was given by Lynne Olgren with the Island of Faith Lutheran Church.

**CEREMONIAL MATTERS** – *Community Presentations, Proclamations, Certificates of Service, Guest Introductions*

Mayor Jack presented a Certificate of Service for Kimmy (Krissy) Smith for her service on the School Board.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Mayor Jack requested that, due to a possible Conflict of Interest of multiple Assembly Members, Item 13a be moved down below Item 13g on the Agenda. He stated that we were awaiting a call from the Borough Attorney and that if need be, Manager Jabusch would call the Attorney before this item was addressed. There was no objection to the amendment from the Assembly.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*M/S: Blake/Decker, to approve Consent Agenda Items marked with an (\*) asterisk; 6a & 7a. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Regular Assembly meeting held on September 23, 2014 were approved, as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

\*a Letter of Permission (POA-2014-326) from the Dept. of the Army Corps of Engineers to Mr. Burrell Byford

**BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Borough Manager Jabusch's report was provided.

In addition, *Marla Sanger, Wrangell Medical Center's CEO*, provided an in depth update on the Wrangell Medical Center New Facility Project.

**BOROUGH CLERK'S FILE**

Borough Clerk Lane's report was provided.

**MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS**

**10a** Reports by Assembly Members – None.

**10b** Appointment of Vice-Mayor

*M/S: Decker/McCloskey, to appoint Daniel Blake as the Vice-Mayor. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.*

**10c** Appointment of an Assembly Member as the Hospital Board Liaison

Assembly Member Prysunka expressed his interest in being the liaison for the Hospital Board. He stated that he wasn't sure if he had a Conflict of Interest though since his wife has a contract with the hospital for their long term care and as their swing bed director. After brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Assembly that there was no conflict. Mayor Jack appointed Prysunka as the Hospital Board Liaison.

**10d** City Boards and Committee Appointments

With the consensus of the Assembly, Mayor Jack appointed the following individuals to the various Boards and Committees:

**Planning & Zoning Commission** – *Don McConachie and Dorothy Hunt-Sweat – 3 year terms*

**Parks & Recreation Board** – *Cindy Martin and Grover Mathis – 3 year terms*

**Wrangell Convention & Visitors Bureau** – *Leslie Cummings & Corree Delabrué – 3 year terms*

**Economic Development Committee** – *Kim Covalt and Julie Decker – 3 year terms*

**Nolan Museum/Civic Center Board** – *As there were no letters received for this vacancy, Mayor Jack directed the Borough Clerk to begin advertising for the vacancy.*

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD** – None.

Recessed at 7:54 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:59 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**12a** PROPOSED ORDINANCE No 887 (am): AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING, AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER AND NEW SECTIONS, TO TITLE 7 OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE, ANIMALS (*second reading-amended*)

*M/S: Rooney/Mitchell, to approve Ordinance No. 887, as amended, and that on page 9, under section 7.08.045 (A) after “competent voice control of the dog”, to add: “or dog is under keepers control via electronic device”, and to delete Section 7.08.045 (D).*

*M/S: Decker/Mitchell, to amend the main motion to change the definition on page 2, letter H, At large, to add after “restraint”... “under voice control, or on private property with owner consent”.*

Assembly Member McCloskey requested clarification on exactly what the proposed changes were.

*Amendment approved unanimously by polled vote.*

*M/S: Blake/Mitchell, to amend the main motion, as amended to remove the word “confined” from Section 7.08.030 (B). Amendment approved unanimously by polled vote.*

Assembly Member Decker stated that it might be a good idea in the future to look at in City Boundaries Proper vs. Borough Boundaries.

***Main motion, as amended, was approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**12b** PROPOSED ORDINANCE No. 889: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, AMENDING THE MINOR OFFENSE FINE SCHEDULE IN CHAPTER 1.20, GENERAL PENALTY, OF THE WRANGELL MUNICIPAL CODE (*second reading*)

***M/S: McCloskey/Rooney, to approve Ordinance No. 889. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**13a** Approval to send a letter of support on behalf of AICS for a grant to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Manager Jabusch stated that he had spoken with the Borough Attorney with regards to the possible Conflict of Interest. He requested that we take a short recess to discuss what the Borough Attorney had said with the Mayor.

Recessed at 8:11 p.m.

Reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

Mayor Jack stated item 13a would be moved back up to its original location on the Agenda since we did receive an answer from the Borough Attorney. There was no objection from the Assembly.

***M/S: Blake/Rooney, to approve a letter of Support on behalf of AICS to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for a Grant to develop additional housing units for incoming health professionals.***

Manager Jabusch explained that if a member of the Assembly perceived that they had a Conflict of Interest to this item because of their business, the Borough Attorney said that they could state why they believed that they had a conflict. They Mayor would then rule on if there was a Conflict of Interest or not. Then, if a member of the Assembly did not agree with the Mayor's ruling, they would need to make a motion. That motion would then be voted on by the Assembly.

Assembly Member Decker declared that she had a potential Conflict of Interest since she has a rental below her home. In response to Mayor Jack, Decker stated that she had never rented to A.I.C.S. and would probably not rent to A.I.C.S. since they have remained full. Mayor Jack ruled that Decker did not have a Conflict of Interest.

Assembly Member McCloskey declared that she had a potential Conflict of Interest since she has a rental. She stated that the rental is full and she does not anticipate the renters leaving anytime soon. Mayor Jack ruled that McCloskey did not have a Conflict of Interest.

Assembly Member Prysunka declared that he had a B&B business and that he rented actively to A.I.C.S. people. Mayor Jack declared that he had a Conflict of Interest.

Assembly Member Rooney declared that she also had a B&B business and that she also rented actively to A.I.C.S. people. Mayor Jack declared that she had a Conflict of Interest.

In response to Rooney, Clerk Lane stated that because Rooney had seconded the motion, someone else would need to second the motion. ***Mitchell seconded the motion.***

***Valerie Jenson, Chief Operations Officer for A.I.C.S., P.O. Box 1422,*** explained that A.I.C.S. was intending on refurbishing the apartments that were there; not exclusive to A.I.C.S. employees though and could be rented long-term to health care professionals as well.

***Motion approved by polled vote, with Rooney and Prysunka not voting.***

**13b** Approval to cancel the November 25, 2014 Regular Assembly Meeting

***M/S: McCloskey/Rooney, to approve canceling the Regular Assembly meeting of November 25, 2014 and to have only one Regular Assembly meeting on November 12, 2014. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13c** PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 10-14-1304: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE LIBRARY ASSISTANT II

***M/S: Rooney/Mitchell, to approve Resolution No. 10-14-1304, updating the job description for the Library Assistant II position. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13d** PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 10-14-1305: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE LIGHT PLANT SECRETARY

***M/S: Blake/McCloskey, to approve Resolution No. 10-14-1305, updating the job description for the Light Plant Secretary.***

In response to Assembly Member McCloskey, Manager Jabusch stated that proper training would be provided for this position.

***Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13e** Approval of a Professional Services Contract to Jensen Yorba Lott for the Facilities Condition Survey on the Swimming Pool and Community Center

***M/S: Decker/Blake, to authorize the Borough Manager to issue a contract to Jensen Yorba Lott for professional architectural and engineering services in a fixed fee amount of \$30,000, with funds to be paid from a grant received from the State of Alaska, DCCED, for the Facilities Condition Assessment project. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

**13f** Discussion and possible action to join as interveners in the lawsuit regarding the Big Thorne Timber Sale on Prince of Whales (POW) (*agenda item added at the request of Assembly Member Decker*)

Assembly Member Decker requested that the Assembly get involved either as an intervener or in an amicus brief process. Decker asked Mr. George Woodbury to comment on this issue.

**George Woodbury, 5.5 Mile Shoemaker Loop Rd.**, provided extensive information on how this issue could affect Wrangell and on what the City's options were.

After extensive discussion from Mr. Woodbury and the Assembly, it was the consensus of the Assembly to direct the Borough Manager to contact the Borough Attorney and find out what the Attorney believed would be in the best interest of the Borough.

**13g** PROPOSED RESOLUTION No. 10-14-1306: A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL, ALASKA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE CUSTODIAN – LIGHT MAINTENANCE POSITION

***M/S: Decker/Rooney, to approve Resolution No. 10-14-1306, updating the job description for the Custodian – Light Maintenance position. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

ATTORNEY'S FILE – None.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**15a** To discuss the review process for the documents on the laptop currently with Digital Securus per the terms of the Settlement Agreement in Wrangell v Rea

***M/S: Prysunka/Decker, Move pursuant to 44.62.320 (c) (2), that we recess into executive session to discuss matters, the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the Borough; specifically to discuss the review process for the documents on the laptop currently with Digital Securus per the terms of the Settlement Agreement in Wrangell v Rea. Motion approved unanimously by polled vote.***

Recessed in to Executive Session at 9:04 p.m.

Reconvened back into Regular Meeting at 10:13 p.m.

Mayor Jack announced that there was no further business to discuss.

Meeting adjourned at: 10:13 p.m.

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David L. Jack, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kim Lane, CMC, Borough Clerk

# Agenda Item 7

## CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

### BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AGENDA ITEM October 28, 2014

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

INFORMATION: The Assembly may receive items for Communications, reasons only which do not require separate action. This is an avenue to keep the Assembly informed, for the public to enter items on the record, if necessary. The Assembly also receives agenda communications directly by their constituents, Borough Manager, other agencies' Officers and Department Directors.

**A MAIL BOX IS ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE BOROUGH CLERK'S OFFICE FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY AND SHOULD BE CHECKED ON A ROUTINE SCHEDULE.**

All items appearing under Communications on the Agenda have been approved under the Consent Agenda unless removed by an Assembly Member or the Mayor and placed on the regular agenda under Unfinished Business.

