

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

December 11, 2006

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, December 11, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Bob Beerbower, Al Carter and Mike Wilson were present. Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney was present. Also in attendance was Donna Caton, Clerk of the Board.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

MINUTES

Special Meeting/November 30, 2006: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 30, 2006.

December 4, 2006: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' Meeting of December 4, 2006.

BIDS

1. Construction of Middle Satsop Road Boat Launch Curve Realignment:

There was a bid opening for the construction of the following project: Middle Satsop Road/Boat Launch Curve Realignment, M.P. 2.42 to M.P. 3.04, C-97250-11 – STPH-T141(002). The work to be performed under this contract consists of reconstructing 0.62-mile of road. Plans and specifications were available from the Grays Harbor County Public Services Department, Administration Building, 100 West Broadway, Suite 31, Montesano, Washington. Informational copies of maps, plans and specifications were on file for inspection in the office of the County Road Engineer, Department of Public Services, Public Works Division, 310 West Spruce, Montesano, Washington. Notice of the bid opening was advertised in *The Montesano Vidette* on November 16 and 30, 2006.

The Clerk of the Board opened and read the following bids received with bid bond attached:

1.	Construct Company, Sumner, WA	\$3,174,861.25
2.	SCI Infrastructure, Pacific, WA	\$2,600,365.30
3.	Wilder Construction Company, Olympia, WA	\$2,105,106.61
4.	Stan Palmer Construction Company, Port Orchard, WA	\$2,654,086.00
5.	Sterling Breen Crushing Inc., Chehalis, WA	\$2,336,999.50
6.	Quigg Bros., Inc., Aberdeen, WA	\$2,361,933.90

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| 7. | Rognlin's Inc., Aberdeen, WA | \$2,999,285.57 |
| 8. | Scarsella Bros., Inc., Seattle, WA | \$2,214,214.14 |

Chairman Beerbower referred the bids to the Department of Public Services for review and recommendation.

HEARINGS

1. Consider Vacation of Right of Way – Petition by Drazich Holdings, LLC:

There was a public hearing to consider a petition received by Drazich Holdings LLC to vacate pursuant to R.C.W. 36.87.020 the following right of way: all of Ninth Street between Lot 9 and Lot 1 Block 10 in the Plat of Quinault Higley's Volume 3 Page 73 records of Grays Harbor County. Notice of this hearing was advertised in *The Montesano Vidette* on November 30 and December 7, 2006. Chairman Beerbower asked for a staff report. John Kirkwood, Administrative Engineer reported that Drazich Holding, LLC has petitioned to vacate the right of way of unopened Ninth Street that is adjacent to their property in the Plat of Quinault Higley's. The Plat of Quinault Higley's was dedicated on July 1, 1907 and Ninth Street has never been opened. Vacating the right of way will not land lock any adjacent property, nor does it lead to a body of water. The Department recommended the Order of Vacation be approved and the right of way be placed back on the tax rolls. The application fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) and the fifty percent (50%) appraised value of two thousand five hundred fifty dollars (\$2,500.00) have been paid.

Mr. Kirkwood announced that he was just advised by Kraig Snure, District Ranger that Chief Ranger Tim Simonds is on his way to Montesano to comment on the right of way petition. He did not know if Mr. Simonds is for or against the request.

Chairman Beerbower announced that the Board would recess from this public hearing and allow Mr. Simonds to appear and be heard.

PRESENTATION

None

COMMISSIONERS

- 1. Second Resolution – Junior Taxing Districts – 2006 Tax Levy for 2007 Collection:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2006-130 – Junior Taxing Districts Second 2006 Tax Levy for Year 2007 Collections.**

Two junior taxing districts & a city have requested tax levies for regular, debt, or special purposes according to statute after November 30, 2006. Through this resolution the County Commissioners certify to the County Assessor taxes levied for county purposes and taxes for each city or other junior taxing district in accordance with RCW 54.52.070. The County Assessor shall extend the following tax rates and amounts upon the tax rolls, subject to limitations imposed by law, in the manner and form prescribed by statute subject to submission of the tax request received after the statutory filing deadline. The City of Cosmopolis EMS Levy at \$.50 per thousand AV. Fire District 14 Regular and Reserve at \$57,475, EMS at \$39,419, EMS 1 & 2 at \$28,875 and Bond at \$43,197. Fire District No. 16 Regular at \$31,400 and EMS at \$12,000.

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

2. Grays Harbor PDA Request for .08 Funds: The Grays Harbor PDA requested .08 funds to assist in construction of a 40,000 square foot general-purpose building. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the request for .08 funds as requested. The Board received and reviewed the recommendation for approval of this request from the Rural .08 Advisory Committee of the Grays Harbor Economic Development Council. This approval includes the following terms and conditions:

- A one-time request for \$200,000 in 2007 to assist with utilities infrastructure improvements associated with the proposed facility.
- Debt service of up to \$70,000 per year for 15 years beginning in 2008 to meet the loan repayment requirements of the State CERB Program.
- Approval of GHPDA's request to the State CERB Program for \$1 million in grant/loan assistance for this project.
- The County and GHPDA will enter into a final agreement for this project upon CERB Board approval of the GHPDA's request. The agreement will address the opportunity for reduction of annual debt service from the .08 fund dependant and subject to the GHPDA's final investment in the project (land and building), return on the GHPDA's investment, and final terms and conditions of lease agreement(s) for the facility.

