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Clatsop County Manager Cameron Moore in his office. Moore moved earlier this month from Mahomet, Illinois, where he served as the chief executive officer for the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission since 2007.

'MY LAST HURRAH'

New county manager getting up to speed

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

Cameron Moore, the new Clatsop County manager, has spent his first month on the job getting accustomed to life on the North Coast.

On days off, the avid hiker explores scenic trails along the Pacific Ocean. On the job, Moore enjoys learning from county staff and community members. As the top administrator for the county, he oversaw his second Board of Commissioners meeting Wednesday night.

"It's kind of been a two-way street," he said. "I have expectations of people on our staff, but I also know they have a lot to teach me."

Moore, 59, is getting caught up to speed on the various issues facing the county, from a housing crisis and mental health concerns to the county's role in forestry and fishing management.

An experienced administrator

Hired in February, Moore moved earlier this month from Mahomet, Illinois, where he served as the chief executive officer for the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission since 2007. He replaced Scott Somers, who resigned last year to take a job in Maryland.

Champaign County has a population of more than 200,000, and is home to the University of Illinois. Over his 30-year career, Moore has gained experience in public service administration and economic development with several public and private entities in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Iowa and Illinois.

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CAMERON MOORE

Clatsop County's new county manager is an experienced administrator.

- **2007-2016** — chief executive officer for the Champaign County, Illinois, Regional Planning Commission.
- **2006-2007** — executive director and chief executive officer for the Washington D.C.-based National Association of Regional Councils. The organization represents regional planning and development organizations at the federal level.
- **2001-2006** — president and chief executive officer for the Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, a federal and state designated, multicounty economic development district, a regional planning and development organizations at the federal level.
- **2000-2001** — vice president of economic development for the Greater Phoenix, Arizona, Chamber of Commerce. The economic development division is responsible for business retention and expansion for Phoenix and the surrounding Maricopa County.
- **1997-2000** — president and chief executive officer for the Greater Flagstaff, Arizona, Economic Council. The private, non-profit organization provides economic and community development expertise to Flagstaff and surrounding Coconino County.
- **1991-1997** — executive director and chief executive officer for the Muscatine, Iowa, Development Corp. The private, non-profit corporation conducts economic and community development duties with local city and county government.



Clatsop County Manager Cameron Moore gives his report during the County Commissioners meeting Wednesday.

Speed humps calm traffic on Alameda

Coast Guard wives and mothers had complained about speeding

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
The Daily Astorian

Two new speed humps have been installed on Alameda Avenue, a small triumph for Coast Guard wives and mothers who complained drivers were speeding through their neighborhood.

The humps were placed on Alameda near the intersection with West Klaskanine Avenue, the heart of Coast Guard housing, where there is a playground and a school bus stop.

Speed humps and other traffic



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Road markings warn drivers of a speed hump along Alameda Avenue.

calming devices are already on West Klaskanine, but the women argued that more was needed to protect their children.

The Coast Guard wives and mothers had pleaded with Astoria Mayor Arline LaMear and the Coast Guard last year for help.

"It's a positive outcome," said Chelsea Billings, the ombudsman for Coast Guard Sector Columbia River in Warrenton. "It's what we were looking for and I think that we all felt that the Coast Guard heard our concerns."

A city speed survey in the neighborhood did not justify the additional speed humps. The speed limit near the intersection of Alameda and West Klaskanine is 25 mph, and the highest recording, according to the city, was around 30 mph from a Coast Guard resident.

The city, however, listened to the complaints from Coast Guard wives and mothers and agreed to place the signs and street markings that complement the speed humps.

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'No rosy picture this year'

Water, sewer rate hikes on tap for Warrenton

By ERICK BENGEL
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Still playing catch-up after years of avoiding unpopular water and sewer rate hikes, Warrenton will adopt rate increases next fiscal year to sustain the utility system and help improve the city's financial state.

"As much as I want to give you a rosy picture, there is no rosy picture this year, and there's no way that I think honestly we can tell people there is," City Manager Kurt Fritsch told the budget committee at a Wednesday work session.

When budget committee hearings begin in May, Fritsch will recommend that water rates go up 7 percent and sewer rates 6 percent, which includes a 6 percent increase in storm sewer service fees.

A household using 2,000 gallons of water per month will see its monthly water-sewer bill rise from \$88.13 to \$93.80, according to a rate study.

"You'll still be more expensive than Astoria and Seaside, and you will still be less expensive than Tillamook," said Doug Gabbard, the study project manager from a FCS Group, a Lake Oswego-based financial management and consulting service hired by the city.

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Warrenton City Manager Kurt Fritsch

Port backs seafood processor expansion

Da Yang's footprint at Pier 2 more than doubles

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Amid a packed meeting Wednesday and protests from the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, a divided Port of Astoria Commission approved an amended lease with Da Yang Seafoods that more than doubles the company's footprint in the Pier 2 fish-processing warehouse.

Commissioners John Raichl, James Campbell and Robert Mushen voted for the expansion, while Bill Hunsinger voted against the move, and Stephen Fulton abstained.

The amended lease starts May 1 and runs through January 2027, with six 10-year extension options afterward. The lease expands Da Yang's space in the warehouse from 9,846 to 27,036 square feet, with spaces on the northern and southern end. It also nearly doubles Da Yang's tarmac and dock space on either side of the warehouse.

The decision divides the Pier 2 fish-processing warehouse between Seattle-based Da Yang and Bellingham, Washington-based Bornstein Seafoods, which has already secured two spaces in the warehouse through the Port

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