- \*a Minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held August 18, 2014
- \*b Correspondence regarding the Big Thorne Timber Sale lawsuit from:
  1. Mr. Stephen Todd
  2. Ms. Bonnie Demerjian
  3. Walter Moorhead
  4. Marlene Clarke
  5. Gary Morrison



## PROCEEDINGS

### MINUTES

#### WRANGELL SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

August 18, 2014; 6:30 PM

Evergreen Elementary School Room 101-Intermediate

Vice-president Susan Eagle called the regular meeting of the Wrangell Public School Board to order at 6:30 P.M. on August 18, 2014.

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was determined with the following school board members present: Tammy Groshong, Rinda Howell and Krissy Smith. Susan Eagle and Cyni Waddington were absent, excused. Also present was Superintendent Patrick Mayer and Recording Secretary Kimberly Powell.

DETERMINE QUORUM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Tammy Groshong.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

There were no guests to be heard.

GUESTS TO BE HEARD

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the items on the consent agenda as presented by Krissy Smith; seconded by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Tammy Groshong: Yes; Krissy Smith: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

- Approved the minutes of the June 16, 2014 Regular School Board Meeting
- Approved the minutes of the June 23, 2014 Special School Board Meeting
- Removed Computer #820 from the inventory database as presented

Information & Reports were accepted by unanimous consent.

ACCEPTED INFORMATION & REPORTS

Motion to support the AASB areas of focus by Tammy Groshong; seconded by Krissy Smith. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

SUPPORTED THE AASB AREAS OF FOCUS

Reviewed Board Policy as it relates to the Crisis Plan:

- #6113, School Closure
- #6114, Crisis Response Plan
- #6114.4, Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies

REVIEWED BOARD POLICY AS IT RELATES TO THE CRISIS PLAN

The School Board reviewed the Site Crisis Plan. Board Member Smith asked if the school is still using lock down procedures since its in conflict with the training provided by Officer Jim Nelson in the spring. Superintendent Mayer replied that he just returned from FEMA Crisis Plan training. Mat Su was also contemplating ALICE procedures but are rethinking their decision. The district will be looking into the lock down procedures carefully over the next several months.

REVIEWED SITE CRISIS PLAN

Motion to approve the application of the Carl Perkins Vocational Education Grant, the ESEA Consolidated Grant and the Indian Education Grant as presented by Krissy Smith; seconded by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Tammy Groshong: Yes; Krissy Smith: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVED THE APPLICATION OF GRANTS

Motion to accept the Migrant Education Program Grant Award in the amount of \$1,600.00 by Tammy Groshong, seconded by Krissy Smith. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

ACCEPTED THE MIGRANT EDUCATION BOOK PROGRAM GRANT AWARD

Motion to accept the Nutritional Alaskan Food for School Grant Award in the amount of \$24,328.00 by Tammy Groshong, seconded by Krissy Smith. Poll vote: Tammy Groshong: Yes; Krissy Smith: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

ACCEPTED THE NUTRITIONAL ALASKAN FOOD FOR SCHOOL GRANT AWARD

Motion to approve the Special Education Grant Application as presented by Krissy Smith; seconded by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVED THE SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION

Motion to accept the Upward Bound Grant Sub-award as presented by Tammy Groshong, seconded by Krissy Smith. Poll vote: Tammy Groshong: Yes; Krissy Smith: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

ACCEPTED THE UPWARD BOUND GRANT SUB AWARD

**CITY CLERK**  
**OCT 16 2014**  
**RECEIVED**

Motion to offer Jack Carney a contract addendum in the amount of \$10,003.52 to serve as Activities Director during the 2014-2015 school year by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED JACK CARNEY  
A CONTRACT  
ADDENDUM AS  
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Motion to offer Ms. Jennifer Davies a contract addendum for five additional days at her per diem rate for a total of \$1,642.65 in order to prepare the secondary special education department for the school year by Krissy Smith, seconded by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Tammy Groshong: Yes; Krissy Smith: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED JENNIFER  
DAVIES A CONTRACT  
ADDENDUM FOR  
SPECIAL EDUCATION

Motion to offer Mrs. Deidre Jenson a contract addendum in the amount of \$1,000.00 to serve as Federal Programs Director July 1 - August 15, 2014 by Tammy Groshong, seconded by Krissy Smith. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED DEIDRE  
JENSON A CONTRACT  
ADDENDUM AS FEDERAL  
PROGRAMS DIRECTOR

Motion to offer Mrs. Deidre Jenson a contract addendum in the amount of \$4,000.00 to serve as Special Education Coordinator during the 2014-2015 school year by Krissy Smith, seconded by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED DEIDRE  
JENSON A CONTRACT  
ADDENDUM AS SPECIAL  
EDUCATION  
COORDINATOR

Motion to offer Mr. Drew Larrabee a contract addendum in the amount of \$4,500.00 to serve as the CTE and Carl Perkins Grant Coordinator during the 2014-2015 school year by Krissy Smith, seconded by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED DREW  
LARRABEE A CONTRACT  
ADDENDUM FOR CTE  
AND CARL PERKINS  
COORDINATOR

Motion to offer Lisa Nikodym a contract addendum for twenty additional days at her per diem rate for a total of \$7,277.40 to complete required counseling responsibilities by Tammy Groshong, seconded by Krissy Smith. Poll vote: Tammy Groshong: Yes; Krissy Smith: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED LISA NIKODYM  
A CONTRACT  
ADDENDUM TO  
COMPLETE COUNSELING  
DUTIES

Motion to offer Mrs. Therese Pempek a contract to serve as Upward Bound Coordinator for the 2014-2015 school year by Tammy Groshong, seconded by Krissy Smith. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED THERESE  
PEMPEK A CONTRACT  
AS UPWARD BOUND  
COORDINATOR

Motion to offer Laurie Brown an extracurricular contract for the position of Middle School Girls Head Basketball Coach for the 2014-2015 school year pending receipt of a satisfactory pre-employment drug test by Krissy Smith, seconded by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED LAURIE  
BROWN AN  
EXTRACURRICULAR  
CONTRACT AS MIDDLE  
SCHOOL GIRLS HEAD  
BASKETBALL COACH

Motion to offer Barbara Neyman an extracurricular contract for the position of Middle School Yearbook Advisor for the 2014-2015 school year by Tammy Groshong, seconded by Krissy Smith. Poll vote: Tammy Groshong: Yes; Krissy Smith: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED BARBARA  
NEYMAN AN  
EXTRACURRICULAR  
CONTRACT AS MIDDLE  
SCHOOL YEARBOOK  
ADVISOR

Motion to offer Sydney Reed an extracurricular contract for the position of Drama, Debate and Forensics Coach for the 2014-2015 school year pending receipt of a satisfactory pre-employment drug test and a satisfactory criminal background check by Krissy Smith, seconded by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

OFFERED SYDNEY REED  
AN EXTRACURRICULAR  
CONTRACT AS DDF  
COACH

Motion to approve the hire of Jessica Rooney as Secondary Office Aide pending the receipt of a satisfactory criminal background check by Tammy Groshong, seconded by Krissy Smith. Poll vote: Tammy Groshong: Yes; Krissy Smith: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVED THE HIRE OF  
JESSICA ROONEY AS  
SECONDARY OFFICE  
AIDE

The School Board Members discussed the Paraprofessional Column D Salary and Benefits. Rinda Howell asked Superintendent Mayer to address the Paraprofessional Column D Salary and Benefits. Mr. Mayer said that he included the items of discussion from the previous administration. He included a spreadsheet showing the additional cost of adding benefits and increasing salary. Mrs. Smith said that she had requested information about the possible need of more aide time with the full-time kindergarten. Mrs. Jenson said that the paraprofessionals are program aides, not necessarily assigned to a particular classroom all day. Mrs. Smith feels that we should bump salaries up enough to keep our paraprofessionals from leaving the district to find a job with benefits. We don't necessarily need to offer health benefits if we increase wages. Mr. Mayer said that he is collecting data from other districts to compare our wages. Rinda Howell said we should also look at a district from Washington or Oregon. Mrs. Groshong said that if we had an excess of money, she'd love to pay aides more. She doesn't feel that we have the money to offer a higher salary without cutting other programs. Mr. Mayer told the board that when the district negotiates with the teachers union, we also review the classified salary schedule. He feels that that next year during negotiations would be the appropriate time to bring it back for review. Mrs. Howell pointed out that when we reduced hours, we also increased the paraprofessional salaries so that they made the same amount even though they work fewer hours.

DISCUSSED  
PARAPROFESSIONAL  
COLUMN D SALARY AND  
BENEFITS

Motion to accept the first reading of Board Policy #3560, Food Service, #3553, Free and Reduced Priced Meals and #3554, Other Food Sales as presented by Krissy Smith, seconded by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

ACCEPTED THE FIRST  
READING OF BOARD  
POLICY

Reviewed Board Policy #4111, Recruitment and Selection.

REVIEWED BOARD  
POLICY  
ACCEPTED THE FIRST  
READING OF BOARD  
POLICY

Motion to accept the first reading of Board Policy #4112.1, Contracts, Board Policy #4115, Certified Personnel Evaluation/Supervision, #4119.21, Code of Ethics and Board Policy #6010, Goals and Objectives as presented by Tammy Groshong. Seconded by Krissy Smith. Poll vote: Tammy Groshong: Yes; Krissy Smith: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

Reviewed Board Policy:

- #6020, Parent Involvement
- #8100, Elementary and Secondary Grade Structure
- #8120, Instructional Planning

REVIEWED BOARD  
POLICY

Motion to approve the contract with SERRC in the amount of \$6,478.00 for administration of our Computerized Maintenance System by Krissy Smith, seconded by Tammy Groshong. Poll vote: Krissy Smith: Yes; Tammy Groshong: Yes; Rinda Howell: Yes. Motion approved.

