

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

August 22, 2005

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, August 22, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Bob Beerbower, Al Carter and Mike Wilson were present. Also in attendance was Donna Caton, Clerk of the Board. Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney was excused.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Beerbower called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America being recited.

MINUTES

August 15, 2005: The minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting of August 15, 2005 were approved as presented.

BIDS

None

HEARINGS

1. **Consider Establishing A Trial Court Improvement Account:** There was a public hearing to consider an ordinance adding a new section to Chapter 2.04 of the Grays Harbor County Code to establish a trial court improvement account, fund number 104-000-000, as authorized by Chapter 457, Laws of 2005. Notice of this hearing was advertised in the *Montesano Vidette* on August 11, 2005. The publication included a summary providing a brief description of the ordinance presented to the Board of Commissioners of Grays Harbor County for consideration. Chairman Beerbower asked for a staff report. Rose Elway, Budget Director, provided a staff report. The ordinance establishes a trail court improvement account for funding superior and district court staffing, programs, facilities, or services as appropriated by the County Board of Commissioners, and adding a new section to Chapter 2.04 of the County Code. Chairman Beerbower asked for public comment. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

- **Action:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Ordinance No. 383 – An Ordinance Establishing A Trial Court Improvement Account, Fund

Number 104-000-000, For Funding Superior And District Court Staffing, Programs, Facilities, Or Services As Appropriated By The County Board of Commissioners, And Adding A New Section To Chapter 2.04 Of The County Code.

PRESENTATION

None

COMMISSIONERS

1. Resolution – Election to Receive National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments Under P.L. 106-393: The Clerk of the Board read excerpts from the proposed resolution as follows:

In the matter of the election to receive National Forest Related Safety-Net payments under P.L. 106-393, Congress enacted in 1908 and subsequently amended a law that requires that 25 percent of the revenues derived from National Forest lands be paid to states for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of public schools and roads.

The United States Congress recognized a need to stabilize education and road maintenance funding through predictable payments to the affected counties, job creation in those counties, and other opportunities associated with restoration, maintenance and stewardship of federal lands or benefit resources on federal lands, or in county projects or activities, and to achieve those goals enacted P.L. 106-393 in 2000.

Title I, Section 102 of P.L. 106-393 gives each eligible county the right to elect to receive either its traditional share of revenues from the National Forest lands pursuant to the Act of May 23, 1908 and Section 13 of the Act of March 1, 1911, or instead to receive the guaranteed amount, also known as the full payment amount.

1. The County has elected to receive its full payment amount pursuant to Title I, Section 102(a)(2) of P.L. 106-393 for the six-year period, which includes this fiscal year.
2. The County hereby allocates 80 percent of its full payment for Title I of P.L. 106-393. County will return none (zero percent) of its full payment

amount to the General Treasury of the United States pursuant to Title I, Section 102(d)(1)(B)(iii).

3. Of the amount allocated to Title II and Title III projects, hereinafter referred to as the “Project Funds,” Grays Harbor County further allocates between such Titles for federal fiscal year 2005 (for expenditure after federal fiscal year 2005) on the following basis: 17 percent of Project Funds for expenditure on Title II projects and 3 percent of the Project Funds for expenditure on Title III projects.
4. Of the amount of Project Funds allocated to Title II projects, Grays Harbor County further allocates between RACs as follows:

100 percent to the Grays Harbor RAC

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2005-76 – In The Matter Of The Election To Receive National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments Under P.L. 106-393.**

DEPARTMENTS

AUDITOR

1. **Request Approval, Declare Equipment Surplus:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to declared the following items as surplus and turned over to the County Treasurer for disposal:

2-Grey metal file cabinets, poor condition
2-Green metal closets, poor condition
1-Check signer, fair condition

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Declare Equipment Surplus:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to declare the following vehicles as surplus:

#46, a 1993 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FACP71WOPX164208
#53, a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71W6YX166074

#56, a 2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN #2FAFP71W8YX168327

This equipment was replaced in the normal replacement cycle and is no longer required by Grays Harbor County.

2. Request Approval, Professional Services Contract – Appraisal Services For South Bank Road: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a professional services contract to hire GPA Valuations, for appraisal services, on the South Bank Road, CRP 96412-26 county road project. With approval the county right-of-way agent will proceed with the appraisal process.

SHERIFF

1. Request Approval, Addendum To Contract For Jail Services For The City Of Elma: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an Addendum to the Contract For Jail Services for the City of Elma. This is the same addendum as other cities have signed in the past in which the cities prepay the county jail for a set number of incarceration days. They would then have a guarantee that as long as that city had prepaid days on the books their misdemeanor inmates would be accepted for incarceration regardless of jail status. In this addendum, the city receives a ten-percent premium to the cities in order to encourage them to participate in the program.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A Projection of Income from State Forest Board Lands was received from Doug Sutherland, Commissioner of Public Lands. The next projection of state board revenues will be available in October 2005. The report was distributed to the Board of Commissioners, Ron Strabbing, County Treasurer and Larry Smith, Director of the Forestry Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Beerbower asked for public comment. Paul Easter, Director of Public Services introduced Tom Gray, with the Engineering Division. Mr. Easter reported that

during the past year Mr. Gray served the nation through his service to the National Guard. Mr. Gray served 18 months in active duty of which 12 months were spent serving in the war in Iraq. Earlier in the year Mr. Gray expressed his appreciation to Grays Harbor County and the Board of Commissioners for supporting his leave of absence. At this meeting Mr. Grays reported that he lives in Willapa Valley and that the National Guard Bureau has launched a campaign called the Freedom Salute. The campaign is designed to express gratitude to the soldiers, family members and employers of the deployed guard members during operation Iraqi Freedom. As part of the campaign a medallion was designed to be presented to the employer as a token of appreciation for the support shown to the deployed guard members. Mr. Gray thanked the Board of Commissioners, Paul Easter, Russ Esses and Gene Zerby for their support in helping with the transition back into his civilian job. Mr. Gray presented the Army National Guard Team medallion as a token of appreciation. Mr. Easter commented that Tom Gray is a man with character and integrity and Grays Harbor County is fortunate to have him as an employee. Chairman Beerbower expressed appreciation to Mr. Grays for serving the country. There was no additional public comment.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, August 22, 2005, 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 Tami Garrow representing the Public Development Authority, and Paul Easter, Brian Shea and Kevin Varness with the Department of Public Services.

RESOLUTIONS

**No. 2005-76 In The Matter Of The Election To Receive National Forest
Related Safety-Net Payments Under P.L. 106-393.**

ORDINANCES

**No. 383 An Ordinance Establishing A Trial Court Improvement
Account, Fund Number 104-000-000, For Funding Superior
And District Curt Staffing, Programs, Facilities, Or Services
As Appropriated By The County Board of Commissioners,**

And Adding A New Section To Chapter 2.04 Of The County Code.

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m. to Monday, August 29, 2005 at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
for Grays Harbor County
this _____ day of _____, 2005

BOB BEERBOWER, Chairman
Commissioner, District 1

MIKE WILSON, Commissioner, District 2

ALBERT A. CARTER, Commissioner, District 3

ATTEST:

Donna Caton
Clerk of the Board