DEPARTMENTS

ASSESSOR

1. Request Approval, Resolution Authorizing Fee Increase – Open Space

Programs: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2006-131 – Resolution Authorizing Implementation Of A Fee Increase For Open Space Programs.** This resolution authorizes adoption and implementation of fee increase to \$450.00 for Grays Harbor County Assessor’s Office, effective January 1, 2007. R.C.W. 84.34.030 provides that the County Assessor cover the cost of processing the application and Grays Harbor County wishes to continue to provide the Open Space Program at its current level as required by Washington State.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, One Time Only Interlocal Agreement For McCleary Bear Festival:** A motion was made seconded and passed to approve two copies of a One Time Only Interlocal Agreement with the McCleary Bear Festival in the amount of \$1,500.00. Funding will be used for reimbursement of some of the expenses used for the McCleary Bear Festival.

2. **Request Approval, Budget Transfer – Assessor’s Office:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2006-132 – Transferring Items In The Grays Harbor County General Fund Assessor’s Office #001-000-010.** This resolution allows a \$19,000 transfer from the Assessor’s Office Extra Help and Benefits to Capital Outlay for the purchase of 14 new computers to replace old and outdated computers.

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

3. **Set Hearing Date – Supplemental Budget – Illahee Oyehut Water Fund:** January 8, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider a Supplemental Budget Request Fund #402-000-000 – Illahee Oyehut Water. The request is for \$20,000 for the 2006 Illahee Oyehut Water budget due to an increase in water sales. Funds will be used to provide additional funding in the public utilities services category.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Accept Technology Way/Tower Blvd. In The Grays Harbor County Road System:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2006-133 -- Resolution To Accept Technology Way And Tower Boulevard Into The County Road System.** This resolution is to include Technology Way and Tower Boulevard east of Olympic View Drive in the Grays Harbor County Road system. Resolution 01-14, adopted January 29, 2001, stated that the County would add these roads to the County road system upon completion to County standards. Those

standard construction requirements have been met and the department requested the addition of these roads as County maintained roads.

2. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date – Subdivision Application Submitted by Holbrook, Inc.: January 8, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider an application from Holbrook, Inc. to subdivide the existing eight-acres of land into eight-lots. On December 5, 2006, the Planning Commission recommended approval of this application.

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

SHERIFF

1. Request Approval, Contract With Ocean Shores: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an agreement between the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Department and the City of Ocean Shores. Since the Sheriff's Office has a Washington State approved boating safety program, they receive money from the state each year to do boating safety enforcement and boating safety instruction. For the past four years they have had an agreement with the City of Ocean Shores to share boating safety funds with them, since they also have an approved boating safety program. The current agreement is the same as it was in years past and it helps the City of Ocean Shores provide funding for their boating program.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Chairman Beerbower announced the Board of County Commissioners would return to the public hearing regarding a petition by Drazich Holdings LLC to consider vacation of right of way.

Brian Shea, Planning and Building Division Director, reported that additional time is required for the applicant, the County and the Parks system to work out details regarding the petition. Mr. Shea recommended that the hearing be continued to December 18, 2006.

Chairman Beerbower stated that additional information has been received and additional time is required for review and consideration. A motion was made, seconded and passed that the hearing would continue to December 18, 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Beerbower asked for public comment. Ron Armstrong, Hoquiam, Washington commented regarding action taken by the Board during the December 4, 2006 meeting regarding road standards. Mr. Armstrong reported that numerous road inspections resulted in delay of the return of his bond. Chairman Beerbower reported that the Board would discuss the issue with Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

Stan Blunt, resident of Aberdeen, Washington made comment regarding Forestry Department contracts on County property.

There was no additional public comment.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, December 11, 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; Tami Garrow, Public Development Authority, Paul Easter, Kevin Varness and Brian Shea, Department of Public Services.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

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| No. 2006-130 | Junior Taxing Districts Second 2006 Tax Levy For Year 2007 Collections |
| No. 2006-131 | Resolution Authorizing Implementation Of A Fee Increase For Open Space Programs |
| No. 2006-132 | Transferring Items In The Grays Harbor County General Assessor's Office #001-000-010 |
| No. 2006-133 | A Resolution To Accept Technology Way And Tower Boulevard Into The County Road System |

ORDINANCES

None

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

- 1. Agreement Between the Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Department and the City of Ocean Shores Sharing Boating Safety Funds.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m. to Monday, December 18, 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