

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

January 29, 2007

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, January 29, 2007, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners' Bob Beerbower and Mike Wilson were present. Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney was present. Also in attendance was Donna Caton, Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Al Carter was excused.

#### **CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE**

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

#### **MINUTES**

**January 22, 2007:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the Commissioners' meeting of January 22, 2007.

#### **BIDS**

None

#### **HEARINGS**

None

#### **PRESENTATION**

1. **Paul Easter – for Doug George's retirement:** Paul Easter, Director of Public Services presented Doug George with a certificate of appreciation for thirty-three and one-half years of service to Grays Harbor County. He expressed appreciation to Mr. George for his many years of service to Grays Harbor County. For the past fifteen years Mr. George held the position as Director of Environmental Health and will retire on January 31, 2007. Commissioner Beerbower presented Mr. George with a plaque of appreciation and thanked him for his service to Grays Harbor County.

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

1. **Approve new Public Official Bond – Cherri Rose Konschu, Assessor:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the Public Official Bond for Cherri Rose-Konschu, Assessor as per requirements of RCW 36.16.060.

**2. Set Public Hearing – CDBG Block Grant – NeighborWorks of Grays**

**Harbor:** February 12, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to solicit from the community any project proposals for the 2007 application cycle of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program. The purpose of the public hearing is to review community development and housing needs, inform citizens of the availability of funds and eligible uses of the state CDBG Program, and receive comments on proposed activities, particularly from low and moderate income persons and persons residing in the Gray Harbor area. David Murnen, Executive Director of NeighborWorks of Grays Harbor, gave a report on the 2005 CDBG Block grant that his agency serviced and expressed interest in partnering with Grays Harbor County for the 2007 CDBG funding cycle.

**DEPARTMENTS**

**FORESTRY**

**1. Request Approval, Road Use Easement Request – Sean & Patricia Gow:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a road use easement requested by Sean & Patricia Gow across a short segment of County Forest Road located in portions of Section 18 T19N R11W. The Department of Forestry recommended that the Board grant the permit as requested.

**MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

**1. Request Approval, Municipal Services Agreement – Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a Municipal Service Agreement between Grays Harbor County and the Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force in the amount of \$13,000 to provide a cooperative effort toward enhancement of fisheries in the production of salmon, steelhead, and trout on all waters affecting Grays Harbor County within the Chehalis Basin.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**1. Request Approval, Amend Contract with Evergreen Counseling Center:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amendment to the County's contract with Evergreen Counseling Center for mental health services. This amendment reflects an agreement to pay the agencies set fees per hour for community support and case management services. A total amount of funding will be billed against February through June.

**2. Request Approval, Amend Contract with Behavioral Health Resources:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amendment to the County's contract with Behavioral Health Resources for mental health services. This amendment reflects an agreement to pay the agencies set fees per hour for community support and case management services. A total amount of funding will be billed against February through June.

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

**1. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date of February 12 – Rezone Application by Larry Birindelli:** February 12, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider an application for a rezone of approximately 11 acres of land that is currently zoned Rural Residential (RR), to General Residential (R-2), for a 16-lot subdivision.

**2. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date of February 12 – Rezone Application by Dave Norton:** February 12, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time for a public hearing to consider an application for a rezone of approximately 15 acres of land that is currently zoned General Development Five (G-5), to Rural Residential (RR), for a subdivision.

**3. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date of February 12 – Rezone Application by Mark Studer:** February 12, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time for a public hearing to consider an application for a rezone of approximately 19 acres of land that is currently zoned Rural Residential (RR), to General Residential (R-2), for a 31-lot subdivision.

**4. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date of February 12 – Rezone Application by Dallas Yetter:** February 12, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time for a public hearing to consider an application for a rezone of property near the City of Aberdeen from Agricultural Use District (A-1), to General Development Five (G-5). The intent of the rezone is to make available the option to create smaller acre lots.

