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Clatsop County Manager Don Bohn Announces 2027 Retirement

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ASTORIA, OR — Clatsop County Manager Don Bohn has announced plans to retire April 2, 2027, concluding seven and a half years as County Manager and 37 years of public service.

Bohn's retirement is expected to be formally acknowledged by the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners at its September 23 meeting.

During his time with Clatsop County, Bohn has worked alongside County employees, elected officials and community partners to strengthen the organization, build relationships and maintain effective services for the community.

“Hiring Don Bohn in 2019 was the best decision we ever made as a Board of Commissioners,” Board Chair Mark Kujala said. “Don brought three decades of wisdom from Washington County and has guided us with a calm, steady and balanced approach.”

In his retirement letter, Bohn reflected on the people who have shaped his time with the County.

“I am continually inspired by the public employees and elected officials that daily serve our community with humility, passion and grace,” Bohn wrote in his retirement letter shared with the Board and staff. “I am proud of our work together and the innumerable ways we have fortified the organization and culture, enhanced critical partnerships and consistently provided quality, efficient, effective and relevant services to the community.”

Bohn described the County's accomplishments during his tenure as a collaborative and productive team effort and expressed confidence in the organization's future.

Kujala also credited Bohn with strengthening relationships throughout the region.

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“Throughout his seven-plus years of service, Don’s commitment to collaboration has built deep, lasting relationships with regional community partners,” Kujala said. “He has always been strategic, intentional and unafraid to face challenges head-on — ultimately lifting Clatsop County to new heights.”

Bohn said the people and partnerships that support the County will continue to guide the organization after his retirement.

“I am confident the pillars of political leadership, professional management, quality workforce and community partnerships will continue to support and guide the County going forward,” Bohn wrote. “Until my final day I will do my part in service to the organization and community.”

The County expects to begin the first phase of the recruitment process in November by selecting a professional recruitment team to assist with the search for the next County Manager.

The County Manager position is anticipated to open for applications in 2027, before Bohn’s final day April 2.

“I have been truly blessed to work alongside Don,” Kujala said. “While we will be sad to see him retire, we are grateful to have his leadership through the coming months. He will leave behind a resilient team and a thriving organizational culture. We wish Don and his wife, Stacey, the very best as they enjoy this well-deserved next phase of life together.”

Additional information about the recruitment and transition process will be shared as it becomes available.

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