

City considers selling old library

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The city of Warrenton is considering selling the 1900-era building that once served as Hammond Town Hall and, more recently, the city's library.

How to help

To donate to the VFW's effort, send a check to Fort Stevens Post 10580, Atten: building fund, P.O. Box 233, Warrenton 97146.

Send comments of support, opposition or recommendation to City Recorder Dawne Shaw at dshaw@ci.warrenton.or.us or PO Box 250, Warrenton 97146.

A recent appraisal obtained by the city set the value of the

small lot and building at \$90,000.

"I wouldn't give you a hundred dollar bill for that," Commissioner Rick Newton said of the structure. "I'd like to be out from under the load of owning the building."

In 2018, the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post proposed taking over the building for use as a hall and a community gathering

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS Commission candidates talk about county's top issues

District 2 (Gearhart & south Warrenton)

SARAH NEBEKER



Age: Old enough for Social Security and Medicare
Years in county? 49
Occupation:

Incumbent Clatsop County commissioner, District 2 (includes portions of Warrenton); semi-retired small arts business, and real estate manager

Education: Studied business management at Clatsop Community College; studied fine arts at Portland State University; studied social sciences at Linfield College.

Community involvement: More than seven

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JOHN TOYOOKA



Age: Left blank
Years in county? 24
Occupation: Manager, Lum's Auto Center

Education: Bachelor's degree, U.S. Naval Academy

Community involvement: Past chair, Providence Seaside Hospital Foundation Board; member, Clatsop Community College board.

Why should people vote for you? I have business experience. Candidates need to understand how a business works, including budgets and balance sheets.

I have leadership experi-

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District 4 (East Astoria, Knappa)

KATHLEEN SULLIVAN



Age: 61
Years in county? 14
Occupation:

County Commissioner, office manager, educator

Education: Master's degree in liberal studies, Hamline University in St. Paul, Minn.; bachelor's degree in secondary English education, Michigan State University

Community involvement: Chair, Clatsop County Board of Commissioners; chair, Northwest Senior and Disability Services Board; member, Forest Trust Land Advisory Committee; member, Ambulance Service Area

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COURTNEY BANGS



Age: 41
Years in county? 13
Occupation:

Teacher and head tumbling instructor at

Encore Dance Studio

Education: Master's degree in agriculture education, bachelor's degree in Animal Science

Community involvement: In addition to the involvement that naturally occurs through my work, I serve on these groups vice president, Clatsop chapter of Oregon Women in Timber (educational nonprofit); co-coordinator and volunteer,

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City, county extend emergency closure orders

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Warrenton leaders extended until May 31 the city's emergency order that closed hotels, campgrounds and other temporary-stay lodging.

Clatsop County commissioners also voted to extend both the county's emergency declaration and the emergency order closing hotels,

vacation rentals and campgrounds to May 31.

Both closures were to end April 30. Warrenton commissioners also chose to tie their order's timeline in with the county's in whatever future decisions are made.

Representatives of the county and the state phoned in to Warrenton's Tuesday night commission meeting

to provide details of a three-phased plan for reopening commerce.

The state has required counties to have a two-week downward trend in coronavirus cases, adequate testing supplies, a way to track contact spread, and adequate personal protection equipment and hospital capacity.

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