

## MINUTES

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

March 31, 2008

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, March 31, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Bob Beerbower, Al Carter and Mike Wilson were present. Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney was present. Donna Caton, Clerk of the Board was also present.

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

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

Chairman Carter made a public service announcement reminding the public that the news media is present and will be videotaping the Board of County Commissioners meetings. He added that the Commissioner's office itself makes audio recordings of the meetings, including all public testimony.

#### **MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting March 24, 2008:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 24, 2008.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

None

#### **BIDS:**

1. **Legal Publications:** There was a bid opening for the Grays Harbor County legal publications contract for the printing and publication of Commissioners' proceedings, legal notices, and all other advertising of Grays Harbor County, as required by law to be published in the official newspaper of the county, from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Notice of this call for bids and proposals was advertised in *The Montesano Vidette* on February 28, 2008. The Clerk of the Board opened and read the only bid received as follows:

*The Montesano Vidette*

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The bid was referred to staff for review and recommendation.

**HEARINGS:**

1. **Supplemental Budget – Juvenile Department:** There was a public hearing to consider Supplemental Budget in the Juvenile Department, #001-000-026 in the amount of \$20,000. Notice of the public hearing was advertised in *The Montesano Vidette* on March 20 and 27, 2008. Chairman Carter asked for a staff report. Rose Elway, Budget Director, reported that the supplemental budget hearing is for \$20,000 in the General Fund Juvenile Department and is due to state funding received through DSHS for the Evidence Based Expansion grant. Funding will be used in professional services. Chairman Carter 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. 2008-21 – Authorizing a Supplemental Extension in the Budget of the Grays Harbor County General Fund Juvenile Department Fund #001-000-026.

**COMMISSIONERS:**

1. **Re-appointment to Housing Authority – Kathryn Eddy:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to reappoint Kathryn Eddy to a full term (five years) as Commissioner on the Housing Authority's Board.
  
2. **Preliminary Approval of Revised Long Plat, Case 2007-1664:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept **Preliminary Approval of a Revised Long Plat, Case 2007-1664.** The Grays Harbor County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on a request by Larry Birindelli for preliminary approval of a revision to a previously approved 16-lot Long Plat application to subdivide approximately 10.42 acres into eighteen (18) lots ranging between approximately .50-acres and .649 acres. Six of the eight members of the Planning Commission were present. The Planning Commission voted 6-0 to recommend preliminary approval of the 18-lot Long Subdivision to the Board of County Commissioners.

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

3. **Approval for Jim Arthur to sub-contract hydrologist work on Wildcat Creek Aquifer:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to grant consent to James Arthur to subcontract work. Mr. Arthur was hired to assist the County and the City of McCleary with resolution of issues over management of the Wildcat Creek Aquifer. Mr. Arthur

proposed hiring Linton Wildrick, a hydrogeologist with Pacific Groundwater Group, to provide specialized technical assistance with the development of measures to manage and protect the aquifer.

## **DEPARTMENTS:**

### **MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

1. **Request Approval, Resolution Amending Resolution 2006-30, Establishing Fees for the Straddleline ORV Park:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2008-22 – Grays Harbor County Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2006-30**. This resolution allows an increase for the price of firewood to \$3.00 a bundle.
2. **2008 ORV Park Operation Agreements:**
  - a. **Seattle Motorcycle Club:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2008 ORV Park Operation Agreement for the Seattle Motorcycle Club.
  - b. **Yamaha Motor Corporation:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2008 ORV Park Operation Agreement for the Yamaha Motor Corporation.
  - c. **Cascade Karting Association:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2008 ORV Park Operation Agreement for the Cascade Karting Association.