APPROVED THE  
CONTRACT WITH SERRC  
RE COMPUTERIZED  
MAINTENANCE SYSTEM

Reviewed the Upcoming Dates and Meeting Announcements

REVIEWED THE  
UPCOMING DATES

Reviewed Future Agenda Items

REVIEWED FUTURE  
AGENDA ITEMS

Tammy Groshong said that it looks like we're off to a good start.

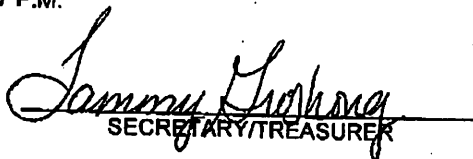
PRESIDENT  
REMARKS/COMMENTS  
FROM SCHOOL BOARD  
MEMBERS

Krissy Smith announced that she would be resigning from the school board in order to allow her children to be eligible to apply for positions with the school. It took a long time for the commissioner to apply for a waiver for her daughter Stephanie to be rehired to work with an intensive special education student.

Rinda Howell won't be here September 15. She welcomed our new staff members.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

ADJOURNED AT 7:27 P.M.

  
SECRETARY/TREASURER



Oct 15, 2014

Mayor Jack and Wrangell Borough Assembly  
City and Borough of Wrangell  
PO Box 531  
Wrangell, Alaska 99929

Dear Mayor Jack and Borough Assembly Members,

I listened to last night's assembly meeting with interest concerning the discussion regarding the Big Thorne timber sale and the Assembly's desire to potentially become an intervening party in the associated lawsuit. I want to provide another perspective on this subject, and ask that you reconsider having the City and Borough of Wrangell become an intervening party in this suit. In an effort to fully disclose information about myself: I am on the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, a group that has filed suit in this case. I am, however, writing this letter on behalf of myself as a community member and 15-year Wrangell resident.

I want to thank the Assembly for staying up to date on this issue and attempting to look out for Wrangell's best interest in regards to timber resource use. Last night I heard and appreciated a couple of Assembly Members express interest in seeing that our community keeps a seat at the table in discussions regarding timber resources in Southeast Alaska, and that we do as much as possible to support our local mill. I agree with these sentiments completely. However, I do not believe that having Wrangell intervene in this lawsuit is the best way to achieve these goals.

I buy lumber from and support our small, local mills in the region whenever possible, and am currently in the process of a major home remodel using lumber primarily produced locally. I believe that these high, value-added mills are the future of the timber industry in Southeast Alaska. There are dozens of these operators across the region from Ketchikan to Gustavus. These businesses maximize the local jobs per log cut. The entrepreneurs base these businesses on a more sustainable economic model and help make our communities more resilient than the boom/bust economies of the past.

The Big Thorne sale would cut around 100 million board feet of old-growth timber in a relatively short amount of time. It is an export-driven project that leaves communities in the wake of large, industrial scale clear-cuts. Anyone that has spent time in the Big Thorne project area can attest to the fact that this sale goes back and lays new clear-cuts in between older clear-cuts. It goes in and gets what is left on a landscape that has already been heavily logged. No doubt this sale could provide a short term boom as some wood is sawed at Viking, while up to 50% of the logs are allowed to go out to export. But the real issue at hand is a matter of scale. The Big Thorne sale is too much, too fast. Where is the long-term vision for a more sustainable industry? Where is the planning that truly supports the small, local mills that provide family wage jobs for many decades to come, versus the old model of letting millions of board feet of logs go out on export ships in the short term. Jobs and opportunity go out with those logs. I encourage the City and Borough of Wrangell to work with the Forest Service to see that the local operators that produce a high value-added lumber product are supported with appropriately-scaled timber sales.

My view is that the City and Borough of Wrangell should not intervene in this suit, primarily, for two reasons.

The first reason is that I do not believe that the Wrangell municipal government intervening in this suit adequately represents the broad spectrum of public opinion. Our community is made up of folks from all walks of life with diverse views on industrial-scale, clear-cutting on public land. To have the City and Borough use public resources to

intervene in this case and fall lock step with big timber interest groups does a disservice to community members in Wrangell that have a different perspective.

The second reason that I believe that Wrangell should not intervene in the suit is because the Big Thorne sale sets a very bad precedent for the Wrangell Island sale. In the meeting last night, Mr. Woodbury stated that he wanted a 100 or 200 million board foot sale on Wrangell Island. I encourage folks to drive or hike out the road on the island, and envision what this means on the ground. For scale, consider that the Mental Health clear-cuts at 7 mile contained approximately 8 million board feet of timber. While driving or hiking around Wrangell Island, try to envision Mr. Woodbury's wish of up to 200 million board feet of new clear cuts - that's 25 times the size of the clear-cut at 7 mile - placed in between all of the existing clear-cuts. Is this our vision for Wrangell Island? What happens after these valuable logs are gone in a relatively short amount of time? How do small, local operators make a high-value product for decades to come off of the road system after this amount of timber is clear-cut and shipped off of the island?

Or can we be more creative - working to achieve a local-based timber economy that does not depend on unsustainable projects like Big Thorne? Can we work to find ways to maximize jobs per logs cut? Can this community work to create value-added timber jobs for the long term, without being lured by the short-sighted boom/bust economy of the past? I believe we can. It will be hard work, and it will take a forward thinking approach that builds on the positive momentum of Wrangell's diversifying economy.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Todd". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Stephen Todd

p.s. When you get a chance, check out this Southeast Alaska small mill guide:

<http://issuu.com/seacc/docs/smallmillsbooklet/?e=4339489/1090628>

**Kim Lane**

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**From:** Bonnie Demerjian <:t>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 9:22 AM  
**To:** clerk@wrangell.com  
**Subject:** Big Thorne

I am writing to object to city funds being spent to become an intervening party in the Big Thorne sale. I do not believe that the city should be involved in an issue that benefits a private corporation, particularly since the benefits to Wrangell are doubtful. I ask that the Borough Council refrain from taking action on this matter.

Bonnie Demerjian  
PO Box  
Wrangell, Ak 99929

Sent from my iPad=

Dear Mayor Jack and Assembly Members,

This past week the Assembly entertained the idea of involving itself as a supporter on one side of the lawsuit arising out of the controversial Big Thorne Timber sale. I hope due consideration will lead you to conclude that this is an action beyond the role of our Assembly.

I feel this way for a number of reasons:

1. You have heard from only one side on this issue, and are ill prepared to render an opinion as a group. Such an action may very well just add to the noise level with no additional clarity. This is not your job, it is what the court is there for.
2. There has been no assessment of the mix of Wrangell citizens who are for or against joining in this suit, or if the citizens even feel that this is an issue needing our input at all. These are the citizens you serve, how can you know them to be unanimous in supporting one side?
3. Ideally these matters should be decided on the merit of hard data, science, economics, and common sense. A full hearing of all the facts is a cornerstone of a fair trial. This is the purpose of the judicial hearing, to air the testimony of experts for rational objective consideration. To campaign for an outcome before the arguments are presented dilutes and cheapens this process, and makes for a higher chance of a poor decision based on persuasion and opinion.

I urge you to let the judicial process go forward, with the parties each having the opportunity to present their case with a minimum of theatric adornment.

Sincerely,  
Walter Moorhead  
117 Mt. Dewey Lane  
Wrangell, AK

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A Dall Sheep found in the wilds of Alaska, one of the last great frontiers on earth.  
Photo by Ron Sanford

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I am opposed to the  
Project of the City  
& Borough of Wrangell  
spending \$500,000 to  
join a suit with  
private big timber  
interest.  
Marlene Claude  
PO Box 1000  
Wrangell, AK  
99929

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City & Borough of  
Wrangell  
Attn: Kim Lane  
Box 531  
Wrangell, AK 99929

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INSIDE PASSAGE

Petroglyph Beach, Wrangell, Alaska  
These mysterious and beautiful carved rocks  
dot the beach here.  
Photo by Michael Anderson

ANOTHER



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October 23, 2014

Mayor Jack  
City Hall  
Wrangell, AK  
99929

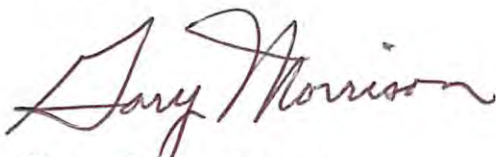
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Dear Mayor Jack,

As a Wrangell resident, I would like to request that the City join the effort to defend the Big Thorne Timber Sale and the Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) Amendment. Decisions against either the timber sale or the TLMP Amendment could result in adverse effects on the proposed Wrangell Island timber sale.

Support by the City of Wrangell can best be expressed by either: a) filing as an intervener or, b) with an amicus, Friend of the Court, brief. At this point, an amicus brief, filed on the City of Crag lawsuit, would be more economic; would give Wrangell the opportunity to explain the issues and concerns that are particular to our area; and would cover both the Big Thorne Sale and the TLMP Amendment. The amicus brief is the route that both Southeast Conference and The Alaska Forest Association are going to take.

Respectfully,



Gary Morrison

**TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY  
CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

**FROM: JEFF JABUSCH  
BOROUGH MANAGER**

**RE: BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

**DATE: October 24, 2014**

**MANAGER OUT OF TOWN**

I will be out of the office during the following times:

Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>: I am in town but out of the office most of the these days. I am remodeling my kitchen and will be assisting the contractor over the next couple of weeks.

November 13<sup>th</sup> through November 19<sup>th</sup>: I will be out of town on vacation.

I am always available to call or if I am in town can easily drop in to city hall to talk to someone.

