

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

October 16, 2006

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, October 16, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Bob Beerbower, Mike Wilson and Al Carter were present. Also in attendance was Donna Caton, Clerk of the Board. James Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney was present.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Beerbower called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

October 9, 2006: The minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting of October 9, 2006 were approved as presented.

BIDS

None

HEARINGS

1. **Supplemental Budget – Advanced Expenditures:** There was a public hearing to consider Supplemental Budget as follows: Advanced Expenditures, #001-000-037 in the amount of \$100,000. Notice of this hearing was advertised in *The Montesano Vidette* on October 5 and 12, 2006. Chairman Beerbower asked for a staff report. Rose Elway, Budget Director, reported that the supplemental budget request in the amount of \$100,000 is in the Advanced Expenditure Budget. The original budget does not cover the current year expenditures. This fund accumulates all election costs, which are then charged out to other entities. These charges will be offset by revenue collected from the state and other entities incurring election costs.

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 Resolution No. 2006-99 – Authorizing A Supplemental Extension In The Budget Of The Grays Harbor County General Fund Advanced Expenditures Department #001-000-037.

PRESENTATION

None

COMMISSIONERS

None

DEPARTMENTS

AUDITOR

1. **Request Approval, Accept Grant From Federal Elections Assistance Commission – Modular For Elections Department:** Vern Spatz, County Auditor, reported that since moving to mail elections in 2005 there have been issues with space and security. In March Mr. Spatz applied for funding from the Federal Elections Assistance Commission to solve the issue. He announced that the county has been granted \$206,000 to acquire a 2,000 square foot modular building, to include all fixtures and equipment, for use by the elections department. There was a match requirement that was met by providing a site valued at approximately \$40,000 to locate the building. The EAC is still reviewing approximately \$10,000 in contingency fees. If that amount is denied the department will have to provide it from the Elections Reserve funds. The elections section of the office will have adequate space to process and store ballots in a highly secure environment. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept this grant and authorize the acquisition process.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Resolution – Budget Transfer for Civil Service Commission:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2006-100 – Transferring Items In The Grays Harbor County General Fund Civil Service Office #001-013.** This resolution authorizes the transfer to move \$1,200 from operating supplies to professional services to cover the expenses for additional testing. Rose Elway, Budget Director reviewed the request and funds are available for this transfer.

2. **Request Approval, Set Hearing Date -- Emergency Budget for Civil Service Commission:** October 30, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider an Emergency Budget request for the Civil Service Office in the amount of \$2,065 in Supplies and Other Services to cover expenses needed to perform testing of civil service positions. To date, five tests have been completed and a sixth is in progress.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- 1. Request Approval, Amend Contract With DSHS Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amendment to the County's contract with the State DSHS Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. The Amendment increases funding for fiscal year 2007 by \$52,000 to fund a chemical dependency counselor stationed at the local Child Protective Services unit. The increase in State funding brings the total contract amount to \$1,934,257.
- 2. Request Approval, Agreement with Pierce County:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an Agreement with Pierce County. This Agreement specifies rates to be paid when a Grays Harbor resident is admitted to the Pierce County Residential Treatment Facility. The rate is \$600-\$625 per day. Admissions are authorized by the department when there are no other alternate forms of treatment available.

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 1. Request Approval, Right of Way Deed for North River Road:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve one Right-of-Way deed for the North River Road E-11-96130-64 project. With this approval the County Surveyor will proceed with recording the document and finalizing this purchase.
- 2. Request Approval, Resolution Acknowledging Vacation – Petition by Art and Mary Hodgins and Anthony and Irma Taylor:** The Department received a petition from Art and Mary Hodgins and Anthony and Irma Taylor to acknowledge vacation of rights of way surrounding property they own in Ocosta. The Department finds no record of these rights of way having ever been opened within the applicable time period. They have no objection to the Board acknowledging these rights of way having been automatically vacated by operation of law. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2006-101 – Resolution Acknowledging Vacation By Operation Of Law.**
- 3. Request Approval, Resolution to Include Driftwood Drive, Preston Road, Oien Road in the County Road System:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2006-102 – Resolution to Increase the Total Road Plant of Grays Harbor County in Reference to Driftwood Drive, Preston Road and Oien Road.**

4. Request Approval, Letter of Support and to Advertise a Request for Proposals – WRIA 20 Salmon Recovery: The lead entity for salmon recovery in the Chehalis Basin received a request from Clallam County, also a lead entity, asking for support of their proposal to form a new lead entity for WRIA 20. This new lead entity would be part of the coast region for salmon recovery. Adequate representation from this part of the region is critical to successful regional discussions. In response to the request, staff drafted a letter to the Department of Fish and Wildlife stating the County's support for a new lead entity in WRIA 20. The Salmon Recovery Funding Board awarded a grant to fund continued regional work/discussions. Grays Harbor County is the fiscal agent for the contract. A portion of this grant is earmarked to hire a facilitator to initiate regional discussions. A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign a letter of support and authorize the Department to advertise for professional services through a Request For Proposals (RFP) process.

SHERIFF

1. Request Approval, Interlocal Agreement for Grays Harbor County Joint Drug Task Force: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an Inter-Local Agreement for the Grays Harbor County Joint Drug Task Force. This agreement has been in place since the inception of the task force; the only change now is the signature of the new Chief of Police for the City of Hoquiam. All other signatures have been obtained.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

None

CORRESPONDENCE

A Claim For Damages (#C-519-06) against Grays Harbor County was received from Joseph and Cindy Doyle. The claim was referred to the Prosecutor, Claims Review Board and Risk Management.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Beerbower asked for public comment. Ron Armstrong of Hoquiam, Washington commented regarding the status on proposed ordinance changes in County Road Standards. Midge Martin, of Elma reported that she represents Families Against Methamphetamine in Grays Harbor County. Ms. Martin commented regarding this group of concerned citizens and their efforts to work with other entities on the problem with methamphetamine in Grays Harbor County.

There was no additional public comment.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, October 16, 2006, 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 local farmers that included Dan Pearson and Dan Boeholt; Maryann Welch, Public Health and Social Services; Dale Gowan, Central Services; Paul Easter, Director of Department of Public Services.

RESOLUTIONS

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| No. 2006-99 | Authorizing a Supplemental Extension in the Budget of the Grays Harbor County General Fund Advanced Expenditures Department #001-000-037 |
| No. 2006-100 | Transferring Items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Civil Service Office #001-013 |
| No. 2006-101 | Resolution Acknowledging Vacation by Operation of Law. |
| No. 2006-102 | Resolution to Increase the Total Road Plant of Grays Harbor County in Reference to Driftwood Drive, Preston Road and Oien Road |

ORDINANCES

None

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

Agreement with Pierce County

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m. to Monday, October 23, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
For Grays Harbor County
This _____ day of _____, 2006

BOB BEERBOWER, Chairman
Commissioner, District 1

MIKE WILSON, Commissioner, District 2

ALBERT A. CARTER, Commissioner, District 3

ATTEST:

Donna Caton
Clerk of the Board