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

1. **Request Approval, Resolution Amending Resolution 2007-106, Establishing fees for Environmental Health Division:** The Board of County Commissioners approved **Board of Health Resolution No. 2008-01 – Environmental Health Department Rate Revision**. This resolution adds a rate to the “Temporary Food Service” rates.
2. **Request Approval, Spring 2008 Homeless Grant Assistance Program – Program Selection:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to select Coastal Community Action Program (CCAP) as the project lead for the County’s Spring 2008 Homeless Grant Assistance Program. CCAP will prepare an application for consideration by the Board during the April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. CCAP will submit a single application focused on re-entering offenders from adult and juvenile justice institutions such as Stafford Creek, the County jail, and the City of Aberdeen’s jail. The project will encompass support services in the form of case managers, rental assistance and other

essential needs for re-entering offenders and homeless offenders.

**3. Request Approval, Resolution establishing 2008 E.R. & R. Rental Rates: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2008-23 – Establishing Work Equipment and Truck Rental Rates for the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund #501.****

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2008-24 – Establishing Rental Rates for Sheriff's Cars, Motor Pool Cars and S.U.V. Vehicles.** These resolutions establish 2008 rental rates for Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund vehicles. Due to increased costs of maintenance and operation, a 25% increase in all vehicles and equipment rates was implemented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Grays Harbor County Planning and Building Director, Brian Shea, presented the following statement. The first draft of Grays Harbor County Code 18.06 governing critical areas will be available for public review and comment beginning April 1, 2008. The draft code, which has an initial 90-day public review and comment period, concerns the protection of critical areas, which are defined by Grays Harbor County and Washington State as *geologically hazardous areas, frequently flooded areas, wetland areas, fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas, and critical aquifer recharge areas.* The purpose of the draft code is to identify critical protection areas and to supplement the existing development regulations contained in the County Code as a method of protecting these areas without violating any citizen's constitutional property rights.

Grays Harbor County's decision to preserve critical protection areas began in 1992 and was, first and foremost, a public policy decision. It was the result of combining the community's social values, including aesthetics, the economy, habitat conservation, property rights, quality of life, and biology. This decision encouraged an interdisciplinary approach that combined the natural sciences, economics, the social sciences, and environmental design in the decision-making process.

The County intends, as a result of this effort, to decrease the level of risk to critical protection area functions, as the proposed Critical Protection Area Code standards afford more uniform protection than the measures currently applied to development in the County.

The adoption of this Critical Protection Area Code is a land use regulatory approach that will result in a higher net community value to the citizens of Grays Harbor County and the State of Washington.

A critical protection area policy discussion and the related draft code are available for

review on the County's website. Print copies of the policy discussion and the draft code also may be obtained by contacting the Planning and Building Division.

The public is invited to submit written comments, suggestions, and observations concerning this first draft to the County's Planning and Building Division by 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2008. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Planning and Building Division for more information concerning this draft code.

Upon the conclusion of the initial 90-day public review and comment, the draft code will be revised to reflect public comment and will be forwarded to the Grays Harbor County Planning Commission for their consideration as part of their public hearing process.

Once the Planning Commission process is completed, the revised draft code will be forwarded to the Grays Harbor Board of County Commissioners for consideration in a public hearing process. The adoption of the final code by Ordinance is scheduled for completion by the end of 2008.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Dorothy Cook, resident of Oyehut Road, made comment regarding the sewer system at Illahee and Oyehut.

There was no additional public comment.

### **STAFF MEETINGS**

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, March 24, 2008, 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 Paul Easter regarding agenda/road and bridges/personnel updates; Brian Shea regarding Planning and Building updates; Lee Napier regarding agenda/Community Development updates. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

**RESOLUTIONS**

- No. 2008-21            Authorizing a Supplemental Extension in the Budget of the  
Grays Harbor County General Fund Juvenile Department  
Fund #001-000-026**
- No. 2008-22            Grays Harbor County Resolution Amending Resolution No.  
2006-30**
- No. 2008-23            Establishing Work Equipment and Truck Rental Rates for the  
Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund #501.**
- No. 2008-24            Establishing Rental Rates for Sheriff's Cars, Motor Pool Cars  
and S.U.V. Vehicles**

**BOARD OF HEALTH RESOLUTION**

- No. 2008-01            Environmental Health Department Rate Revision**

**ORDINANCES**

None

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS**

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
For Grays Harbor County  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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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