

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 27, 2001

The Commissioners met in session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, August 27, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Bob Beerbower, Dennis Morrisette and Dan Wood and Sandi Daniels, Clerk of the Board, were present. Stew Menefee, Prosecuting Attorney was present.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes from the August 20, 2001 Board of County Commissioners meeting were approved.

Commissioner Morrisette made a statement regarding the Saturday, August 25, 2001 *Daily World* article generated by former County employee, Charles Greninger, alleging misconduct and/or criminal activity. Commissioner Morrisette stated that the Board of County Commissioners are specifically concerned about two allegations made by Mr. Greninger. He stated the Board of Commissioners consider these allegations very serious and are requesting that the County Prosecuting Attorney and County Sheriff conduct an investigation to determine if a violation of any laws, unethical conduct or misconduct has occurred. The Board of County Commissioners suggested that a law enforcement agency outside of Grays Harbor County be requested to conduct this investigation. Commissioner Morrisette read a letter dated August 27, 2001 and addressed to Stew Menefee, Prosecuting Attorney and Mike Whelan, County Sheriff. Copies of the letter were available to the news media and the public. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the letter and forward it to the Prosecuting Attorney and the County Sheriff.

#### **BIDS:**

**Open Bids, Window Replacement Project, Pearsall Building:** There was a bid opening for the Window Replacement of the Grays Harbor County Pearsall Building, located at 2109 Sumner Avenue, Aberdeen, Washington. This project consists of replacing approximately 43 insulated windows. The Clerk of the Board opened and read the following bids received:

Denmark Glass, Olympia	\$11,749.00
Rognlin's Inc., Aberdeen	\$13,258.22

The bids were referred to the Department of Public Services for review and recommendation.

**HEARINGS:**

None

**PRESENTATION:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT I:**

Chairman Beerbower asked for public comment. Thelma Harris, Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Aberdeen Chapter 21, Le Bam, Washington, spoke regarding the S&S Fund and the reported \$5,000 that Grays Harbor County gave to the Programs and the issue of the S&S Fund to help finance a van to provide transportation for the veterans to the hospital. Ms. Harris discussed the need for a van to transport veterans to the hospital. The request was referred to the County Auditor for review and recommendation. There being no additional public comment, Public Comment I was closed.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES**

**Request Approval, Personal Services Contract, So. Bank Briggs Nursery Project:**

Lou Messmer has submitted a proposal to complete Wetland Delineation and a Wetland Delineation Report for the South Bank Briggs Nursery Curve, C-96412-26. The estimated cost for this work is \$5,000. The Department of Public Services recommended hiring Lou Messmer. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a Personal Services Contract between Lou Messmer and Grays Harbor County.

**DEPARTMENTS**

**COMMISSIONERS**

**Adoption of Resolution Amending #00-76, to Extend Amount & Term of its Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note, 2000:**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 00-93 – Amending Resolution 00-76 To Extend The Amount And Term Of Its Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note, 2000 (Line of Credit). Ron Strabbing, County Treasurer, explained this is a renewal of the one-year line of credit that was secured in September 2000 to finance repair of the courthouse. The note will mature on September 8, 2001 and needs to be renewed. Action has been taken to place before the voters for approval or rejection a

proposition, to authorize the issuance of unlimited tax general obligations to repay the Note, which shall be determined at the November 6, 2001, special election.

### **HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**Request Approval, Amendment to Contract w/State Health Department:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amendment to the County's contract with the State Department of Health. This amendment increases the contract by \$21,727, of which \$10,779 is federal funding. The increases provide supplemental funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control as well as the WIC program.

**Request Hearing Date, Supplemental Appropriation:** September 17, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a Supplemental Budget Hearing for \$15,481 in the General Fund Public Health and Social Services Department due to additional funding received from the Department of Health for the Tobacco Program. Funds will be used for professional services and supplies to meet grant objectives.

### **MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**Request Approval, Amended Salary Resolution:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 01-94, Amending Resolution No. 01-05 and Fixing Compensation Of Employees From and After January 1, 2001. The amended 2001 salary resolution is for the Juvenile Court Services. The reclassification of a Probation Officer II to a Probation Officer III due to the increase of a juvenile sex offender caseload through the state funded Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative (SSODA) program. State funding will provide the increase costs associated with this reclassification.

The Clerk of the Board reported the following items were received after the agenda was prepared.

**Authorization to Advertise for Bid:** September 24, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set to advertise for bids for the computer maintenance on the HP UNIX equipment for 2002. The Department of Central Services has estimated that they may save between \$4,000 and \$5,000 yearly in maintenance costs by using a third party vendor to perform the computer maintenance rather than continuing to use Hewlett Packard.

### **PROSECUTING ATTORNEY**

**Request Hearing Date, to Amend or Appeal County Ordinances:** September 17, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider an ordinance

repealing obsolete, superseded or unconstitutional ordinances and portions thereof for Grays Harbor County, Washington.

**Request Approval, Resolution in the Matter of the Election to Receive National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments Under P.L. 106-393:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 01-95, In The Matter Of The Election To Receive National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments Under P.L. 106-393. The resolution grants:

1. The County to receive its full payment amount pursuant to Title 1, Section 102(a)(2) of P.L. 106-393.
2. The County allocates 20 percent of its full payment amount for expenditure on projects under Title II and Title III of P.L. 106-393. The County will return none (zero percent) of its fall payment amount to the General Treasury of the United States pursuant to Title 1, Section 102(d)(1)(B)(iii).
3. Of the amount allocated to Title II and Title III projects, referred to as the "Project Funds," Grays Harbor County further allocates between such Titles for federal fiscal year 2001 (for expenditure after federal fiscal year 2001) on the following basis: 70 percent of Project Funds for expenditure on Title II projects and 30 percent of the Project Funds for expenditure on Title III projects.
4. Of the amount of Project Funds allocated to Title II projects, Grays Harbor County further allocates between RACs as follows: 100 percent to the Grays Harbor RAC.
5. A copy of the Resolution shall be transmitted as rapidly as possible to the Association of Washington Counties, Mr. Paul Parker, with instructions to reconvey the Resolution to the Office of the Governor of the State of Washington with a request that the Governor communicate the elections made to the Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture not later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk of the Board reported that the following items were received:

A lawsuit from Susan R. Laisure against Grays Harbor County.

A lawsuit from Patrick Miller against Grays Harbor County.

A Claim for Damages from Lynn and Michael O'Conner against Grays Harbor County for damage to a vehicle.

The items were referred to the Prosecuting Attorney and Claim Review Committee for review and recommendation.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT II:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairman Beerbower announced that due to the holiday there would be no meeting on Monday, September 3, 2001. The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2001.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

The following resolutions were approved and signed by the Board:

- #01-93        A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Grays Harbor County, Washington, amending Resolution No. 00-76 to extend the amount and term of its Limited Tax General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note, 2000 (Line of Credit)
- #01-94        Amending Resolution No. 01-05 and Fixing Compensation of Employees From and After January 1, 2001
- #01-95        In the Matter of the Election to Receive National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments Under P.L. 106-393

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The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m. to Monday, September 10, 2001 at 2:00 p.m.

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