

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

November 15, 2004

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, November 15, 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 Stew Menefee, Prosecuting Attorney.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting of November 8, 2004 were approved as presented.

BIDS

None

HEARINGS

1. Supplemental Appropriation in the Election Reserve Fund #116-000-000: There was a public hearing to consider Supplemental Appropriation as follows: Election Reserve Fund #116-000-000 in the amount of \$74,000. The hearing was advertised on November 4 and 11, 2004. Chairman Morrisette asked for a staff report. Rose Elway, Budget Director, reported that the Auditor is requesting a supplemental appropriation in the Election Reserve Fund for \$74,000 in new revenue received from the Washington State Secretary of State Primary Election Grant. Funding will be used for election costs attributed to the new style of primary election. Chairman Morrisette asked for public comment. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

Action: Adopt Resolution: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution #2004-93 – Authorizing A Supplemental Extension In The Budget Of The Grays Harbor County Election Reserve Fund #116-000-000.

2. Emergency Appropriation in the Auditor's Office Fund #001-000-011: There was a public hearing to consider Emergency Appropriation in the Auditor's Office as follows: Auditor's Office Fund #001-000-011 in the amount of \$21,000. The hearing was advertised on November 4, 2004. Chairman Morrisette asked for a staff report. Rose Elway, Budget Director, reported that the emergency appropriation in the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$21,000 is due to retirement costs of accumulated vacation, comp time and a portion of the sick leave payouts of the Election Supervisor due at the end of this year. Chairman Morrisette asked for public comment. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

Action: Adopt Resolution: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution #2004-94 – Authorizing An Emergency Appropriation In The Budget Of The Grays Harbor County General Fund Auditor’s Office #001-000-011.

3. 2004 Regular Property Tax Levy for 2005 Collection for the General Fund, Road Fund, & Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund: There was a public hearing to consider adoption of the Grays Harbor County 2004 Regular Property Tax Levy for 2005 Collection. Grays Harbor County Property Tax Levy Resolution for the General Fund, Road Fund and the Pacific Beach Moclips Water System Bond Fund would authorize a 1% increase in the regular property tax levy for the General Fund and Road Fund and no increase for the 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 2005 levy, per the requirements of RCW 84.55. Copies of the Tax Levy Information and Budget were available for study in the County Auditor and Commissioners offices. The hearing was advertised on October 28 and November 4, 2004. Chairman Morrisette asked for a staff report. Rose Elway, Budget Director, reported that this is the 2005 Grays Harbor County property tax levy for the General Fund, Road Fund and the small water system bond issue at Pacific Beach. The regular property tax levy for the General Fund is in the amount of \$7,410,000 which increased \$198,840 over the previous year. This continues the rate at an estimated \$1.80 per 1,000 assessed value. The regular property tax levy for the Road Fund is in the amount of \$3,998,000 which increased \$198,876 over the previous year. This continues the rate at an estimated \$2.25 per 1,000 assessed value. The property tax levy for the Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund is 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.

Action: Adopt Property Tax Resolution – General Fund: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve #2004-95 -- Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution General Fund 2004 Tax Levy For 2005 Collection

Action: Adopt Property Tax Resolution – Road Fund: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve #2004-96 -- Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution Road Fund 2004 Tax Levy For 2005 Collection

Action: Adopt Property Tax Resolution – Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve #2004-97 – Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund 2004 Tax Levy For 2005 Collection

PRESENTATIONS

None

COMMISSIONERS

1. **Appointments to Fair Board:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Bob Randich, resident of Aberdeen, to serve on the Grays Harbor County Fair Board to fill an unexpired term through December of 2006.

DEPARTMENTS

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Resolution Authorizing A Budget Transfer – Insurance Fund #504-000-000:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2004-98 -- Transferring Items In The Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Insurance Fund #504.** This resolution authorizes a \$16,000 budget transfer within the Insurance Fund from the Labor Attorney to the Special Prosecutor. The original budget has been spent as of October, 2004 and it is anticipated that additional funds will be needed to complete the contract negotiations this year. This leaves a balance of \$4,000 in the Labor Attorney category.
2. **Request Approval, Set A Hearing For November 29, 2004 For The CDBG Public Services Block Grant:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to set November 29, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. as the date and time for a public hearing for the Washington State Department of Community Trade & Economic Development CDBG Public Services Block Grant. The purpose of this grant is to provide core administrative support for necessary community projects benefiting low and moderate-income persons and households.
3. **Request Approval, For The Chairman To Sign The Washington State University Extension Gear Up Grant Documents, To Include Authorization To Purchase Computer Equipment To Establish The Off-Site Taholah Program:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the September, 2004 through August 31, 2005 Federal GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness & Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) Scholars grant between the US Department of Education/WS Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) and Grays Harbor County WSU Extension Program. The grant totals \$216,100 which is a \$50,854 increase over 2004 which will add the Taholah program off site.

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

4. **Request Approval, Grays Harbor County One-Time-Only Funding Allocation, Interlocal Agreement:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an Interlocal Agreement between Grays Harbor County and the Cranberry Coast Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$1,000. Funding will be used to promote the Cranberry Harvest Festival 2004.

