



# Cowlitz County

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## News Release

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## The Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners announces vacancies on several Advisory Boards.

### **Board of Equalization (alternate position)**

Purpose: Hear property tax appeals and complaints regarding Assessor's determination of property value. Should be knowledgeable about property values. RCW 84.48.010.

### **Current Use Advisory Committee (new proposed committee)**

Purpose: Pursuant to RCW 84.34.145 the county legislative authority shall appoint a five member committee representing the active farming community within the county to serve in an advisory capacity to the assessor in implementing assessment guidelines as established by the department of revenue for the assessment of open space, farms and agricultural lands, and timber lands classified under this chapter. Contact Cowlitz County Assessor at 360-577-3010 for additional information.

### **Fair Board (2 open positions)**

Purpose: Responsible for making recommendations for the general development, production and operation of the fair and rodeo. Contact Expo Center at 360-577-3137 for additional information.

### **Health and Human Services Advisory Board (2 positions open + 1 student position open)**

Purpose: The Board advises on matters pertaining to overall health and wellbeing of Cowlitz County residents, including community health, behavioral health, developmental disabilities, and environmental health related topics.

### **Homeless Housing Task Force (3 positions open)**

Purpose: In 2005 the legislature created the homeless housing program to develop and coordinate a statewide strategic plan aimed at housing homeless persons. RCW 43.185C.160 requires each participating County to create or designate a Homeless Housing Task Force. Prior to 2017, Cowlitz County contracted the coordination of the Homeless Housing Task Force with the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments, an external agency. The Board of County Commissioners transitioned coordination of the Homeless Housing Task Force to the Health and Human Services Departments on January 1, 2017. To comply with RCW 43.185C.160, the County created a Homeless Housing Task Force.

**Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (Open position - collector of tax)** - Advises on new lodging tax, increase in rate of lodging tax, repeal of an exemption from lodging tax, or a change in the use of revenue received from lodging tax. Committee consists of at least five members. Two members who are representatives of businesses required to collect tax under RCW 67.28; two members who are involved in activities that can be funded by revenue received under RCW 67.28, and one elected official of the county who serves as chair. Membership on the committee will be reviewed annually and adjustments made accordingly. Contact the Board of Commissioners at 360-577-3020 for additional information.

**Solid Waste Advisory Committee (open position representing citizens)**

Terms are 2 Years - Expire in March - Meet 2 - 4 times a year

Assists in the development of solid waste handling programs and policies, review and comment on proposed rules, policies or ordinances prior to adoption. RCW 70.95. Contact Public Works Department at 360-577-3030 for additional information.

**Stormwater Advisory Committee (Open positions)**

Terms are 3 Years. Contact Public Works Department at 360-577-3030 for additional information.

**Applications for membership are available through the  
Cowlitz County Commissioners' Office by calling: 577-3020  
or at the County's web page under County News <http://www.co.cowlitz.wa.us/index.aspx?NID=553>**

Applications are due by July 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Submit to:

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Interviews for positions on advisory boards and committees may be scheduled at the discretion of the Board of Cowlitz County Commissioners.