

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

April 19, 2004

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, April 19, 2004, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Bob Beerbower, Al Carter and Dennis Morrisette were present. Also in attendance was Donna Caton, Clerk of the Board and Jim Baker, Prosecuting Attorney.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting of April 12, 2004 were approved as presented.

BIDS

None

PROCLAMATION

April 18-April 24, 2004 as Washington State University Master Gardener Volunteer

Week: Don Tapio, area Extension Agent for Grays Harbor County, expressed appreciation to the Board of County Commissioners for their continued support of the Master Gardener program through the WSU Extension office. Mr. Tapio shared information regarding the Master Gardener program and reported there are more than 100 Master Gardener volunteers in Grays Harbor County. Last year they helped over 5000 County residents by answering their gardening questions. Mr. Tapio introduced Master Gardener, Charli Luensman. Ms. Luensman reported that WSU Master Gardeners in Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties have become recognized as the educational resource for home gardening information and are involved in many educational outreach programs throughout the County. On May 15 and 16 they will again be co-sponsoring the Grays Harbor Master Builders Show in Elma at the fairgrounds. This event showcases many of the local nurseries and the products they grow. The Annual Garden Tour will be held on July 31, 2004 and showcases the horticultural talent which exists in Grays Harbor County. Ms. Luensman reported the Master Gardeners continue to work with Amber Smith in the County's Solid Waste Program to help educate home gardeners of the importance of keeping vegetative debris out of the solid waste stream. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the Proclamation – **Washington State University Master Gardener Volunteer Week in Grays Harbor County, April 18 through 24, 2004**. This proclamation declares the week of April 18 through April 24, 2004 as Washington State University Master Gardener Week in Grays Harbor County and urges all citizens to join in this observance.

HEARINGS

Appeal of Denial of Road Access Permit on Sunset Street – Paul Banker: The Clerk of the Board announced the applicant has withdrawn this appeal application.

Appeal of Denial of Road Access Permit on Sunset Street – Daniel Copeland: The Clerk of the Board announced the applicant has withdrawn this appeal application.

Appeal of Denial of Road Access Permit on Sunset Street – Eleanor & Patricia Davis: The Clerk of the Board announced the applicant has withdrawn this appeal application.

Request for Variance from Subdivision Road Standards – Dravin McGaughy: The Clerk of the Board announced that a comment was received on Friday, April 16, 2004, regarding this variance that requires additional research. Upon recommendation by the department, this hearing was continued to May 3, 2004.

PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMISSIONERS

Award Bid and Approve Contract for County Printing of Official Publications: The Clerk of the Board announced that Grays Harbor County, pursuant to the bidding process of R.C.W. 36.72, on March 4, 2004 called for bids for official publications of the County. Bids were opened on March 29, 2004 with The Montesano Vidette submitting the only bid proposal and that proposal met specifications. By approving this contract, the Commissioners of Grays Harbor County declare The Montesano Vidette the Official County Newspaper for the purpose of official publications for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005. The contract represents an increase of less than 2 percent and deletes the requirement to maintain a WEB site for County Publications. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the contract as outlined.

Resolution for Appointment of Members to the Rural Counties Economic Development Funds Advisory Committee and Setting Terms: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2004-27 – A Resolution of Grays Harbor County for Appointment of Members to the Rural Counties Economic Development Funds Advisory Committee and Setting Terms**. The following citizens were appointed as members of the Rural Economic Development Funds Advisory Committee with terms of service as indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Represents</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Commissioner Dennis Morrisette	Board of Commissioners	January 1, 2005
Jim Neva	Port of Grays Harbor	January 1, 2006
Jason Olsen	East Grays Harbor County	January 1, 2006
Lisa Scott	Aberdeen, WA (Large Cities)	January 1, 2005
Randy Lewis	Small Cities in Grays Harbor (<4000)	January 1, 2005
John Huber	Member-At-Large	January 1, 2005
Michael Tracy	G.H. Economic Development Council	January 1, 2006

Mr. Michael Tracy, Executive Director of Grays Harbor EDC, shall act as chair of the aforementioned Rural Economic Development Funds Advisory Committee, in accordance with the policies of said committee.

Appointment to Mental Health Advisory Board: A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Jennifer Martinez to the Mental Health Advisory Board for a three year term. This appointment will bring the total membership to 11.