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. **Request Approval – Resolution Establishing ER&R Rental Rates for 2005:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution # 2004-99 – Establishing Rental Rates For Sheriff’s Cars, Motor Pool Cars and S.U. V. Vehicles.** This resolution establishes the rental rates be set effective January 1, 2005 for Sheriff’s Cars, Pool Cars and S.U.V.’s.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution # 2004-100 – Establishing Work Equipment And Truck Rental Rates For The Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund #501.** This resolution establishes the rental rates be set effective January 1, 2005 for Work Equipment and Truck Rental Rates for the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund #501.

2. **Request Approval, Advertise Bids For 2005 Culvert Supply:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Department of Public Services to advertise for bids for the 2005 Culvert Supply Contract. Bid publications would be December 16 and 23, 2004, with a bid opening of January 10, 2005, at 2:00 p.m.

3. **Request Approval, Right-of-Way Deeds For Elma-McCleary Road CRP 97400-17:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve two right-of-way deeds for the Elma-McCleary Road CRP 97400-17 project. With this approval the Department of Public Services will have the necessary right-of-way to construct this project.

4. **Request Approval, Resolution Establishing An Environmental Health Division Fee Schedule:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution #2004-101 – Authorizing Implementation Of A Fee Schedule For Environmental Health Programs.** This rate resolution will increase some of the fees charged by the Environmental Health Division. The resolution provides for appropriate CPI increases for these fees.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S):

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk of the Board announced the following correspondence received:

An e-mail dated November 7, 2004 and received from Stanley J. Trohimovich, Aberdeen, Washington. Subject – Fraudulent Elections Of A Purported President, But Actually One Who Is Usurping The Office Of President And Has The True Status Of An Unindicted Felon. The Clerk of the Board explained that this e-mail was announced last week and a call was received from Mr. Trohimovich requesting that this matter be placed on the agenda for the November 15 meeting in order to interrogate Mr. Spatz as to why he failed to respond to either of Mr. Trohimovich's two requests.

An e-mail dated November 14, 2004 and received from Stanley J. Trohimovich, Aberdeen, Washington. Subject – Does The UL Letter Pull The Rug From Under George Bush And His Fellow Travelers Concerning Their 911 Story? Should Congress Be Pressured To Select A Panel Of Non-Politician Experts To Study 911 Evidence And To Make A Final Report Within 30 Days?

An e-mail dated November 14, 2004 and received from Stanley J. Trohimovich, Aberdeen, Washington. Subject – Another Source For The UL Letter. Will The Media Expose The New American Century.Org Crowd And Its Relationship With George Bush The Usurper As A Result Of This Letter?

Chairman Morrisette announced that the e-mail would be available to the public, forwarded to the Prosecuting Attorney's office and placed on file.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Morrisette asked for public comment. Stanley J. Trohimovich, resident of Aberdeen, reported that he has requested an accounting of the taxes and believes there is an obligation to comply with his request. Mr. Trohimovich discussed official bond complaints. He made comments regarding his previous request for a constitutional election.

Bob Bonnell, resident of Montesano, discussed the County Budget problem and suggested that the biggest waste is in the Prosecutor's office. Mr. Bonnell stated that the County should live within their budget and made suggestions. Chairman Morrisette explained that the Board is discussing options.

Elaine Hart resident of 850 Monte-Elma Road, Satsop, discussed property located at 120 Bishop Street in Junction City. Ms. Hart reported that the sewer line was destroyed as a result of a demolition permit granted to Sierra Pacific. She inquired if grants were available to assist with connecting to an existing sewer line. Ms. Hart asked if a meeting is planned for November 29, 2004 regarding the vacation of the streets at Junction City. Ms. Hart asked if federal grants were awarded to install a new sewer line, an industrial waterline and the railroad tracks at Junction City. Chairman Morrisette reported that grants were used for the projects at Junction City and, under the grant criteria, could not be used for private residences. Chairman Morrisette reported that the Board would meet with Brian Shea in the Planning and Building Department and discuss the information provided. Ms. Hart would be contacted following that meeting. There was no further public comment.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, November 15, 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 Stew Menefee, Prosecutor, and Paul Easter and Brian Shea, Department of Public Services.

RESOLUTIONS

- #2004-93 Authorizing A Supplemental Extension In The Budget Of The Grays Harbor County Election Reserve Fund #116-000-000**
- #2004-94 Authorizing An Emergency Appropriation In The Budget Of The Grays Harbor County General Fund Auditor's Office #001-000-011**
- #2004-95 Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution General Fund 2004 Tax Levy For 2005 Collection**
- #2004-96 Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution Road Fund 2004 Tax Levy For 2005 Collection**
- #2004-97 Grays Harbor County Property Tax Increase Resolution Pacific Beach/Moclips Water System Bond Fund 2004 Tax Levy For 2005 Collection**
- #2004-98 Transferring Items In The Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Insurance Fund #504**

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#2004-99 Establishing Rental Rates For Sheriff's Cars, Motor Pool Cars and S.U.V. Vehicles

#2004-100 Establishing Work Equipment And Truck Rental Rates For The Equipment Rental And Revolving Fund #501

#2004-101 Authorizing Implementation Of A Fee Schedule For Environmental Health Programs

ORDINANCES

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m. to Monday, November 22, 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