**Cassiar Street Construction:**

It is nice to see the recent improvements to the project. The contractor is pouring concrete curbs and has put D-1 (finish grade) rock down which means the underground work is complete. I would like to applaud the residents that live on that street. It has been a very difficult project because the street is very narrow and is a dead end, so keeping the street open is hard unless you want to halt progress. By the time the Assembly meeting happens, there should have been some road surface poured.



It is estimated that they can pour the entire roadway in about a week if the weather cooperates. It will be about another week before vehicles can drive on the road although foot traffic can use it the following day.

## **Library News**

- The library upgrades computers at the library pretty frequently through various grants that they get. We have been able to supply the replaced computers to the various departments at no cost.
- The library just received two new Early Literacy Station tablets from the OWL (On Line with Libraries) program for free. These programs are designed with preschool age children in mind. They have been a big hit with the preschoolers.
- The library has a host of things that can be check out. One item that was checked out and used by the Public Works Department for a presentation in the Assembly Chambers was a new Dell Projector. The Projector hooks directly into a laptop computer. I was told that it worked really well.
- The library also runs a story time for preschool children. This program gets children in the library and starts the process to encourage them to be readers. Wrangell kids traditionally score high state wide in reading.

## **Recycling Project**

One area that staff believes has not been looked at and needs to be part of the equation before a decision is made is the reduction of current revenues. It was discussed that we could remove about 35% of waste stream by collecting and shipping recyclables. This could result in a net income of about \$21,000 annually. Here are some other things that I don't believe are included in this number:

- Because customers will reduce their volume, will they reduce the can size they are now paying for? We did a simple calculation to take the existing annual revenue from the existing cans and made the assumption that everyone would go down one can size. It would work out that it would reduce revenues by approximately \$48,000 per year.
- The smallest can currently is a 48 gallon can and the largest number of residential users have this size (approximately 700 out of roughly 1,000 customers). Without a financial incentive would these customers recycle? If you give a financial incentive, that would add to the \$48,000.
- The \$21,000 is based on not having any more labor costs and this might be possible. There will be additional truck costs associated with pickups of the extra cans (gas and wear and tear).

The reason for pointing this out is not to discourage the process but to have all of us going into this with a complete picture. The dollar estimates are only for demonstration purposes and food for thought. Will a recycling project work if we have to raise rates to pay for it? Many of us would actually pay something to recycle because environmentally, it is the right thing to do. But to the general public that struggles each month to pay the bills, increasing the rates would not go over very well. Staff will continue to look over and discuss some of these other issues. A work shop with the Assembly at the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting would be a good idea so that we can work through some of the issues and the information the consultant presented.

### **Capital Project List**

We have labeled the projects in order of importance. We have tried to list the top 10 projects as economic drivers or critical infrastructure items that need addressed.

On the agenda is the capital project list. Carol Rushmore, Carl Johnson, and I have gone through last year's list and have revised it based on funding received for previous projects and some of the current needs. I won't go through the entire list, but we feel the hospital should be the number 1 project. We also feel that finishing the boat yard with the final paving is important. We received money for the Sewer Pump Replacement, but this was not near enough to do all that we hoped and in fact will only completing replace the pump station near the inner harbor boat launch. We also have the one near Rayme's Bar. We also know at number 4, that the pool is going to need substantial renovations to stay open. Some of these repairs will likely be done out of the current budget. But there are some major things that will require additional funds. At number 5, the water main distribution replacement is listed and is also important. Many of our main ductile iron water mains have been failing. This could be a disaster as many of these deliver water out the highway and other areas of town.

After these 5, there are many others that that deserve attention, but the order of preference could be argued for many of them.

# Agenda Item 9

## CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

### BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AGENDA ITEM

### CLERK'S REPORT October 28, 2014

#### Mark Your Calendar:

11/5 Parks & Recreation Board mtg. scheduled for 7pm in the Assembly Chambers  
11/6 Port Commission mtg. scheduled for 7pm in the Assembly Chambers  
November 11th - Veteran's Day (City Hall Closed )  
November 12th - Regular Borough Assembly mtg. to be held at 7pm in the Assembly Chambers  
11/13 Planning & Zoning Commission mtg. scheduled for 7pm in the Assembly Chambers  
11/19 Hospital Board mtg. scheduled for 5:30 pm at the Nolan Center  
November 25th Regular Assembly mtg. has been canceled

11/6 TBP Commission mtg. to be held telephonically in the Petersburg & Wrangell Assembly Chambers  
@ 10am  
11/13-14 SEAPA Board Mtg. to be held in Petersburg

#### AML (AcoM, NEO & Conference)

Alaska Municipal League Conference schedule is as follows:

Pre-Conference ( NEO-Newly Elected Officials Training)	- Nov. 17 & 18, 2014
Regular Conference	- Nov. 19 & 20, 2014
ACom (Alaska Conference of Mayors)	- Nov. 18, 2014

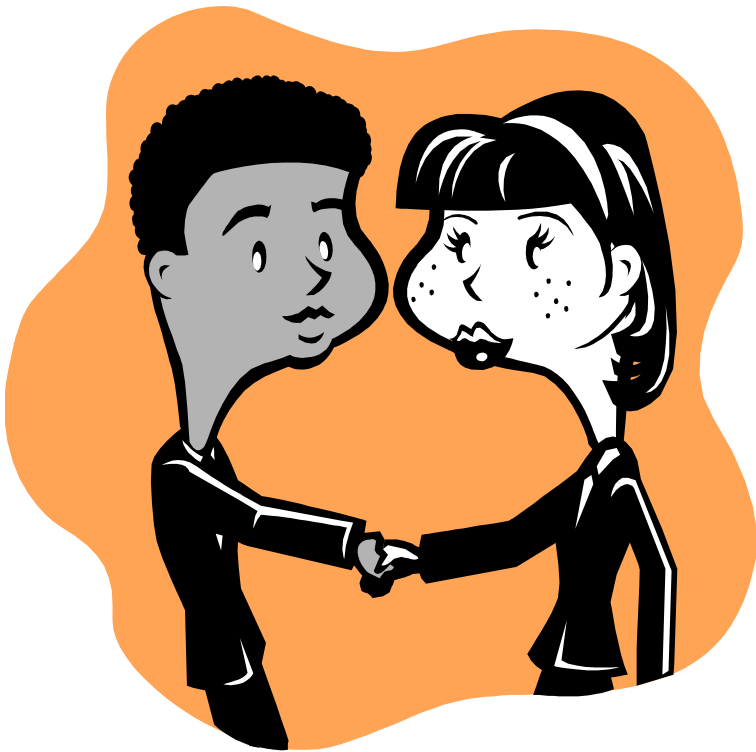
Mayor Jack will be traveling to Anchorage to attend the ACoM and Regular AML Conference from 11/16 thru 11/21. Assembly Members Prysunka and Rooney will traveling from 11/16 thru 11/21 to attend the Newly Elected Officials training & the Regular AMA Conference.

I will be traveling to Anchorage to attend the Alaska Association of Municipal Clerk's Annual Conference from 11/15 thru 11/20/2014. I will also be taking a vacation day on Friday, November 21, 2014.

Kim Lane, Borough Clerk

# Commonly Misused Motions

## Friendly Amendment



- Can only be made **BEFORE** the motion is stated
- Must receive concurrence from the maker of the motion
- After the motion has been stated by the chair, the amendment is treated as any other amendment
- Requires a second and a majority vote for approval

## Previous Question

(Question or I call the Question)



- Motion used to close debate
- Maker must have the floor
- Requires a second
- Not debatable
- Two-thirds vote required for adoption

## Lay on the Table (Table)

- Maker must have the floor
- Requires a second
- Not debatable
- Any condition makes it a different motion
- Majority vote required
- Sets aside pending motion *temporarily*
- Must be taken from the table at the same or next meeting







**Reconsider** (consider again a motion already decided at the **same** meeting)

- Maker must have voted on the prevailing side (yes if it was adopted, no if it failed)
- Requires a second
- Debatable
- After debate, a vote is taken first on whether to reconsider the motion
- If the motion to reconsider is adopted, the question is debated and then voted on again

# Agenda Items 10 a - d

## CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
AGENDA ITEM  
October 28, 2014

### MAYOR/ASSEMBLY REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS:

INFORMATION: This agenda item is reserved for the Mayor and Assembly Member's special reports. Such information items as municipal league activities, reports from committees on which members sit, conference attendance, etc., are examples of items included here.

- **Item 10a**      Reports by Assembly Members
  
- **Item 10b**      Appointment of an Assembly Member to the Code Review Committee

### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

*Appointment to be filled by the Mayor with the consent of the assembly.*

- **Item 10c**      Appointment to fill the vacancy on the Nolan Museum/Civic Center Board (*one unexpired vacancy until October 2017*)

*There were no letters of interest received for the Nolan Museum/Civic Center Board:*

- **Item 10d** Appointment to fill the vacancies on the SEAPA Board (one voting seat and one alternate seat)

*Letters of interest received from:*

<i>Voting Member (one)</i>	<i>Alternate Member (one)</i>
Clay Hammer	- or - Clay Hammer
Christie Jamieson	Don McConachie Sr.
Brian Ashton	

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

1. Mayor Jack: I recommend that we appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the SEAPA Board Voting Member Seat beginning on January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015.
2. Mayor Jack: I recommend that we appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the SEAPA Board Alternate Member Seat beginning on January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015.

- **RECOMMENDED ACTION IF NOT APPROVED WITH THE CONSENSUS OF THE ASSEMBLY:**

I Move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the vacancy of the Voting Member seat on the SEAPA Board beginning on January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015.

- **RECOMMENDED ACTION IF NOT APPROVED WITH THE CONSENSUS OF THE ASSEMBLY:**

I Move to appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the vacancy of the Alternate Member seat on the SEAPA Board beginning on January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015.

