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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

September 15, 2003

The Commissioners met in session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, September 15, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Bob Beerbower, Dennis Morrisette and Al Carter were present. Also in attendance was Sandi Daniels, Clerk of the Board. Jennifer Weiland, Prosecuting Attorney was present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the September 8, 2003 meeting were approved.

BIDS

Aberdeen Gardens Road, Wishkah River Bridge Project: The Clerk of the Board announced the bid opening has been postponed until 2:00 p.m., September 22, 2003. The County will be sending out an Addendum #2 to reflect changes in proposal quantities and specifications.

Precommercial Thinning Contract: There was a bid opening for the job of Precommercial Thinning on portions of Grays Harbor County land. The Precommercial Thinning Project is approximately 302 acres more or less. A sample contract together with all the forms necessary to submit a sealed bid were available for inspection at the office of the County Forester, 310 West Spruce, Suite 100, Montesano, Washington. The Clerk of the Board opened and read the following bids received with bid bond attached:

Ramirez Reforestation, Chehalis	\$19,932.00
JC Reforestation, Chehalis	\$26,790.42
Saul's Reforestation, Winlock	\$14,496.00

Chairman Morrisette referred the bids to the Department of Forestry for review and recommendation.

HEARINGS

None

PRESENTATION

None

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Request Approval, Set Hearing Date, Application for Preliminary Plat Approval,

Long Subdivision: On the evening of September 2, 2003, the Grays Harbor County Planning Commission concluded a public hearing on a request for preliminary plat approval of Long Subdivision Case #2003-0936. The subject property is owned by Northwest Rock Inc. and is located just west of Clemons Road, adjacent to Kayla and Ashley Drives. Seven members of the Planning Commission were present, with one member absent. The Planning Commission voted 5-2 for recommending conditional approval of the preliminary long subdivision. September 29, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider Case #2003-0936, 32-Lot Long Subdivision.

Request Approval, Permit to Install and Maintain Flow Gauge in Humptulips

River: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign a permit between the Rayonier Timberlands Operating Company, L.P. and the County. The permit allows the County to access land owned by Rayonier for the purpose of installing and maintaining a flow gauge in the Humptulips River. The gauge will be installed through USGS.

Request Approval, Lease Agreements w/Rayonier Timberlands Operating

Company for Communication Sites: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve two lease agreements between the County and Rayonier Timberlands Operating Company for communication sites at Aloha and Saddle Mountain. The leases provide rights-of-way and easements for ingress, egress, and utilities. The rent on each site is \$750 per year through June 9, 2008.

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PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

Request Approval, Contract w/Thurston County: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a contract between the County and Thurston County. This contract allows the Department to bill Thurston County for screening and enrollment services provided to women in the County who meet the eligibility for the State's Breast and Cervical Health Screening program. Thurston County is the Prime Contractor for this region of the State. Also included is a Business Associate Addendum that addresses all of the HIPAA requirements associated with providing these services. Thurston County will be billed on an hourly fee-for-service.

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Request Approval, Amendment to County's Contract w/ESD 113: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amendment to the County's contract with ESD 113 for Substance Abuse Prevention services. The ESD will support ten student Prevention Teams in addressing drugs, alcohol use, tobacco use and drinking and driving. \$22,186 is added to the contract for this purpose.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Request Approval, PEBB Agreement: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an Interlocal Agreement for employee medical coverage through the Washington State Health Care Authority Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB). The HCA PEBB has a large state employee membership base which is advantageous to a small rural county for medical insurance costs containment. This continues and maintains quality, affordable medical coverage for Grays Harbor County employees. In addition, it provides affordable retired coverage which meets ESSB5777 effective January 1, 2004 requirements for retired employees continued coverage. Rose Elway, Budget Director, has discussed this plan with the county union membership who are in agreement and familiar with these benefits through Thurston and Pacific County participation. The plan participation effective date is January 1, 2004.

Request Approval, Flexible Spending Agreement: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amendment to the Manley Services Flexible Spending Plan raising the uninsured health expense reimbursement annual benefit maximum per participant to \$3,000 from \$2,000. During 2003 several employees have already reached the \$2,000 out of pocket expenses and have requested the increased benefit. The plan assists employees with out of pocket costs such as deductibles, orthodontia, eye glasses, travel costs, elective surgery, and other specialized needs not covered by medical insurance. The maximum benefit amendment for uninsured health care expenses will be effective January 1, 2004.

