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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING

November 10, 2003

The Commissioners met in session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, November 10, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Bob Beerbower, Dennis Morrisette and Al Carter were present. Also in attendance was Sharon Meier, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Jim Baker, Prosecuting Attorney was present.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the October 27, 2003, 6:00 p.m. meeting were approved. Minutes of the November 3, 2003 meeting were approved.

BIDS

None

HEARINGS

Property Tax Hearing – 2004 Levy:

- a. **Consider Adoption of Property Tax Levy Resolution – General Fund**
- b. **Consider Adoption of Property Tax Levy Resolution – Road Fund**
- c. **Consider Adoption of Property Tax Levy Resolution – Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund**

There was a public hearing to consider adoption of the Grays Harbor County 2003 Regular Property Tax Levy for 2004 Collection. Resolutions authorizing an increase in General Expense Fund, Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund and Road Limit Factors for Property Tax Levy Adoption for Grays Harbor County, per the requirements of RCW 84.55. Copies of the Proposed 2004 Budget and Tax Levy Information were available in the office of the County Auditor. Rose Elway, Budget Director, reported the hearing is to set the 2004 Grays Harbor County property tax levy for the General Fund, Road Fund, and Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund. Ms. Elway explained the Grays Harbor County Property Tax Levy Resolution for the General Fund, Road Fund Resolution and the Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund would authorize a 1% increase in the regular property tax levy for the General Fund, Road Fund and Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund in addition to any amount resulting from the addition of new construction and improvements to property and any increase in the value of state-assessed property for the 2004 levy. Grays Harbor County shall authorize the regular property tax levy for the General Fund in the amount of \$7,211,160 which is an increase of 1% from the previous year. This continues the rate at an estimated 1.80 per 1,000 AV. Grays Harbor County shall authorize the regular property

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tax levy for the Road Fund in the amount of \$3,799,124 which increased 1% from the previous year. This continues the rate per 1,000 AV at an estimated 2.25 per 1,000 AV. Grays Harbor County shall authorize the regular property tax levy for the Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund in the amount of \$44,000 which is the continued obligation voted in 1988 for general obligation bond debt service. Chairman Morrisette asked for public comment. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the following:

Resolution No. 03-125 – Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution, General Fund, 2003 Tax Levy For 2004 Collection

Resolution No. 03-126 – Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution, Road Fund, 2003 Tax Levy For 2004 Collections

Resolution No. 03-127 – Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution, Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund, 2003 Tax Levy For 2004 Collection

PRESENTATION

None

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES

Request Approval, Set Hearing Date, Right-of-Way Vacation: John and Maria Andrews have petitioned to vacate a portion of right-of-way adjacent to their property in the plat of Pacific Beach Highland Heights. A motion was made, seconded and passed to set December 8, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to consider the petition as described.

Request Approval, Department of Health Contract #N11637-1 Amendment #1: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Department of Health Contract Amendment #N11637-1 which provides funding for conducting sanitary surveys on Group A water systems located within Grays Harbor County. This amendment changes the end date from December 31, 2003, to June 30, 2005, and increases the contract amount by \$6,750.

The Deputy Clerk of the Board announced the following item received after the agenda was prepared.

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Request Approval, Certification For Grant Application, Ocean City Water Systems:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a certification to accompany a grant application for the Ocean City water system project. If successful the grant would provide up to 50% of the cost to consolidate and upgrade 2 systems in the Ocean City area.

DEPARTMENTS

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Request Approval, Budget Transfer, Prosecutor's Office: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 03-128 – Transferring Items In The Grays Harbor County General Fund Prosecutor's Office #001-030**. This resolution authorizes a transfer in the Prosecutor's office of \$2,500 from salaries to supplies to provide sufficient funds for the purchase of two Pentium IV computers and software. The current computers are not compatible and will not support the upgrade needed to support the D.A. Assistant Program.