DEPARTMENTS

FORESTRY

Request Approval, Sale of Tax Title Property: Grays Harbor County is the owner of a parcel of property off of Elma Hicklin Road, described as W 20' NW SE S of RD. The current assessed value of this parcel is \$500. The Forestry Department received an inquiry from adjacent property owner Grant Fry as to how he may purchase this parcel from the County. According to RCW 36.35.150 Tax-title property may be disposed of without bids in certain cases. The County legislative authority may dispose of tax-title property by private negotiation without a call for bids for not less than the unpaid principal taxes and costs in any of the following cases:

- (1) When the sale is to any governmental agency and for public purposes;
- (2) when the county legislative authority determines that it is not practical to build on the property due to the physical characteristics of the property or legal restrictions on construction activities on the property;
- (3) when the property has an assessed value of five hundred dollars (\$500) or less and the property is sold to an adjoining landowner;
- or (4) when no acceptable bids were received

at the attempted public auction of the property if the sale is made within twelve months from the date of the attempted public auction.

Mr. Fry owns the property adjoining this parcel to the East and West sides. The County's best interest would be better served by placing the parcel back on the tax rolls. The Department of Forestry recommended the Treasurer be authorized to prepare a sale for this parcel with adjoining property owner Mr. Fry. A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Treasurer to prepare a sale for this parcel as described.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Request Approval, Agreement with Department of Fish and Wildlife: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an Agreement between the County and the State Department of Fish and Wildlife. Through this Agreement, the Department will pay up to \$5,000 in overtime staff costs to Fish and Wildlife when they are participating in Party Patrols as a member of the local Reducing Underage Driving (RUAD) Task Force. The Department receives funding from the DSHS Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse for these activities.

Request Approval, Amendment to the Consolidated Contract with Department of Health: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amendment to the County's Consolidated Contract with the State Department of Health. An additional \$6,946 of federal money is provided to assist the WIC program in verifying immunization records and to increase efficiency in the WIC program.

Request Approval, Agreement with Chelan-Douglas Regional Support Network: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an Agreement between the County and the Chelan-Douglas Regional Support Network. For approximately \$36,200 through December 31, 2004, Chelan-Douglas RSN will use a portion of their information services staff to provide support for a new mental health data reporting system. State mental health contract funds will be used.

SHERIFF

Request Approval, Facility Inmate Services Agreement: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a Facility Inmate Services Agreement between Evercom, Incorporated and Grays Harbor County. Evercom is the company that provides telephone services to inmates in the county jail. The civil division of the Grays Harbor County Prosecuting Attorney's Office has reviewed the contract and has approved it as to form.

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ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

Chairman Morrisette read a letter received from Sam Reed, Secretary of State regarding the 150th anniversary of the creation of Grays Harbor County by the Washington Territorial Legislature. April 14, 2004 marks the 150th anniversary. The letter expressed congratulations on the County's sesquicentennial and best wishes to all citizens of Grays Harbor County for the next 150 years.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk of the Board announced the following correspondence received:

An e-mail dated April 19, 2004 was received from Stanley J. Trohimovich, 1521 Simpson Avenue, Aberdeen, Washington. The subject is: "Daily World Demands Access to Secret Ocean Shores Arrest Records." The e-mail was accepted and placed on file and referred to the Prosecutor's office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Morrisette asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, April 19, 2004, starting at 9:00 a.m. These staff meetings are advertised public meetings, held in the Commissioners' Conference Room. The Commissioners and Clerk of the Board reviewed calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with Lee Napier regarding the Watershed Plan, Maryann Welch, Director of Public Health and Social Services Department, Larry Smith, Director of Forestry and Paul Easter, Kevin Varness and Brian Shea, Department of Public Services.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 2004-27	A Resolution of Grays Harbor County for Appointment of Members to the Rural Counties Economic Development Funds Advisory Committee and Setting Terms
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ORDINANCE

None

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The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m. to Monday, April 26, 2004 at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
for Grays Harbor County
This _____ day of _____, 2004

BOB BEERBOWER, Commissioner, District 1

DENNIS MORRISETTE, Chairman

ALBERT A. CARTER, Commissioner, District 3

ATTEST:

Donna Caton
Clerk of the Board