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

FAIR

Request Approval, Tourism Proposals Award: Grays Harbor Tourism requested proposals for media marketing and buying services. There were seven proposals received. After careful consideration it was recommended that the contract with Dynamic Results for media marketing and buying services for Fall 2003 be approved. Total amount of the contracted services will be \$60,000.

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In addition, Grays Harbor Tourism would like to contract with Morris Media for media marketing and buying services for winter 2003-2004. Total amount of the contracted services will be \$60,000. Both agencies bring different strengths and media marketing plans. Utilizing both agencies in different time frames will allow Grays Harbor Tourism to track the effectiveness of the media marketing strategies.

TREASURER

Request Approval, Proposal to Dispose Of Tax Title Property: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 03-96 – Declaration of Tax Title Surplus Property Order of Sale.** This resolution authorizes the sale of a parcel of tax title property to the City of Hoquiam. The County acquired this parcel through the foreclosure of tax lien in December of 2000. During the foreclosure process, the City of Hoquiam recorded an abatement lien in the amount of \$24,560.35 for the removal of an apartment building. To complicate matters, a house, in poor condition, still remains on this lot. Ron Strabbing, County Treasurer, recommended the County sell this property to the City of Hoquiam for the minimum sale price allowed under existing statutes. That would result in a sale price to the City of \$4,985.20 [Their net cost = \$4,985.20 (unpaid taxes) + \$26.00 (processing costs) = \$5,011.20 (total cost)]. The city would then be free to remove the remaining house or by attaching conditions to its sale require the buyer to remove the remaining house.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Morrisette asked for public comment. Daryl Scrimgeour, resident of 75 Homestead Lane in Elma, discussed a zoning issue. Mr. Scrimgeour requested minutes for the June 1996 Planning Commission meeting. He distributed informational packets to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Scrimgeour discussed property values and provided various value amounts. Chairman Morrisette referred Mr. Scrimgeour to the County Assessor, Planning Director and the Public Services Director. For the record Mr. Scrimgeour noted a survey from Dick Sterling and commented it was not certified in time. There was no additional public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk of the Board announced the following correspondence received:

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1. A letter received from Beverley Ripley regarding Cranberry Coast Chamber of Commerce. The correspondence outlined the Annual Cranberry Harvest Festival in Grayland, scheduled for October 11th and 12th. The plan is to divert traffic for no longer than 30 to 45 minutes, as in years past. All Parade entrants will have lighted floats or be illuminated in some way since it will be held in the evening hours. Application has been made to the Washington State DOT for a Parade permit. As in the past the Grayland Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring the parade and assisting with the liability insurance required. The local ambulance service and Transit Authority, in addition to all local businesses who may be affected, will be notified. All parade entrants will line up at the Grayland Community Hall between 7 and 8 pm. The parade should start at approximately 8 pm. Traffic Control will be supplied by Grays Harbor and Pacific County Sheriff's Offices, Volunteer Traffic personnel provided by Grays Harbor County, Washington State Patrol and the Shoalwater Bay Tribal Police. The request was referred to the Sheriff's Department, Risk Management and the Department of Public Services.
2. Correspondence was received from Fournier Insurance Group confirming renewal Continuation Certificate for Bob Beerbower reflecting coverage effective 11/22/03. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Continuation Certificate and place on file with the County Clerk.

Chairman Morrisette announced the Board would recess to executive session to discuss pending litigation. No decisions would be made in the meeting. At 2:45 p.m. the Board recessed to executive session.

The Board reconvened at 3:00 p.m. and Chairman Morrisette announced no action was taken.

APPOINTMENT(S)

None

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, September 15, 2003, starting at 9:00 A.M. These staff meetings are public meetings, held in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The purpose is for information and discussion only. No decisions are made, nor any action taken at staff meetings. The Commissioners and Clerk of the Board reviewed calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with the Public Services Director, the Director of Health and Social Services and the County Treasurer.

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RESOLUTIONS

The following resolution was approved and signed:

#03-96 Declaration of Tax Title Surplus Property Order of Sale

ORDINANCES

None

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The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m. to Monday, September 22, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
for Grays Harbor County
This _____ day of _____, 2003

BOB BEERBOWER, Commissioner, District 1

DENNIS MORRISETTE, Chairman

ALBERT A. CARTER, Commissioner, District 3

ATTEST:

Sandra Daniels
Clerk of the Board