

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

July 30, 2001

The Commissioners met in session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, July 30, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Bob Beerbower, Dan Wood and Dennis Morrisette and Sandi Daniels, Clerk of the Board, were present. Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney was present.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes from the July 23 and July 27, 2001 Board of County Commissioners meeting were approved.

#### **BIDS:**

None

#### **HEARINGS:**

**Supplemental Appropriation, Public Health & Social Services:** There was a public hearing to consider Supplemental Appropriation as follows: Public Health and Social Services Fund #001-000-029 in the amount of \$29,385.00. Rose Elway, Budget Director, provided a staff report. Ms. Elway explained the request is for \$29,385 in the General Fund Public Health and Social Services Department as a result of additional funding from the Department of Health Immunization -- \$10,683, Family Planning Title X -- \$800, Tobacco -- \$10,678 and Infant Toddler Initiative -- \$7,224. Ms. Elway reported \$13,224 will be used for Professional Services, \$2,683 will be used for Supplies, \$7,678 will be used for Miscellaneous and \$5,800 will be Capital Outlay to purchase a hemoglobin analyzer for clinical use. Chairman Beerbower asked for public comment. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 01-84 – Authorizing A Supplemental Extension In The Budget Of The Grays Harbor County General Fund Public Health and Social Services Department #001-000-029.

#### **PRESENTATION:**

None

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT I:**

Chairman Beerbower asked for public comment. Don Beamish, resident of Elma and Chairman of the Elma Planning Commission, and Tom Rose, representing the Elma Downtown Merchants Association, appeared regarding the matter concerning the Oakhurst Site. Mr. Rose presented letters and reported their mission statement is that

the property not be a burden to the taxpayers of the community and that it pay for itself. Mr. Beamish reported an ad hoc committee of Elma area citizens has been meeting to develop a strategy to acquire the Oakhurst property from Grays Harbor County. He commented the vision which has emerged from the meetings of the committee is the preservation of the unique natural features of the property including the mature stand of Douglas Fir, McDonald Creek and its tributary, the ponds, and the mature hardwood trees, while also providing for a mixed use, planned development on the property involving both public and private uses. Mr. Beamish commented the committee also envisions restoring the creek and ponds so that they once again support fish runs. On behalf of the Oakhurst Acquisition Committee Mr. Beamish requested that the Board delay the sale of the property for a period of 6 months so as to afford the committee members time to raise the funds necessary for the purchase. Commissioner Morrisette and Commissioner Wood asked questions. Mr. Beamish responded and reported that they would keep the Board apprised of their efforts. Commissioner Morrisette and Commissioner Wood reported they have no problem delaying the sale of the property for a period of 6 months. However, if the County does receive an offer before the end of the year, the County will give them an opportunity to make an offer. There being no additional public comment, Public Comment I was closed.

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

**Request Set Hearing Date, Comments on Revised 2001, Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan:** September 17, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to review and consider adoption of the 2001 Revised Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan.

**Request Adopt Resolution, Acknowledging Vacation of Right-of-Way:** The Department of Public Services received a petition from Paul and Marla Mauch to acknowledge vacation of rights of way surrounding property they own in the Town of Peterson First Addition. The Department found no record of any of these rights of way ever being opened within the applicable time period and have no objection to the Board acknowledging these rights of way having been automatically vacated by operation of law. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution #01-85 – Resolution Acknowledging Vacation.

**Request Approval, Revised Local Agency Agreement on Lambert Road Realignment:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a revised Local Agency Agreement Supplement No. 1 for the Lambert Road Realignment, C-96340-03. The Department of Public Services recommended this agreement be approved so that the remaining federal funds can be obligated.

## **DEPARTMENTS**

### **MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**Request Set Hearing Date, Supplemental Appropriation:** August 13, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing for a Supplemental Budget request for \$18,785 in the General Fund Public Health and Social Services Department due to state funds received for the Developmental Disabilities Program. Funding will be used in salaries and benefits for the addition of a Social Services Program Specialist III position.

**Request Amend Salary Resolution, Health and Social Services:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 01-86 – Amending Resolution No. 01-05 And Fixing Compensation Of Employees From And After January 1, 2001. This amendment reflects the addition of a Social Services Program Specialist III through the grant funded Developmental Disabilities program.