**5. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date of February 26 – Road Variance Application by Allen Howard:** February 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider an application for a variance from the County Subdivision Road Standards, Ordinance No. 190, for a conditionally approved 2-lot Large-lot Subdivision. The applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the 30-foot easement width requirement to the existing 20-foot agreement that serves the property currently. The variance would allow the applicant to utilize the existent 20-foot easement up to Mr. Howard's ownership and the existing 12-14 foot graveled driving surface.

**6. Request Approval, Road Closure – South Bank Road Gaddis Creek Culvert**

**Repair:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to authorize the closure of South Bank Road at the Sharon Grange to through traffic from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for approximately 2 days. This closure is necessary to make temporary repairs to the failed Gaddis Creek Culvert at M.P. 10 on South Bank Road. Through traffic will be detoured via SR 12.

**7. Request Approval, Award Contract – Cloquallum Creek Bridge**

**Rehabilitation:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to award the contract for Stamper Road Cloquallum Creek Bridge Rehabilitation to Quigg Bros., of Aberdeen, Washington. The low bid of \$676,760.00 was submitted by Quigg Bros. This bid is 22.59% above the Engineer's Estimate.

**8. Request Approval, Contract with Wash. State Military -2006 State Homeland Security Grant Program**

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the contract for the 2006 State Homeland Security Grant Program E07-277 with the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division in the amount of \$88,636, which will be used to purchase equipment to enhance countywide interoperable communications.

**9. Request Approval, Permit to Access Rayonier property – monitor river**

**gauge station on Humptulips River:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve a permit with Rayonier, No. CH07-080, which provides for the county to access their property to maintain and monitor the river gauge station located on the north side of the Humptulips River at the abandoned Rayonier railroad bridge site. There is no fee for the permit.

**TREASURER**

**1. Request Approval, Sale of Tax Title Property:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2007-11 – Declaration of Tax Title Surplus Property Order of Sale.** The Treasurer's office has an application for the sale of tax title property described in this resolution. This parcel was acquired by the County by foreclosure of tax lien in 1942. Until recently, the tax rolls reflected County ownership interest in a different way than one would normally expect. The County was shown along with the co-tenets as joint owners of these two lots. The owners of the other one-half interest in the property have submitted a request to purchase the county's interest. The treasurer believes this sale is in the best interest of the County and that the request meets the criteria for a negotiated sale per RCW 36.35.150 and the county code. The authorization is to sell this parcel to the owners of the other one-half interest for the current assessed value of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00).

### **WSU EXTENSION**

1. **Request Approval, 2007 Memorandum of Agreement:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the 2007 Memorandum of Agreement with Washington State University Extension. Appendix A of the Memorandum provides salaries and benefits for WSU/Grays Harbor County Extension faculty and staff in the amount of \$144,735 and Appendix B provides \$34,622 in operations support for the office.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Beerbower asked for public comment. He announced that comments would be limited to five minutes.

Terry Franklin, Elma, Washington discussed development on Powers Creek Road by Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Development Company. She discussed ditching without the proper permits and non-conformance with the Comprehensive Planning map. She discussed that the area was not suitable for septic tanks due to the seasonal high water table. She discussed other concerns regarding the development. Ms. Franklin submitted written materials.

Ron Armstrong, Hoquiam, Washington inquired about his request to examine records.

There was no additional public comment.

### **STAFF MEETINGS**

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, January 29, 2007, 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 Maryann Welch, Director of Public Health & Social Services; Larry Smith, Director of Forestry; Ron Strabbing, Treasurer; Paul Easter, Brian Shea and Kevin Varness, Suresh Bhagavan, Curt Crites, and Anne Sullivan of the Department of Public Services.

The Board approved the following:

**RESOLUTIONS**

**No. 2007-11                    Declaration of Tax Title Surplus Property Order of Sale**

**ORDINANCES**

None

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS**

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m. to Monday, February 5, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
For Grays Harbor County  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

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*excused*  
ALBERT A. CARTER, Chairman  
Commissioner, District 3

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BOB BEERBOWER, Commissioner, District 1

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MIKE WILSON, Commissioner, District 2

ATTEST:

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Donna Caton  
Clerk of the Board