# Agenda Item 12a

## CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

### BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AGENDA ITEM October 28, 2014

#### INFORMATION:

Approval to enter as a friend of the Court instead of an intervener in the Big Thorne Timber Sale issue (*postponed from the October 24, 2014 Special Assembly Meeting*)

#### Attachments:

1. Summary provided by Jon Bolling, Craig's City Administrator
2. USFS Articles on Transition plan 2014 (provided by Assembly Member Decker)
3. Information on Tongass Timber Sale Lawsuits (provided by Assembly Member Decker)
4. Correspondence from Wrangell Residents:
  - a. Mr. Stephen Todd
  - b. Ms. Bonnie Demerjian
  - c. Walter Moorhead
  - d. Marlene Clarke
  - e. George Woodbury
  - f. Ernie Christian
  - g. Maria Byford
  - h. Gary Morrison
5. Letter of Support, signed by 33 members of the Public

#### PENDING MOTION:

Approval to enter as a friend of the Court instead of an intervener

**SUMMARY FOR THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL  
BIG THORNE TIMBER SALE  
OCTOBER 2014**

- The US Forest Service recently released the Big Thorne Timber Sale. The proposed sale provides for the sale of approximately 95 million board feet of old growth and young growth timber over several years.
- The scope of the sale includes restoration work to a number of drainages in the project area that the successful bidder, Viking Lumber Company, must complete or subcontract for completion.
- On August 22, 2014 a number of environmental groups filed suit in Alaska Federal District Court to halt the sale.
- The State of Alaska subsequently filed a petition to intervene in the case in support of the sale.
- A group of Southeast Alaska businesses and communities seek to intervene in support of the sale. The goal of the intervenors group is to provide legal support to the US Forest Service and the other defendant interveners to convince the court to uphold the Big Thorne Timber Sale as detailed in the US Forest Service Record of Decision.
- The group proposes to intervene—formally participate in the litigation—to have a greater influence in the adjudication of the case, and on any potential settlement. The intervention process provides for a greater role in the outcome than filing an amicus brief.
- To date the group’s members include Southeast Stevedoring, Alaska Electric Light and Power, First Things First, Alaska Marine Lines, Tyler Rental, and the City of Craig. Other members are expected to join subject to approval by their governing bodies.
- Each group confirmed to date has committed \$5,000 to the intervention effort. These litigation costs are estimated at between \$35,000 and \$40,000, but could exceed this amount. However, the intervenor’s attorneys will accept as full payment the total amount raised from those joining the intervention. This estimated cost will cover litigation expenses at the US District Court level. If an appeal is filed from the US District Court, a separate adhesion will be made on whether this intervenor group would participate in the appeal at that time.
- Intervenor’s attorneys will offer to work with attorneys at the State of Alaska and other defendant interveners to coordinate litigation efforts in support of the timber sale.

## **My Turn: Alaska turns to young growth forests**

By Robert Bonnie, Undersecretary for Natural Resources and Environment,  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Printed in the *Juneau Empire*, August 25, 2014

Management of the old-growth forests of the Tongass National Forest has been the source of substantial controversy both in Alaska and nationally for decades. Many Alaskans recognize the jobs and economic opportunity provided by the forest industry in Southeast Alaska. Likewise, many understand that the Tongass is an unparalleled natural gem that produces salmon, recreation, wildlife and other critical assets that also support jobs and economic development. The Tongass is also home to the rich cultural traditions of Alaska Natives.

The good news is that we can have both a successful forest industry and conservation of the Tongass, but it will take collaboration, compromise and hard work. The key will be transitioning the Tongass timber program to one that relies on sustainable young growth management while doing so in a way that preserves jobs in the forest industry. A sustainable young growth industry holds the promise of substantially reducing conflicts around timber production by concentrating management in areas that have already been harvested while conserving stands of old growth timber for future generations.

A transition to young growth will also support achieving a broader transition to a more diverse economy in Southeast Alaska, recognizing the critical importance of the salmon industry, recreation and tourism, and subsistence in supporting vibrant local communities in Southeast Alaska.

Last summer, Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack announced a series of steps to achieve the transition within the next 10 to 15 years. A key part of the transition will be to develop an amendment to the existing Tongass Land Management Plan that charts the path forward for a young growth industry by ensuring a sustainable long-term supply of young growth timber. The Forest Service cannot and will not develop this amendment alone: stakeholder input will be critical.

To that end, Secretary Vilsack established a new federal advisory committee — the Tongass Advisory Committee — comprised of 15 members from forest industry, environmentalists, tribal representatives, local government, recreational interests and others who will work with the Forest Service to provide input on the transition to young growth. Importantly, the Forest Service is looking to the committee to provide specific input on the Tongass plan amendment. This committee had a productive first meeting two weeks ago. More meetings — all open to the public — are planned in the coming weeks and months.

The Forest Service is also already starting to plan for young growth sales from the Tongass. For example, the Dargon Point sale, which is comprised of young growth timber, was recently announced and received significant interest from forest industry. The fact that this sale was so well received is not to say that the transition to young growth will be immediate and easy. Businesses and markets will need time to adapt. The Forest Service and USDA's Rural Development mission area, which provides assistance to local businesses, will look for ways to support growing demand for young growth timber.

While a young growth market develops, the Forest Service must provide a supply of "bridge timber" to sustain jobs in forest industry during the transition, and provide time for the industry to adapt to both the processing and marketing of younger trees. The Big Thorne timber sale, announced as part of the

Secretary's transition plan, is an important part of doing that. The Forest Service has worked hard over the last several months to design the sale in a way that addresses concerns about impacts on wildlife while providing bridge timber.

Making the transition to young growth a reality will require the engagement and involvement of all those who have interest in the Tongass. Gifford Pinchot, the first chief of the Forest Service and one of America's leading conservationists, wrote, "The vast possibilities of our great future will become realities only if we make ourselves responsible for that future."

Our hope is that the diversity of stakeholders who care about the Tongass — whether that be for its outstanding natural resources, its rich cultural heritage or its economic importance — will take Pinchot's words as an invitation to work together to conserve the Tongass while securing jobs and opportunities for the people and communities that depend upon it.

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## **Tongass Transition: The Future is Now**

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Contact(s): **Kent Cummins**

KETCHIKAN, Alaska—The future is now for the country's largest national forest. A new era focused on sustainable young-growth management is underway on the 17-million-acre Tongass National Forest.

The Tongass is the largest intact temperate rainforest in the world, stretching some 500 miles north to south from Yakutat to Ketchikan. Its mammoth landscape of dense forest, glaciers, and mountains is larger than West Virginia and comprises more than 80 percent of the lands of Southeast Alaska.

More than 74,000 residents of Southeast Alaska rely on the forest for their lives and livelihood and the Forest Service perpetually seeks ways to best manage it. Even though 90 percent of the old-growth forests remain as they were more than 100 years ago, these stands are the most contentious component of managing the temperate coastal rainforest.

"For the past several decades there has been significant conflict with harvesting old growth timber and building roads," said Tongass National Forest Supervisor Forrest Cole. "This struggle has damaged the local timber industry and has negatively affected the Southeast Alaska economy."

In an effort to move beyond these conflicts and provide for the social, economic and ecological needs of Southeast Alaska, the Forest Service is choosing a new direction for Tongass forest management. The Tongass is transitioning to a timber program that will primarily harvest young-growth forests - areas which have been previously harvested and have now regrown. The goal, Cole said, is to create a diverse and sustainable economy for Southeast Alaska communities.

“Something had to be done to sustain the 32 communities located in Southeast Alaska,” said Cole “In some of the smaller communities a loss of just a few timber-related jobs can shut down an entire school. I visited Kake recently and was told that the unemployment rate there is 80 percent. I can’t sit back and watch these communities suffer and disappear. The majority of Southeast Alaska is public land and we have a responsibility to ensure these communities are part of the management equation. The Tongass is their home.”

Enter the young-growth transition - a process that is bringing together groups which have traditionally been at odds but are now sitting down to plan a more harmonious future.

“The Sitka Conservation Society applauds the framework for transitioning from a focus on old-growth to a future in young-growth management and the long-term responsible stewardship of our natural resources,” said Bethany Goodrich, SCS policy and communications specialist. “We are working on the ground to help hasten the transition and better understand what a healthy timber program on the Tongass looks like for our forest and our communities. We want to find that sweet spot, where natural resources support a vibrant and healthy diversified economy for our communities without compromising the ecological integrity and future of our forest.”

This type of support is critical, according to Tongass and Regional Forest Service leaders, as collaboration with Tribes, communities, businesses and nonprofit groups is key for a successful transition.

Local residents are also onboard with the transition. Randy Hughey, a Sitka educator and builder, pointed to the ecological benefits of thinning and harvesting from second-growth stands.

“I’m very interested in what we can do with regional woods, particularly second growth woods,” Hughey said. “In a second-growth forest, after it has been logged, it is a two species forest. It is just spruce and hemlock and that’s about all that’s in there. The forest grows up so dense that it’s a dead zone underneath. It’s not habitat for wildlife hardly at all.”

Hughey said the transition will generate multiple benefits.

“It would be good for the forest to thin it and it would be good for the economy of Southeast Alaska to create some jobs in extracting that. If there are viable products that can be made, we can improve the



health of the forest, create jobs, and get some wood products on the market...all of those things are really, really good," he said.

The Tongass Advisory Committee and an amendment to the 2008 Tongass Land Management Plan, or Forest Plan, are the primary efforts steering the transition.

The committee is taking a collaborative step Aug. 6-8 in Ketchikan, when it gathers for the first time to help guide the future of the Tongass. The committee consists of a team of fifteen people representing a diverse range of viewpoints and expertise from the conservation community, the timber industry, Alaska Native groups, and other stakeholder organizations.

