

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

August 13, 2007

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, August 13, 2007, 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 Carter called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES

August 6, 2007: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 6, 2007.

PRESENTATION:

None

BIDS

None

HEARINGS

None

COMMISSIONERS

1. **Memorandum of Understanding – Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Grays Harbor Local 275:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Grays Harbor County and Grays Harbor County Local 275 Washington State Council of County and City Employees related to the Crites Grievance dated December 13, 2006. The Clerk of the Board read the MOU as follows:

In an effort to settle the stated grievance, the County and the Union agree to the following for those individuals who leave County employment and are rehired within two (2) years of the date he/she left County employment:

1. If the returning employee accrued County longevity, such longevity for purposes of vacation and longevity pay will be reinstated up to a maximum of six (6) years, and;
2. If the returning employee had an accrued/unused sick leave balance at the time of termination, such balance will be reinstated up to a maximum of 150 hours.

DEPARTMENTS

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Service Level Agreement – Washington State Department of Information Services:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize Dale Gowan, Director of Central Services, to sign a Service Level Agreement with the Washington State Department of Information Services to increase the band width by 500% which will make the internet connection to the state faster and more efficient.
2. **Request Approval, One Time Only Special Projects Contract – North Beach Business Association:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve two copies of a One Time Only Special Projects Contract between Grays Harbor County and the North Beach Business Association. Grays Harbor County has agreed to reimburse North Beach Business Association \$1,000 for improvements to the 2nd Avenue Park.
3. **Request Approval, One Time Only Funding – City of Cosmopolis Parks and Recreation:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a One Time Only Interlocal Agreement between Grays Harbor and the City of Cosmopolis for \$500.00 in funding to be used for entertainment at the Cosmopolis Festival in the Park.
4. **Request Approval, Set Hearing Date – Supplemental Budget – Special Projects Fund:** August 27, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a supplemental budget hearing in the Special Projects Fund for \$60,500 in funding received through the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Grays Harbor County Lead Entity Operational grant. This is an ongoing grant in which Grays Harbor County is responsible for organizing and supporting a committee of representatives that support salmon habitat interests.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Resolution Acknowledging Vacation of Right of Way –**

Applicant is Doug Niemann: The Department received a petition from Doug Niemann to acknowledge vacation of rights of way surrounding property he owns in Grays Harbor City. The Department found no record of these rights of way having ever been opened within the applicable time period. The Department has 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. 2007-90 – Resolution Acknowledging Vacation by Operation of Law.**

2. Request Approval, Chehalis Basin Lead Entity Program for Salmon Recovery:

a. **Contract Amendment with Streamworks, LLC:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a contract amendment between Grays Harbor County and Streamworks, LLC, formerly LWC Consulting. The agreement with Streamworks Consulting provides for continued technical support related to the lead entity program for salmon recovery.

b. **Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife Operational Contract:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an operational grant from the Fish and Wildlife Department. The funds secured through this WDFW Lead Entity operational grant will cover the expenses incurred through the contract with Streamworks, LLC.

3. Request Approval, CRP Resolution for Analyde Gap Overlay: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a CRP Resolution, C-32420-03 to overlay Analyde gap to reduce annual maintenance costs.

4. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date, Long Subdivision, applicant Mark Studer: September 10, 2007 at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider a request by Mark Studer for preliminary plat approval of 31-Lot Long Subdivision, Case #2007-1381. On August 7, 2007 the Grays Harbor County Planning Commission held a public hearing on a request by Mark Studer. Five of the nine members of the Planning Commission were present. The Planning Commission voted 5-0 for recommending approval of the 31-Lot Long Subdivision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk of the Board announced the following correspondence:

1. A claim for damages against Grays Harbor County (#C-538-07) was filed on behalf of the estate of Greg Howard. The claim was referred to the Claims Review Committee and the Prosecuting Attorney's office.
2. A claim for damages against Grays Harbor County (#C-539-07) was filed by Duane and Elaine Hartford and John Latch. The claim was referred to the Claims Review Committee and the Prosecuting Attorney's office.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Chairman Carter asked for public comment. He announced that comments and statements only would be accepted and would be limited to five minutes. Questions should be submitted in writing.

Linda Fritts made comment regarding tires being buried in a new subdivision off of Clemons Road.

Charlie Stocker commented on the issue regarding tires in the canyon at Clemons Hills.

Paul Easter, Director of Public Services responded to the issue.

Stan Blunt, resident of Aberdeen, Washington read and submitted a letter regarding a Department of Forestry contract with Ray Eveland of Mt. St. Helens Evergreens.

There was no additional public comment.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, August 13, 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 Jill Vance and the Board of Equalization, Anne Sullivan, Emergency Services, Paul Easter, Department of Public Services and Dave Goldsmith, Washington Counties Risk Pool.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

No. 2007-90 Resolution Acknowledging Vacation by Operation of Law

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

City of Cosmopolis Parks and Recreation – One-time Only
for Entertainment at the Cosmopolis Festival in the Park

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m. to Monday, August 20, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

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

ALBERT A. CARTER, Chairman
Commissioner, District 3

BOB BEERBOWER, Commissioner, District 1

MIKE WILSON, Commissioner, District 2

ATTEST:

Donna Caton
Clerk of the Board