FAIR

Request Approval, 2004 Facility Use Agreement: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2004 Grays Harbor County Fairgrounds & Event Center Facility Use agreement. There have been some changes and additions to the agreement, which have been reviewed by Jim Baker, county attorney. Dates have been reserved for use of the fairgrounds facilities for 2004 and upon approval agreements will be issued.

PROSECUTOR

Request Approval, Set Hearing Date, Consider Proposed Ordinance Imposing An Additional One-Tenth Of One Percent Sales And Use Tax For Emergency Communication Systems And Facilities: A motion was made, seconded and passed to set November 24, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance imposing an additional one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax for emergency communication systems and facilities. On August 4, 2003 the Board adopted Resolution 03-78 authorizing the Auditor to place on the November 4, 2003 general election ballot an authorizing proposition to the voters to impose an additional one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax for emergency communication systems and facilities. At the recent November 4th election this proposition was approved by a

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majority of the Grays Harbor County voters. After consultation with the County's Budget Director, Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, prepared the proposed ordinance and public notice for the Board's consideration under the authority of RCW 82.14.420. Section 6 of the proposed ordinance specifies an effective date of April 1, 2004, since the Department of Revenue requires 75 days notice prior to collection of the tax, which must commence at the beginning of a quarter.

AUDITOR

Request Approval, Payroll and Payables for October 2003: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Payroll and Payable for the month of October 2003. Total Claims -- \$4,936,193.10; Total Salary -- \$1,915,406.10 for a monthly total of \$6,851,599.20.

COMMISSIONERS

Request, Set Hearing Date, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Consider Proposal and accept testimony: A motion was made, seconded and passed to set November 24, at 6:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing to consider the following:

The Board of County Commissioners will be considering a proposal from the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and will be taking testimony to consider the possibility of restricting the use of motorized boats on certain parts of both the Wynooche and Satsop Rivers.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Morrisette asked for public comment. Carole Davis, resident of Ocean City, Washington, and president of the Washington Coast Chamber of Commerce expressed satisfaction with the action to move forward with the Ocean City water system. Ms. Davis asked for information regarding Conner Creek. Commissioner Carter provided an updated status report and discussed plans for the future.

Dara Mathieu, manager of Tideland Resort at Copalis Beach, spoke on plans for Conner Creek. She discussed the need for resort owners to have beach access. There was no further public comment.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

County offices will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th, in observation of Veteran's Day.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Deputy Clerk of the Board announced the following correspondence received:

A letter received from Eileen Foster, Chairperson, Festival of Lights Entertainment Chair. The Festival of Lights Entertainment Committee has been in contact with the Elma Swing Choir, the Montesano High School Choir, the Montesano Junior High Choir, and the Montesano Methodist Church Bell Choir about performing at this year's Festival. Ms. Foster requested permission to hold the performances in the Grays Harbor County Courthouse on Saturday afternoon, December 13th prior to the Grand Parade. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the request subject to review and recommendation by Risk Management and Public Services.

A lawsuit against Grays Harbor County was received from George Briggs and Billie Briggs. Chairman Morrisette referred the lawsuit to the Prosecuting Attorney and Risk Management.

A summons and complaint was received from Victor T.B. Evenson v. Travis Davis, et al. The summons and complaint was referred to the Prosecuting Attorney and Risk Management.

Notification for Public Official Bond for Bob Beerbower was received. Chairman Morrisette requested the notification be filed with the County Clerk.

APPOINTMENT(S)

None

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, November 10, 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 Deputy Clerk of the Board reviewed calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with the Public Services Director, Budget Director and the Deputy Prosecutor.

RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were approved and signed:

- #03-125 Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution, General Fund, 2003 Tax Levy For 2004 Collection**
- #03-126 Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution, Road Fund, 2003 Tax Levy For 2004 Collections**
- #03-127 Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution, Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund, 2003 Tax Levy For 2004 Collection**
- #03-128 Transferring Items In The Grays Harbor County General Fund Prosecutor's Office #001-030**

ORDINANCES

None

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The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. to Monday, November 17, 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:

Sharon Meier
Deputy Clerk of the Board