The group will identify elements of a potential Forest Plan modification while ensuring important resource values of the Tongass, such as subsistence, fishing, tourism, recreation and renewable energy, are brought to the table for discussion.

Goodrich said the transition is about being proactive rather than reactive and the Tongass Advisory Committee is about giving voice back to stakeholders who love and depend on our 17-million-acre backyard.

Cole said while the committee discusses the path forward, the Tongass must continue the mix of projects that are guided by the current Forest Plan in order to advance the transition and support the current forest products industry.

"The continuation of limited sales of old-growth timber is essential to maintain the industry until young-growth can be efficiently processed," he said. "One of those projects is Big Thorne, which could allow for a 10-year supply of timber. It will provide stability and sustain jobs while giving sawmills an opportunity to retool to process young-growth timber and seek new markets."

Cole believes the transition will create sustainable, resilient Southeast communities while supporting a healthy forest ecosystem for generations to come.

"We are confident this transition will work long term and we are excited that it has already started with Dargon Point, which could become a benchmark for future projects," he said.

The Dargon Point project encompasses about 60 acres of road-accessible young-growth forest on Prince of Wales Island and is projected to produce about 4.5 million board feet of timber.

Next in the young-growth line is Kosciusko. The Forest Service recently kicked off the public involvement process for the Kosciusko Vegetation Management and Watershed Improvement Project on Kosciusko Island, northwest of Prince of Wales Island. The stewardship benefits of the project include enhanced

wildlife and fish habitat, improved riparian areas, enriched areas around high-vulnerability karst, and invasive plant treatments.

Another young-growth project waiting in the wings is Naukati-Greater Stoney, also located on Prince of Wales Island.

With the Forest Service planning more young-growth projects, the amendment process in full swing, and the advisory committee meeting in Ketchikan this week, it looks like the transition has arrived...and the future of the Tongass is now.

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## **My Turn: Let's not cook the goose that lays the golden eggs**

**Posted: October 16, 2014 - 12:00am**

By [MALENA MARVIN](#)

FOR THE JUNEAU EMPIRE

According to Southeast Conference, Southeast Alaska's economy is increasingly stable, diverse and strong. Bolstered by the powerful twin engines of fishing and tourism — drawing \$1 billion each to the region annually — the Tongass is not unlike the proverbial goose that is laying golden eggs.

With a board, staff and thousands of supporters all living and working between Ketchikan and Yakutat, the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council is fully invested in the economic future of the region.

We too are raising families here and want our kids to be able to live and work in Southeast Alaska. We too value livelihoods based on natural resources. Not only am I the executive director of SEACC, I also fish with my partner, a commercial power troller who's fished out of Petersburg for the past 13 years. As one of Alaska's fishing families, we recognize that our industry requires clean water and healthy fisheries to stay viable. I do my job at SEACC to ensure the future of our family business and the ability of our children to make a living off the land and sea.

SEACC has consistently supported a dozen locally-owned small sawmills with brochures, videos and advertising. We've also collaborated on innovative community forestry projects that keep timber dollars in the region. Recognizing that our communities need diverse and sustainable income streams, we've supported Ketchikan's Alaska Ship and Drydock and have hired staff tasked with growing Wrangell's marine services capacity and supporting its expanded shipyard and marine travel lift.

We support Southeast Alaska's \$1 billion commercial fishing industry, now the most lucrative and productive salmon fishery in all of Alaska, which according to Sen. Lisa Murkowski provides more local household incomes than timber, mining, oil and gas combined. We also support tourism, the region's second largest economic driver, using our materials to promote local charter and recreational businesses.

Like most Alaskans, we want our children and grandchildren to enjoy the same unique way of life and bright economic prospects we do. To ensure this, we believe economic development today should not

come at the expense of economic development tomorrow. Similarly, one industry should not “pollute the waters” of another industry. And if we are to keep our communities strong and vibrant, profits from industry should stay in the region with local people working together to chart the path of development in their communities.

While we work hard to support development that meet these common sense criteria, projects still get proposed that have limited economic benefits to the region, threaten future economic prosperity or undercut other vital economic activity. The Big Thorne timber sale is one of these projects.

We agree with the Juneau Empire that “there are better plans out there, ones that don’t subscribe to the historical practice of clear-cutting.” Indeed, there is widespread, popular support for moving forward with a forest plan that builds on our region’s economic success by helping, not harming, our real economic drivers: fishing and tourism.

Southeast Conference reports that timber brought in just \$17 million to the region in 2013, less than 1 percent of fishing and tourism’s combined \$2 billion, and below even our region’s arts sector in economic value. Meanwhile, American taxpayers are subsidizing the export-oriented Tongass timber program at \$20 million per year — \$130,000 per Tongass timber job — as the New York Times recently reported. While our taxpayers swallow a net economic loss, our old-growth forests are shipped back to us from Asia as profitable products.

If the goal is prosperous communities on the Tongass, the Tongass National Forest’s budget would be better invested sustaining fisheries, expanding recreation opportunities for locals and paying visitors and setting up small mill owners and restoration crews to transition to primarily young-growth timber for local markets. Sure, selective old-growth logging will always have a place on the Tongass, but let’s make sure we maximize jobs per log cut at small mills around the region rather than export our remaining old-growth — and jobs — at an unsustainable rate.

Community forestry has a vital, if supplemental, economic role to play in Southeast Alaska. The good news is that a local wood industry is compatible not only with fishing and tourism, but also with forest management for wildlife and hunting. If the Forest Service, the state of Alaska and local people work together, we can remove the remaining economic barriers — ending round log exports, for one — to a sustainable forest products industry in which local families have stable employment processing local wood for local markets.

We won’t get there if the Forest Service’s “Tongass transition” continues to pour public money into divisive old-growth clearcuts that export local jobs.

Southeast Alaska’s natural resources can provide unparalleled economic opportunities for local people for generations to come, if we spend wisely and make smart management decisions. Instead of cooking the goose that lays our golden eggs, let’s lay the foundation for future economic prosperity.

- Malena Marvin is the Executive Director of Southeast Alaska Conservation Council.
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## **State seeks intervention in Tongass timber sale lawsuit**

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The motions focus on the state's interest in rebuilding and maintaining a healthy timber industry in Southeast and the damage the lawsuits could do to funding public services in rural Alaska.

"Any delay to the Big Thorne project not only prevents the timber industry from contributing to a diverse and robust economy, but also reduces vital funding for schools and roads in our rural areas," said Governor Sean Parnell. "It is important that we take an active role in the litigation and represent the interests of Alaska's communities."

The U.S. Forest Service took final action on the Big Thorne project in August, more than a year after the record of decision was originally issued. The project authorizes the harvest of 148.9 million board feet of timber and encompasses 8,500 acres. This is the only federal timber project in Southeast that could provide timber supply in the short term, as no other projects are far enough along in the review process.

In addition to the impacts on jobs in Southeast Alaska, the state is eligible for federal funds associated with Tongass timber harvests. These timber funds benefit Alaskans by paying for schools, roads and special projects in rural areas. A harvest reduction would likely lead to a cut in these funds.

The three lawsuits were filed in late August by numerous environmental organizations, challenging the record of decision for the sale and the 2008 Tongass Land Management Plan.

The last operating mid-sized timber mill in the region, operated by Viking Limber Company in Klawock, is at risk of closing if the sale stalls or is cancelled through litigation. As recently as 2008, there were three mills of its size operating in Southeast.

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The Forest Service has been unable to fulfill its commitment to provide local mills with enough timber each year to remain in operation. In 2008, the Service targeted between 15 and 20 million board feet of timber per year for 10 years through four large sales, but it hasn't been successful in pushing through those sales and so far this year has sold only five million board feet.

Endless appeals and litigation have blocked the sales. In fact, almost every large scale sale in the past 20 years has been appealed and litigated.

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Oct 15, 2014

Mayor Jack and Wrangell Borough Assembly  
City and Borough of Wrangell  
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Dear Mayor Jack and Borough Assembly Members,

I listened to last night's assembly meeting with interest concerning the discussion regarding the Big Thorne timber sale and the Assembly's desire to potentially become an intervening party in the associated lawsuit. I want to provide another perspective on this subject, and ask that you reconsider having the City and Borough of Wrangell become an intervening party in this suit. In an effort to fully disclose information about myself: I am on the Board of Directors of the Southeast Alaska Conservation Council, a group that has filed suit in this case. I am, however, writing this letter on behalf of myself as a community member and 15-year Wrangell resident.

I want to thank the Assembly for staying up to date on this issue and attempting to look out for Wrangell's best interest in regards to timber resource use. Last night I heard and appreciated a couple of Assembly Members express interest in seeing that our community keeps a seat at the table in discussions regarding timber resources in Southeast Alaska, and that we do as much as possible to support our local mill. I agree with these sentiments completely. However, I do not believe that having Wrangell intervene in this lawsuit is the best way to achieve these goals.

I buy lumber from and support our small, local mills in the region whenever possible, and am currently in the process of a major home remodel using lumber primarily produced locally. I believe that these high, value-added mills are the future of the timber industry in Southeast Alaska. There are dozens of these operators across the region from Ketchikan to Gustavus. These businesses maximize the local jobs per log cut. The entrepreneurs base these businesses on a more sustainable economic model and help make our communities more resilient than the boom/bust economies of the past.

The Big Thorne sale would cut around 100 million board feet of old-growth timber in a relatively short amount of time. It is an export-driven project that leaves communities in the wake of large, industrial scale clear-cuts. Anyone that has spent time in the Big Thorne project area can attest to the fact that this sale goes back and lays new clear-cuts in between older clear-cuts. It goes in and gets what is left on a landscape that has already been heavily logged. No doubt this sale could provide a short term boom as some wood is sawed at Viking, while up to 50% of the logs are allowed to go out to export. But the real issue at hand is a matter of scale. The Big Thorne sale is too much, too fast. Where is the long-term vision for a more sustainable industry? Where is the planning that truly supports the small, local mills that provide family wage jobs for many decades to come, versus the old model of letting millions of board feet of logs go out on export ships in the short term. Jobs and opportunity go out with those logs. I encourage the City and Borough of Wrangell to work with the Forest Service to see that the local operators that produce a high value-added lumber product are supported with appropriately-scaled timber sales.

