



**Joint Clallam-Jefferson County
Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee
(VAAC)**
Per RCW 29A.04.223



Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2021 10:00 am

Jefferson County Courthouse, Elections Room

Members (Members in attendance noted next to name):

Representing Clallam County:

Shoona Riggs, Auditor- Present
Sherry Price, Voter Registration Coordinator- Present
Susan Johnson, Elections Manager-Present
Chris Umbarger, Elections Deputy-Present

Representing Jefferson County:

Rose Ann Carroll, Auditor-Present
Quinn Grewell, Election Coordinator - Present
Brenda Huntingford, Chief Deputy Auditor - Present
Sandi Eldridge, Voter Registration Coordinator- Present

Representing the Community:

Pat Teal, Disability Awareness Starts Here, DASH – Absent
John Ammeter - Absent
Celeste Bennett - Absent
Marty Gilmore, Jefferson Co. Democratic Committee Chair - Absent
Kristina Hestenes-Stimson, Jefferson Co. Democratic Com. Elections Chair-Absent
Angela Gyurko,-League of Women Voters, President-Present

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am

Committee's role:

- ✓ Accessibility – Advise the Auditor's Office on how to make voting more accessible to the disabled community
- ✓ Outreach – Assist the Auditor's Office in communicating with voters in the disabled community

- ✓ Education – Help the Auditor’s Office to inform voters in the disabled community and educate staff on disability issues.

Old Business

Approve December 15, 2020 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve made by Brenda Huntingford.

Motion 2nd by Rose Ann Carroll.

All in favor – unanimous

New Business:

Item 1: Clallam County reported on accessibility within the county and report that the biggest issue they face is the lack of community interest and feedback. Jefferson County also reported on accessibility with their county and reported that they too are lacking in community interest and feedback. Both counties reported and agreed that community feedback would be helpful. Jefferson suggested that once counties open up for in person services, we should still consider using the ZOOM platform for meetings in hopes that more people will participate.

Item 2: Clallam reported they reached out to the Braille Library and sent out information on their AVU along with locations and availability for elections. Clallam also report that they sent out over 100 flyers.

Item 3: Both counties discussed usage of their accessible voting equipment. Clallam County reported that two people used the AVU during the general election but neither of them were disabled. Clallam also reported that they had two AVU’s programmed and ready for use during that election. Clallam county also reported and stressed the importance of having both units programmed because in the February election, one of them failed and they had to set up the backup. Jefferson County report that one voter used the AVU during the General and zero during the February election. Both counties reported that they did not hold April elections.

Item 4: Jefferson County asked about how Clallam County notifies the public about the AVU. Jefferson County reported that their local television station has lost its funding and will no longer be broadcasting the AVU information for the 20-day voting period. Jefferson also reported that they have contacted the local

radio station and are partnering with them to announce the AVU location and availability during the 20-day voting period for each election.

Item 5: Angela representing the League of Women Voters Jefferson County reported that they produced a video for caregivers and voters who need assistance that contained the Washington State laws on how to legally help/assist a voter and its posted on their YouTube page. Angela also reported they contacted all the assisted living facilities and the Caregivers Association to let them know about the video. Jefferson County suggested sending an email with our “at a glance” brochure about the AVU to the Caregivers Association. Jefferson County ask the question if anyone would like to be involved with our committee or other committees or associations we could reach out too.

Item 6: Jefferson County asked if Clallam County what information they will be publishing in their local voters’ pamphlet about accessible voting and their AVU. Clallam County report that they will be publishing accessible voting information.

Item 7: The Jefferson County Auditor asked how are we reaching out to the homeless population and veterans in the area. Jefferson suggested that they will contact OlyCap and the Commissioner’s office to see if they have any information or contacts for local groups or organizations that work with those communities. Jefferson County also talked about sending accessible voting information to the homeless shelters within the county and local clubs.

Item 8: Clallam asked about Jefferson to report on its “at a glance” brochure. Jefferson reported that it sends the pamphlet to multiple businesses, community centers, and retirement communities before each election. Jefferson will send Clallam an example of our “as a glance” for reference. Jefferson also suggested sending them to the Lions Club and the Rotary. Jefferson will also be adding the League of Women Voters Jefferson County to the “at a glance” mailing list.

Item 9: Angela representing the League of Women Voters Jefferson County reported that they currently conduct a “how to” demo that highlights the ballot contents and AVU information.

Action Plan: For 2021 both counties want to work towards better engagement of the communities and voters.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be in the fall. Clallam County will send out the information for the fall meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Susan Johnson.

Motion 2nd by Brenda Huntingford.

All in favor: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.

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