The Clerk of the Board announced the following items received after the agenda was prepared:

**Request Approval, Interlocal Agreement with Grays Harbor Economic Development Council:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a \$500 one-time-only funding Interlocal Agreement which provides a comprehensive, cooperative, and planned approach to the promotion of tourism. Funds will be used for advertising, publicizing, or otherwise distributing information for the Grays Harbor Showcase 2001 Sponsorship.

**Request Approval, Municipal Services Agreement, Lake Quinault Rain Forest Area:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a \$13,500 Municipal Services Agreement between Grays Harbor Chamber of Commerce and Grays Harbor County for the promotion of tourism in the Lake Quinault Rain Forest Area.

## **COMMISSIONERS**

**Consider Extension, Cable Franchise w/AT&T Broadband:** The Clerk of the Board reported this item had been continued pending information requested from the Prosecutor. The request was from Stan Finley, Franchise Manager for TCI Cablevision of Washington, Inc. known as AT&T Broadband. The request was that the cable television franchise agreement be renewed with AT&T Broadband. Commissioner Morrisette voiced displeasure regarding the cable television service. He commented he would like to notify AT&T that there are problems with the service and that he would

like to work on some resolutions. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the term of the current franchise which will be extended on a month to month basis until negotiations are completed.

**Propose Bond Issue Resolution:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 01-83 – Setting Courthouse Bond Issue on November 2001 Ballot.

**Rail Spur Issue:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a letter to Sierra Pacific Industries pledging that Grays Harbor County through its Economic Development financial revenues stand ready to fund the Rail Project if state sources are not realized. The citizens and government of Grays Harbor County welcomes Sierra Pacific to Grays Harbor. Commissioner Morrisette commented he believes this is one of the most important projects that is before Grays Harbor since Boise Cascade and Duke Energy. The project involves 150 direct family wage jobs. He explained the \$1.2 million to upgrade the rail line was before the State of Washington through a grant application. There was concern regarding the passage of the Transportation Budget that the state was sponsoring. He reported that Grays Harbor County owns the rail spur and it needs to be upgraded so that it can be used by Sierra Pacific. Commissioner Morrisette commented he wants to make the letter public and wants Sierra Pacific Industries aware that Grays Harbor County wants Sierra Pacific here. Commissioner Wood commented on the opportunity for a direct connection between spending Economic Development funds and creating family wage jobs with Sierra Pacific and expressed support. Chairman Beerbower discussed the opportunity for Sierra Pacific Industries and Grays Harbor County and expressed support for the project.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Request Approval, Marketing Licensing Agreement:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a Marketing License Agreement between Grays Harbor County and the Southshore Mall. Department staff will be providing flu and pneumonia immunizations to the public on November 15, 16, and 19, 2001.

**Request Approval, Amendment to Contract w/Behavioral Health Resources:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amendment to the County's contract with Behavioral Health Resources (BHR). BHR will be providing staff support to five persons diagnosed with both mental illness and chemical dependency. This support will center around a house in Aberdeen that is owned by Aberdeen Neighborhood Housing Services. In providing both transitional housing support and treatment services, it is hoped that these clients will be stabilized in the community. The Department is happy to be offering this new service to a difficult-to-serve population.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT II:**

Chairman Beerbower asked for public comment. Fred Hutchison, resident of Elma, commented on the Oakhurst property appraisal. He expressed support for the Oakhurst Acquisition Committee's plan to purchase the property providing it does not cost the taxpayers. Mr. Hutchison asked questions regarding the Supplemental Appropriation request. He discussed the rail spur and funding commitments and expressed support for the project. There was no additional public comment and Public Comment II was closed.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolutions were approved and signed by the Board:

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| #01-83 | Resolution Setting Courthouse Bond Issue on November 2001, Ballot  |
| #01-84 | Authorizing A Supplemental Extension In The Budget Of The Grays Harbor County General Fund Public Health and Social Services Department #001-000-029 |
| #01-85 | Resolution Acknowledging Vacation  |
| #01-86 | Amending Resolution No. 01-05 And Fixing Compensation Of Employees From & After January 1, 2001  |

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The meeting recessed at 2:50 p.m. to reconvene at 6:00 p.m. to consider the Northwest Rock Appeal.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
for Grays Harbor County  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001

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BOB BEERBOWER, Chairman

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DENNIS MORRISETTE, Commissioner

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DAN WOOD, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Sandra Daniels  
Clerk of the Board