My view is that the City and Borough of Wrangell should not intervene in this suit, primarily, for two reasons.

The first reason is that I do not believe that the Wrangell municipal government intervening in this suit adequately represents the broad spectrum of public opinion. Our community is made up of folks from all walks of life with diverse views on industrial-scale, clear-cutting on public land. To have the City and Borough use public resources to




intervene in this case and fall lock step with big timber interest groups does a disservice to community members in Wrangell that have a different perspective.

The second reason that I believe that Wrangell should not intervene in the suit is because the Big Thorne sale sets a very bad precedent for the Wrangell Island sale. In the meeting last night, Mr. Woodbury stated that he wanted a 100 or 200 million board foot sale on Wrangell Island. I encourage folks to drive or hike out the road on the island, and envision what this means on the ground. For scale, consider that the Mental Health clear-cuts at 7 mile contained approximately 8 million board feet of timber. While driving or hiking around Wrangell Island, try to envision Mr. Woodbury's wish of up to 200 million board feet of new clear cuts - that's 25 times the size of the clear-cut at 7 mile - placed in between all of the existing clear-cuts. Is this our vision for Wrangell Island? What happens after these valuable logs are gone in a relatively short amount of time? How do small, local operators make a high-value product for decades to come off of the road system after this amount of timber is clear-cut and shipped off of the island?

Or can we be more creative - working to achieve a local-based timber economy that does not depend on unsustainable projects like Big Thorne? Can we work to find ways to maximize jobs per logs cut? Can this community work to create value-added timber jobs for the long term, without being lured by the short-sighted boom/bust economy of the past? I believe we can. It will be hard work, and it will take a forward thinking approach that builds on the positive momentum of Wrangell's diversifying economy.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Todd". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Stephen Todd

p.s. When you get a chance, check out this Southeast Alaska small mill guide:

<http://issuu.com/seacc/docs/smallmillsbooklet/?e=4339489/1090628>

**Kim Lane**

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**From:** Bonnie Demerjian <:t>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2014 9:22 AM  
**To:** clerk@wrangell.com  
**Subject:** Big Thorne

I am writing to object to city funds being spent to become an intervening party in the Big Thorne sale. I do not believe that the city should be involved in an issue that benefits a private corporation, particularly since the benefits to Wrangell are doubtful. I ask that the Borough Council refrain from taking action on this matter.

Bonnie Demerjian  
PO Box  
Wrangell, Ak 99929

Sent from my iPad=

Dear Mayor Jack and Assembly Members,

This past week the Assembly entertained the idea of involving itself as a supporter on one side of the lawsuit arising out of the controversial Big Thorne Timber sale. I hope due consideration will lead you to conclude that this is an action beyond the role of our Assembly.

I feel this way for a number of reasons:

1. You have heard from only one side on this issue, and are ill prepared to render an opinion as a group. Such an action may very well just add to the noise level with no additional clarity. This is not your job, it is what the court is there for.
2. There has been no assessment of the mix of Wrangell citizens who are for or against joining in this suit, or if the citizens even feel that this is an issue needing our input at all. These are the citizens you serve, how can you know them to be unanimous in supporting one side?
3. Ideally these matters should be decided on the merit of hard data, science, economics, and common sense. A full hearing of all the facts is a cornerstone of a fair trial. This is the purpose of the judicial hearing, to air the testimony of experts for rational objective consideration. To campaign for an outcome before the arguments are presented dilutes and cheapens this process, and makes for a higher chance of a poor decision based on persuasion and opinion.

I urge you to let the judicial process go forward, with the parties each having the opportunity to present their case with a minimum of theatric adornment.

Sincerely,  
Walter Moorhead  
117 Mt. Dewey Lane  
Wrangell, AK

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From Marlene Clarke

A Dall Sheep found in the wilds of Alaska, one of the last great frontiers on earth.  
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From Ernie Christian

October 23, 2014

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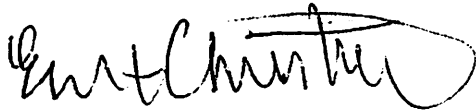
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Wrangell, AK 99929

Dear Mayor Jack and Borough Assembly Members:

First of all, I wish to thank you for the excellent work that you do. Your time and dedication to Wrangell is appreciated.

My purpose in writing today is to comment on the suggestion at the October 14 Assembly Meeting that Wrangell intervene in the Big Thorne lawsuit.

Logging is an important component of the Southeast Alaska economy. In the past, it has been an extractive industry with logs exported to be processed elsewhere. The price paid for those logs during the boom years was a fraction of their worth. I understand that some of the wood in the Big Thorne sale will be sawed at Viking but up to 50% are allowed to go to export.

In today's times we can do better than that. Wrangell has been at the forefront of Southeast towns for developing an economy around boat repair due to the foresight of purchasing the haul out equipment which we now employ.

I am asking you to think along the same lines regarding timber. We need to work with the U.S. Forest Service to support appropriately scaled timber sales for small local mills which will provide jobs and opportunities over a long period of time. We need a long-term vision for long term sustainability. The Big Thorne timber sale is not a model for that. It is a replication of the past.

We can build a logging model that will sustain us for the future and put us in the forefront in *this* industry, also. We have an exceptional product in our forest. We need to build a longer-term economy using small local businesses which can develop a product using the trees as well as the by-product of milling.

Use the same creative insight that brought us the boat repair business to bring us a sustainable small business logging industry. Do not step into the past and support short term, large scale logging. Choosing to intervene in the Big Thorne lawsuit would be a step in the wrong direction.

Sincerely,



Maria Byford

From Gary Morrison

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October 23, 2014

Mayor Jack  
City Hall  
Wrangell, AK  
99929

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Dear Mayor Jack,

As a Wrangell resident, I would like to request that the City join the effort to defend the Big Thorne Timber Sale and the Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) Amendment. Decisions against either the timber sale or the TLMP Amendment could result in adverse effects on the proposed Wrangell Island timber sale.

Support by the City of Wrangell can best be expressed by either: a) filing as an intervener or, b) with an amicus, Friend of the Court, brief. At this point, an amicus brief, filed on the City of Crag lawsuit, would be more economic; would give Wrangell the opportunity to explain the issues and concerns that are particular to our area; and would cover both the Big Thorne Sale and the TLMP Amendment. The amicus brief is the route that both Southeast Conference and The Alaska Forest Association are going to take.

Respectfully,



Gary Morrison



October 22, 2014

Kim Lane  
Wrangell City Clerk  
PO Box 531  
Wrangell, AK  
99929

Dear Mrs. Lane,

This is to request that the city join the effort to defend the Big Thorne Timber Sale and the Tongass Land Management Plan Amendment. A decision against the timber sale and or the TLMP Amendment can result in adverse affects on the proposed Wrangell Island timber sale.

Support can be through filing an intervention or an amicus, Friend of the Court, brief. At this point a friend of the court filing on the Crag Law lawsuit would be the most economic and would give Wrangell the opportunity to explain the concerns that are particular to Wrangell. You will have more latitude to inform the court on Wrangell issues through an amicus brief than an intervention. Another advantage is that The Crag Law lawsuit covers both the Big Thorne Sale and the TLMP Amendment. This is the route that Southeast Conference and The Alaska Forest Association are going to take.

Sincerely,

*Signed by:*

Wayne Kaer  
Harold Snoddy  
Dan More  
Kelsay J. Martinson  
Harry Churchill  
Michael Ottesen Jr.  
Scott Gile  
Brian Cooper  
Deanne Cooper  
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Mary Jean King  
Ron Gillen  
Perry Brink  
Brett Woodbury  
Michael V. Ottesen Sr.  
Richard Kaer  
Greg Scheff  
David Bryner

Joey Woodbury  
Kristina Nore  
Carly Allen  
Greg Meissner  
Gary Allen Jr.  
Lanny Hamley  
Tom Gillen  
David Gillen Sr.  
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Carrie Wallace

# **Agenda Item 13a**

## **CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

**BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
AGENDA ITEM  
October 28, 2014**

**INFORMATION:**

Approval of the Wrangell Capital Project Requests for FY 2015-16

**Attachments:**

1. Memo from Manager Jabusch
2. Capital Project Request list

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Move to approve the Wrangell Capital Project Request for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, as presented.

**TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY  
CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

**FROM: JEFF JABUSCH  
BOROUGH MANAGER**

**RE: Capital Project List**

**DATED: October 24, 2014**

Annually staff and the assembly compile a list of projects that we show as needs of the community. Once the list is assembled, we arrange the list so that our top 10 or so projects are listed in order of important to the assembly. That list is used in a variety of places. We give the list to our federal lobbyist, our state legislators, our state lobbyist (when hired) and staff to look for funding opportunities. Sometimes it is possible to find specific funding for an item that is not in the top items, but we still would like to fund as many items on the list as possible.

Attached is the list that staff is presenting to the assembly. This list is for review and certainly can be rearranged before final adoption by the assembly.

We have tried to list the top 10 as economic drivers or critical infrastructure items that need addressed. There are others that also need attention but may not be as time sensitive.

