Clark County Park District
Special Board Meeting
January 08, 2026
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order-**
2. **Roll Call-** Commissioners in attendance, Norton, Gibson Smith, Higgins, Richards, Ewing. Also in attendance, Executive Director Jeff Tippett.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance-**
4. **Approval of Agenda-**

   Ewing, I enter a motion to approve the agenda.

   Richards, I moved.

   Ewing, I got a motion, now I need a second.

   Norton, second.

   Ewing, all those in favor.

   All Members, I.

   Ewing, those opposed, there is none.

   6 ayes 0 nays
5. **Approval Minutes-** none.
6. **Public Comment-**

   J/Craft- okay I just have a question, how do you suppose you are going to get around the mandatory cutoff date to submit the levy to?

   Unknown, have you talked to the clerk?

   Ewing, we have, we have been in contact with the clerk, yes we have.

   Unknown, is she going to accept it and apply the levy?

   Ewing, we will find out.

   Unknown, alright.

   Ewing, okay public comment, Jeff Wallace.

   Wallace, so as you are all aware, I have been following this for a while, I have been keeping an eye on this, because I know my last several years on the board that there was a failure to recognize that the tax levy was coming up and brought it to the attention, I had a feeling this year it might have been forgotten about again, and sure enough it was. You know there is only really 3 things that you guys have to do as far as ordinances. That is the prevailing wage ordinance, your budget and appropriation ordinance and the tax levy ordinance.

   Wallace, how you can continue to miss different things like this, I have no idea. This meeting was posted not in 48 hours like it should have been. I also have time stamps, I have that as well. Meeting minuets, you guys are doing a very poor job at getting the meeting minuets updated. When I first came on this board, as secretary/treasurer, I used to take the meeting minuets, I worked 60 hours a week. I would have the meeting minutes prepared for the next meeting. I do not believe this is going to work to pass (inaudible).

   Wallace, If the clerk accepts it, I already talked to Laura Lee before I ever you know some days ago after this you know you guys can pass this but by law. It is supposed to be done by the last Tuesday in December. That's just how it is. And there's nothing in the law that allows you to go around that. It could be done is if there was is if a mistake made by the clerk's office that has to be remedied then that could be done. But you guys are fighting a few with effort. And I am guessing if you guys present it to the

clerk and she passes it. she's going to be in a lot of hot water that is what I would guess. I guess that's all I have to say about that.

Don Pine- it is unfortunate of the situation I understand it to find yourselves in this evening. I am surprised that your lawyer not here to give you a little bit of guidance on this. It was a mistake. And for whatever reason take it go on, it has been several years since I have been on the board. But even back then you could stand this, you could survive a year without that tax income. Take it and go on and make the most out of it. Maybe it will take some increased camping fees. I don't know. I am not privileged for that information anymore. But don't take this to Laura. Show more integrity than that. If she would accept it late, it's going to start a fire storm. There is going to be no better situation for us. You guys and cover it up pick it up and go on. Show some integrity with it guys.

Ewing, anyone else public comment?

7. **Director's Report-** none.
8. **Payment of Bills-** none.
9. **Old Business-** none**.**
10. **New Business-**
    a. Discussion and Vote Annual Tax Levy.

Ewing, as discussed, we have been in contact with the courthouse. We have been back and forth. We can and we can't except it, they can, they can't, we have went back and forth we haven't obtained legal counsel on how we move forward with this. To me I don't know what this does to us on next year if they don't accept it, if they do accept it they do, if they don't, they don't. That I don't know I guess I don't know how to go about this. But we have heard both things from the courthouse that they will accept it and then they won't. There is just ways to do it because it is late. I feel like it would be probably in our best interest to look over it and vote on it and present it and let the courthouse either accept or deny. If they accept it they do. If not they don't.

Smith, I assume they are investigating to see what options they have?

Ewing, yeah, the way Laura talked to me was looking at it and she reached out to the States Attorney too and that's who they have been in discussion with. It is not an ideal situation at all.

Smtih, sure.

Ewing, I mean we all know that no one is disagreeing with it at all. No one here is to tried to get more money, try to hide some other taxes. We were just late getting it in we missed the deadline. I missed the deadline. Didn't get it on the agenda. Didn't get it in front of the board to be voted upon. I apologize for that and the mess we are in here. With that being said, Jeff anything?

Tippett, nothing.

Ewing, nothing new?

Tippett, no.

Ewing, I mean we can either vote on it and get It for tomorrow and if she so chooses to accept it then she does. I think that is her choice. I went throught the state statue and it does say it has got to be filed by a certain time. But it doesn't really tell you what happens if you don't file.

Gibson, can we ask our lawyer what should be done?

Ewing, our lawyer has told us to go ahead and vote on it and file it.

Unknown, is that the same (inaudible).

Ewing, yes.

Smith, can we entertain and make a motion that we would approve this only in the event that the late submission and that acceptance are permitted by the appropriate state authority we obviously want, we don't want, we want to follow the rules and regulations so we do our part and make a motion to approve it but acknowledge it is only in the event that this late submission and acceptance are permitted by the appropriate state authority.

Ewing, okay I mean that's going to be what it is at the end of the day it would boil down too we do approve it and submit it and it gets rejected there then hail with eyes on it I guess. I don't think there's any other course unless, but your saying make the motion to continue upon acceptance?

Smith, uhm

Tippett, just make a motion to approve it. If they don't take it they don't take it.

Smith, I guess I would like the acknowledgement that we recognize that it is late and we are approving it but obviously want the acceptance permitted by the appropriate state authorities. I think that's what we are saying.

Ewing, yes.

Smith, Whatever that state statue is and that further investigation by legal by Laura, by the state I guess that's where I was going with that. To add that into the motion. But if we don't think that's necessary, then I agree. That's just my thought. I feel like we were doing our due diligence by approving it. Yes we made a mistake unfortunately. Making mistakes happen we are all human. But we are doing our part together as a board and but that motion is acknowledging that we want acceptance but we are approving it based on the submission and acceptance by state authority.

Ewing, so is that your motion?

Smith, yes. I will make a motion that our Clark County Park District Board approves the tax levy beginning April 1st, 2025, ending March 31st, 2026. We are only approving in the event that this late submission and acceptance is permitted by the appropriate state authorities.

Ewing, oaky I have a motion, I need a second.

Richards, second.

Ewing, I got a second, got any more discussion on the present levy if not, roll call please.

Roll Call- Gibson I, Smith I, Higgins I, Richards I, Ewing I, Norton I.

6 ayes 0 Nayes

11. Committee Reports-

- **a. Campers-** none**.**
- **b. Lake Management-** none.
- **c. Finance-** none.
- **d. Policy-** none.
- **e. Trails-** none.

12. Next Meeting Date-

13. Adjourn-

Ewing, I enter a motion to adjourn.
Higgins, ill make a motion to adjourn.
Ewing, I have a motion I need a second.
Gibson, second.
Ewing, all those in favor say I.
All Members- I.
6 ayes 0 nays