

MINUTES

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

August 5, 2002

The Commissioners met in session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, August 5, 2002, at 2:00 P.M. Commissioners Bob Beerbower, Dennis Morrisette and Dan Wood were present. Also in attendance were Sandra Daniels, Clerk of the Board, and Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of July 29, 2002, were approved as presented.

PRESENTATION The Clerk of the Board read a resolution honoring Don Teitzel for 21 years of service to the County as its Communications Supervisor, and honoring him upon his retirement. Don Teitzel was present to accept the congratulations from the Board and expressed his appreciation and told the Board how much he had enjoyed working for Grays Harbor County. Peggy Fouts, Director of Grays Harbor 9-1-1 Center also thanked Don for his assistance, which was vital to the 9-1-1 operation.

Rick Lovely, Director of Grays Harbor Public Utilities District, was present to ask the Board if they had considered his request presented at their meeting of July 22nd to join with the PUD and other entities to oppose the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's proposed changes to the Northwest electricity system that would result in increased costs and other risks. Upon motion made, seconded and passed, the board agreed to join the Northwest Power Works coalition in opposing the FERC's proposed changes.

BIDS

HEARINGS

A hearing on the county-initiated right-of-way vacation over and across the county road known as Workman Creek Branch Road #64840, located in section 16, Township 17N, Range 6, WWM, from milepost 0.106 to 0.384. Paul Easter, Director of Public Services gave a staff report indicating that this section of road is a .14' wide gravel road not utilized by the general public and is sub-standard in geometry and width. Removal from the public road system would reduce the county's liability and maintenance costs. He noted that the Board of Commissioners had vacated the remainder of the property, 2.72 miles long, in 1986, and that Weyerhaeuser supports the proposed Vacation. The

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Chairman called for public testimony, and receiving none, closed the hearing. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the right-of-way vacation and adopt and sign a resolution enacting the Order of Vacation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Beerbower called for public comment. Tom Schoch of Hoquiam addressed the Board with questions regarding the status of the previously proposed Apprenticeship Resolution. Prosecuting Attorney Stew Menefee responded that the question had been sent to the Attorney General's Office for review and we were awaiting their opinion.

Stanley Blunt of Aberdeen commented on the escalating power rates, and requested the Chairman to ask the Sheriff to attend a Board meeting, as Mr. Blunt wished to ask him questions relating to the county's stance on illegal aliens.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Request Approval, WSDOT Task Assignment

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a Washington State Department of Transportation Task Assignment for the Aberdeen Gardens Road Bridge Replacement, pursuant to the County's Agreement G.C.A.1220.

Request Approval, Road Closure

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a one-week road closure on the Artic Road/Little North River Bridge, M.P. 0.21 to M.P. 0.31, to allow the contractor to make warranty repairs to the Artic Road, Little North River Bridge Replacement Project.

Request Approval, Professional Services Contract

A motion was made, seconded and passed to execute a contract amendment and contract for Professional Services with Triangle Associates, Inc. The work called for in the agreements will focus on continuing to develop the Watershed Management Plan and establish an instream flow measurement network and hydrographs for the Chehalis Basin. It was noted that the Department of Ecology's watershed management grants will cover the expenses incurred by the agreement.

Request Award Bid It was moved, seconded and passed to award the bid for the Pearsall Building Sign Project to the low bidder, Phoenix Signs of Aberdeen.

Paul Easter, Director of Public Services, introduced the new Planning and Building Director, Brian Shea. He noted that Mr. Shea had previously worked for the City of Aberdeen and today was his first day with the county.

DEPARTMENTS

Auditor:

Request Property Be Declared Surplus Upon a request by the County Auditor, it was moved, seconded and passed to declare two DCS Mini Tower PCs in the Auditor's office as surplus to county needs, and transferred to the Central Services Department for salvage.

Request Approval, July Payroll & Payables It was moved seconded and passed to approve vouchers totalling \$4,642,685.42 and salaries totalling \$1,873,113.63 for the month of July.

Prosecuting Attorney

Request Approval of Lease Stew Menefee, Prosecuting Attorney, told the Commission that pursuant to a contract with the Washington State Attorney General's Office, the Prosecuting Attorney has provided services for two decades for the establishment of paternity and enforcement of child support obligations. He noted that his office is fully reimbursed for the cost of these services. For a number of years, they have leased office space to house the child Support Enforcement Unit. That lease expires in September and he requested that the Board approve a new five-year lease in the amount of \$1,452 per month. It was moved, seconded and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the new five-year lease, the cost to be reimbursed by the State.

Health & Social Services

Request Approval of License Renewal Application It was moved, seconded and passed to sign a Medical Test Site License Renewal Application to the State Department of Health. It was noted that being licensed as a test site allows the Health Department to provide a range of medical testing that is necessary for many of the services provided.

Management Services

Request Approval, Salary Resolution It was moved, seconded and passed to adopt a Resolution amending Salary Resolution 02-05, due to the appointment of the new Director of Planning and Building.

Request Set Date, Supplemental Budget Hearing It was moved, seconded and passed to set Monday, August 26, 2002, at 2:00 P.M., as the time to hear a request for Supplemental Appropriation in the Sheriff Department Fund #001-032.

Treasurer

Request Approval, Application for Sale of Tax Title Property It was moved, seconded and passed to adopt a resolution providing for the sale of Tax Title Property. Both parcels lie within the city boundary and have been charged with utility service and ULID liens by the City of Ocean Shores. The recommended minimum sale price was based on the amount due at foreclosure plus the anticipated sale costs.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk of the Board announced that the following correspondence had been received:

Correspondence from *The Daily World* informing the Board that their parent company, Stephens Media Group, had acquired *The Vidette* of Montesano. As *The Vidette* currently has a contract for legal publications with the County, *The Daily World* has agreed to honor the county legal advertising rate in *The Vidette* until the expiration of the current contract in June, 2003.

Stanley Trohimovich sent an e-mail that he requested be noted in the Commissioners' Meeting today. *Subject: Proof of Violation of Official Bonds by County Officers as Disclosed by Study of Act of June 1, 1789.* The e-mail was referred to the Prosecuting Attorney and is available to the public for review in the Commissioners Office.

APPOINTMENT Jay Sterling of Montesano was appointed to the Grays Harbor Public Facilities District.

ANNOUNCEMENT None

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were adopted and signed by the Board:

- #02/69 Honoring Don Teitzel For 21 Years of Service and
 Congratulating Him on His Retirement**
- #02/70 Amending Resolution No. 02-05 and Fixing Compensation of
 Employees From & After January 1, 2002**
- #02/71 Declaration of Tax Title Surplus Property Order of Sale**
- #02/72 Order of Vacation**

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The meeting adjourned at 2:45 P.M. to Monday, August 12, 2002, at 2:00 P.M.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY

BOB BEERBOWER, Chairman

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ATTEST:

Sandra Daniels
Clerk of the Board