Carol Rushmore, Carl Johnson and I have gone through last year's list and have revised it based on funding received for previous projects and some of the current needs. I won't go through the entire list, but we feel the hospital should be the number 1 project. The hospital is a huge economic driver in the community and with a new hospital the potential to have more care preformed in town is good for the citizens and good for the economy. We also feel that finishing the boat yard with the final paving is important and if there is a capital budget, it is more likely that there will be money to finish projects rather than to start new ones. We received money for the Sewer Pump Replacement, but this was not near enough to do all that we hoped and in fact will only replace the pump station near the inner harbor boat launch. We also have the pump station near Rayme's Bar. We also know at number 4 that the pool is going to need substantial renovations to stay open. Some of these repairs likely will be done out of the current budget, but there are some major things that additional funds will be needed. At number 5, the water main distribution replacement is also important. Many of our main ductile iron water mains have been failing. This could be a disaster as many of these deliver water out the highway and other areas of town.

After these 5, there are many others that that deserve attention, but the order of preference could be argued for many of them.

**Proposed Wrangell Capital Budget Requests for State and Federal FY 2015-16**

as of 10-24-14

	Town	Project	State Request Amount	Total Project Amount	State or Federal	
1	Wrangell	Wrangell Medical Center Design and Construction	2,000,000	39,000,000	State/Fed	Rural Development
2	Wrangell	Wrangell Boat Yard Improvements - Final Improvements	4,000,000	4,000,000	State	
3	Wrangell	Sewer Pump Replacement	500,000		State/Fed	
4	Wrangell	Pool Facility Improvements (Pool Roof, Mechanical, Remodel)	1,500,000	1,000,000	State/Federal	
5	Wrangell	Water Main Distribution System Replacement	2,900,000	2,900,000	State	rcvd DEC Loan
6	Wrangell	Public Safety Building Renovations - Including Court System	950,000	950,000	State/Federal	
7	Wrangell	Industrial Park Expansion - Road and Utilities Expansion	500,000	500,000	Federal	
8	Wrangell	Electric System Upgrades (Wrangell Medical Campus and Boat Yard H	250,000	250,000	State/Federal	
9	Wrangell	Wrangell Road Resurfacing	2,500,000	2,500,000	State	
10	Wrangell	Shoemaker Bay Float - Construction	9,000,000	9,000,000	State/Federal	
	Wrangell	Storm Drain Plan	150,000			
	Wrangell	911 System	200,000	300,000		
	Wrangell	Waste Reduction Facility: (Building modifications/Bailer)	1,500,000	1,500,000	State	
	Wrangell	Sunrise Lake - Alternative Water Source (Monitoring, Design, NEPA, etc.)	3,000,000	3,000,000	State/Federal	
	Wrangell	Electric System Upgrades (Wrangell Medical Campus and Boat Yard H	250,000	250,000	State/Federal	
	WRG/PRG	South Mitkof Island Improvements - Banana Point Improvements	1,250,000	1,250,000	State	
	Wrangell	Power Plant Roof Replacement	200,000			
	Wrangell	Community Center Renovations and Asbestos Removal	1,000,000	1,000,000	State/Federal	
	Wrangell	School Fire Alarm System				
	Wrangell	Dam Replacement		40,000,000	Federal	
	Wrangell	Trails' Extensions	250,000	250,000	State	
	Wrangell	Library Recarpeting				
	Wrangell	Shoemaker Bay Breakwater Feasibility Study			Federal	
		Drinking Water System Improvements: Connection to Upper Reservoir	TBD	750,000	State/Federal	DEC Clean Water Fund (Received 750k FY2015)
	Wrangell	Drinking Water System Improvements: Water Treatment Plant Pilot Study	TBD	150,000	State/Federal	DEC Clean Water Fund (Received 150k FY2015)
	Wrangell	Evergreen Road Improvements and Pedestrian Access (State STIP funding and our match)		5,800,000	State/Local	

<b>Town</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Request Amount</b>	<b>Project Amount</b>	<b>State or Federal</b>
Wrangell	Reliance Harbor - Design and Construction	2,500,000	2,500,000	State/Federal
Wrangell	Inner Harbor - Design and Construction	2,500,000	2,500,000	State/Federal
Wrangell	Standard Oil Float - Design and Construction	2,000,000	2,000,000	State
Wrangell	Industrial Park Expansion - Road and Utilities Expansion	500,000	500,000	Federal
Wrangell	New Cemetery Site	250,000	250,000	
Wrangell	Pool Locker Replacements	50,000	50,000	State
Wrangell	Power Plant Generation Expansion	1,500,000		
Wrangell	Power Infrastructure Improvements - Mission and First Avenue	150,000		
Wrangell	Power Engineer Review of Distribution System			
WRangell	Volunteer Park Ball Fields' Improvements			
Wrangell	Meridian Street Extension (North End of Cassiar)			
Wrangell	Wrangell Park facility Upgrades and Improvements	250,000	250,000	State
Wrangell	Byford Junk Yard Improvements	100,000		
Wrangell	Two Police Vehicles	70,000		
Wrangell	First and Second Avenue Improvements (Elementary School)	2,000,000		
Wrangell	Public Works Building Improvements	50,000		
Wrangell	City/School Exterior Painting	200,000		
Wrangell	Elementary School Parking Lots	500,000		
Wrangell	Airplane Float Redecking			
Wrangell	Volunteer Park Plan	25,000		
Wrangell	Multi Purpose Field Improvements	100,000		
Wrangell	Mariners Memorial			
Wrangell	Grave Street Utilities	25,000		
Wrangell	Stikine Avenue Safety Issues			
Wrangell	Fire Engine/Pumper	220,000		
Wrangell	SCBA's for personal Protective Equipment	60,000		

Town		Project	Request Amount	Project Amount	State or Federal
Wrangell Capital Budget Requests for 2014-15					
<u>Prioritized Projects Under \$100,000</u>					
Town		Project	State Request Amount	Total Project Amount	State
1	Wrangell				
2	Wrangell	Two Police Vehicles	70,000		
3	Wrangell	Fire Hose Replacement	25,000		
4	Wrangell				
5	Wrangell	Public Works Building Improvements	50,000		
6	Wrangell	Pool Locker Replacements	50,000	50,000	
7	Wrangell	City Hall Energy Improvements	25,000		
8	Wrangell				
9	Wrangell	Volunteer Park Plan	25,000	25,000	
10	Wrangell	Multipurpose Field Improvements	100,000	100,000	State/federal
11	Wrangell	Byford Junk yard improvements	100,000	800,000	
12	Wrangell	SCBA's for personal Protective Equipment	60,000		
13	Wrangell	Mitigation/Restoration Plan for Public/Private Development	75000	150000	

# **Agenda Item 13b**

## **CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

### **BOROUGH ASSEMBLY AGENDA ITEM October 28, 2014**

#### **INFORMATION:**

Approval of a Budget Amendment for the purpose of hiring a State Legislative Lobbyist

#### **Attachments:**

1. Memo from Manager Jabusch

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Move to approve a budget amendment, not to exceed \$45,000, to come from the General Fund Reserve for the purpose of hiring a State Legislative Lobbyist.

**TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY  
CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

**FROM: JEFF JABUSCH  
BOROUGH MANAGER**

**RE: BUDGET AMENDMENT TO FUND LOBBYIST POSITION**

**DATED: October 23, 2014**

Because the lobbyist position was not funded when the budget was passed and the assembly has expressed an interest in hiring a lobbyist for Juneau, it is required to approve a budget amendment.

At this time I would like to approve an upper limit of \$45,000. Kim got on the state's site that shows all of the registered lobbyist and for a small community like Wrangell, 35,000 to 50,000 and above is not uncommon. I believe we can be well represented for between \$35,000 and \$45,000.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to approve a budget amendment for the purpose of funding a lobbyist in the amount of \$45,000 with the funds to come from the General Fund Reserve.



# Agenda Item 13c

## CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL

**BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
AGENDA ITEM  
October 28, 2014**

**INFORMATION:**

Approval to hire a State Legislative Lobbyist

**Attachments:**

1. Memo from Manager Jabusch

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Move to approve the hiring of \_\_\_\_\_ as the Borough's State Legislative Lobbyist, and to authorize the Borough Manager to negotiate a contract not to exceed \$45,000 with funds to come from the General Fund Reserve.

**TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND ASSEMBLY  
CITY AND BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

**FROM: JEFF JABUSCH  
BOROUGH MANAGER**

**RE: Lobbyist Selection**

**DATED: October 23, 2014**

**Lobbyist Selection Process:**

Based on information from our Washington DC lobbyist and from personal knowledge of lobbyists that work in Juneau (and have good reputations), we solicited six different potential lobbyists. We asked that each individual submit a resume and a list of other clients and work they have done for other municipalities. At this time, I still have several of them that will be submitting this information, no later than Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. On Monday, we will evaluate all of the information submitted and come up with a recommendation to the Assembly for Tuesday night's meeting - with the reasoning behind the decision.

I have asked Julie and Becky from the Assembly to provide input on the duties and deliverables they would like to see in the contract since both of them have worked with lobbyists in Juneau and are familiar with the process. Specifically on how often the lobbyist would need to come to Wrangell, reporting requirements to the manager or the assembly, what would be required during the legislative period, etc. Obviously, the more travel and other duties, the price goes up. I am sure that will be part of the negotiation process for the final contract price.

We have been told by one individual so far that the other municipality that they represent believed it could be a conflict and would not allow them to take other municipal clients.

**Recommended Action:**

Move to approve \_\_\_\_\_ as our State Lobbyist and authorize the Borough Manager to negotiate a contract not to exceed \$45,000 with funds to come from the General Fund Reserve.

# **Agenda Item 14**

## **CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

**BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
AGENDA ITEM  
October 28, 2014**

### **INFORMATION:**

ATTORNEY'S FILE – Summary report provided to the Assembly.

# **Agenda Item 15**

## **CITY & BOROUGH OF WRANGELL**

**BOROUGH ASSEMBLY  
AGENDA ITEM  
October 28, 2014**

Executive Session – None.