

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2008

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, May 19, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Al Carter, Bob Beerbower and Mike Wilson were present. Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and Donna Caton, Clerk of the Board were also present.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

MINUTES

- 1) **Regular Meeting May 12, 2008:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2008.
- 2) **Special Tri-County Meeting (Grays Harbor, Lewis, and Thurston) held April 14, 2008:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the special Tri-County meeting held April 14, 2008.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Jody Reng, Timberland Regional Library:** Jody Reng, Executive Director of the Timberland Regional Library, along with fellow associates Mike Wessels, David Seckman and Helen Hepp, presented the Commissioners with the library's 2007 Annual Report and outlined financial information in regards to operating costs and funding. Ms. Reng also provided an update on increased circulation, program attendance, community chats, and trial programs that are currently being introduced to the community.

HEARINGS

None

COMMISSIONERS

The Clerk of the Board announced the following item that was added to the meeting after the agenda had been prepared:

1. **Approval of local mayors' appointment to the Boundary Review Board:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the local mayor's appointment of Pat

Oleachea to the Boundary Review Board to a three-year term beginning February 1, 2008.

DEPARTMENTS

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Resolution- Budget Transfer in Special Projects & Non-Departmental Funds:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2008-38, transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Non-Departmental #001-000-038, and Resolution No. 2008-39, transferring items in the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Special Projects #101-000-000.** This \$13,000 transfer made within Non-Department and Special Projects will fund miscellaneous projects such as lunch food programs, Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force and the Wildcat Creek Aquifer project.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

1. **Request Approval, Resolution authorizing legal action in superior court to abate a public nuisance at 114 Johns River Road:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2008-40- Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Commence Legal Action to Abate County Code Violations Constituting a Public Nuisance on Real Property Located at 114 Johns River Road, McCleary, Washington.** This request is a result of long-standing and unresolved violations of the county code with respect to unlawful accumulation of trash, junk, debris and other solid waste, unlicensed or abandoned vehicles, non-permitted occupancy or recreational vehicles and lack of approved sanitary facilities. This matter was referred to the prosecuting attorney's office by the Planning and Building Division after several unsuccessful attempts since December 2004 to obtain the property owner's compliance with the county code.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Administrative Offer and Appraisal for Schmid Road Bridge Bypass Project:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an administrative offer summary and appraisal for the Schmid Road Bridge Bypass Project, CRP-11171-02. Upon approval, the county right-of-way agent will proceed with the acquisition for this project.

2. **Request Approval, Fish Passage Barrier Removal Program- South Bank Road:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the signing of a CRP Resolution and land owner agreement for the Fish Passage Barrier Removal Program, South Bank Road M.P. 10.0, C-96412-30 and closure of South Bank Road for three (3)

days for this project. This CRP resolution authorizes the County to provide matching funds for the Fish Passage Barrier Removal Project which was approved by the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB). The total cost of the project is estimated at \$310,000 with the County share being \$250,000.

3. Request Approval, Advertise Request for Statement of Qualifications- Community Development Block Grants: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Department of Public Services to advertise for professional services to help manage Community Development Block Grants. Once a qualified firm is identified and selected a professional services contract will be prepared. The services outlined in this contract will help alleviate staff workload related to project management of Community Development Block Grants.

4. Request Approval, Resolution declaring an emergency- Pacific Beach sewer main relocation: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2008-41 – Declaring an Emergency in Grays Harbor County and Authorizing the Department of Public Services to Enter into Contracts and Incur Obligations to replace and Relocate the County Pressure Sewer Line Along State Route 109 Near Pacific Beach, which was Damaged by Construction of a Guardrail Project Along the State Highway.** The State Department of Transportation has instructed the County to relocate the main so that they may complete their safety project. The County's relocation of the sewer main will prevent further damage to the main and the subsequent public health hazard that would be created by such damage.

5. Request Approval, Amend the 2007 Emulsified Asphalt Contract Retainage Release Amount: A motion was made, seconded and passed to amend the 2007 Emulsified Asphalt Contract Retainage Release Amount. This amendment will correct the amount for this project from \$30,775.31, stated in the May 7, 2008, letter to the Commissioners, to \$30,733.62.

6. Request Approval, Submission of Wildcat Creek Aquifer discussion : This item was removed from the agenda for further study and discussion before it is introduced to the public.

7. Request Approval, Notice of Termination of an Agreement with Whisler Communications: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the signature of a Notice of Termination of an agreement between Whisler Communications and the County. By this agreement, the termination of the July 26, 2004 agreement shall be effective May 7, 2008.

8. Request Approval, Local Agency Agreement Supplement No. 1- Schmid Road Drainage Bridge M.P. 0.1 Bypass: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the Local Agency Agreement Supplement No. 1

requesting additional Preliminary Engineering funds and Right of Way funds for this Federally funded bridge replacement project.

9. Request Approval, Set hearing date for Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2009-2014: June 23, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider the adoption of the 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

10. Request Approval, Set hearing dates- Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Applications: June 2nd and 16th, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., are the dates and times for two (2) public hearings to solicit public involvement in the application process for federal and state funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, which is administered by Washington State's Emergency Management Division. Private funds from the landowner will be used as a match if funding for the project is awarded. An all hazard mitigation strategy will be developed. The public is invited to these hearings to share ideas and comments regarding potential projects and alternatives to address the flooding hazard at 7475 SR 12, Oakville.

TREASURER

1. Request Approval, Resolution scheduling the 2008 Tax Foreclosure Sale: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2008-42- Setting the Time and Date for the Sale of Real Property Pursuant to the Real Estate Tax Foreclosure.** December 12, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. is the date and time set for this event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A motion was made, seconded and passed to acknowledge the Memorial Day Holiday on May 26, 2008, and cancel the regularly scheduled BOCC Meeting until June 2, 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.

Glen Ramisky, San Francisco, CA, thanked the Commissioners for their recent progress in efforts to resolve the sewer issues in the Illahee/Oyehut area.

In regards to the same matter, Commissioner Carter announced that a presentation is going to be made to the Ocean Shores City Council on June 26th and that a community meeting regarding the same issue has been tentatively scheduled for July 8th.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, May 19, 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 Barb Smith, Tourism Director, regarding Tourism Board updates; Jim Arthur, Consultant, and Lee Napier, Public Services, regarding issues related to the Wildcat Creek Aquifer; Paul Easter, Public Services Director, regarding agenda items, road and bridge projects; Kevin Varness, Public Services, regarding agenda items and Facility/Utility Project updates; Brian Shea, Planning & Building Director, regarding department updates. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

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| No. 2008-38 | Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Non-Departmental #001-000-038 |
| No. 2008-39 | Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Special Projects #101-000-000 |
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| No. 2008-42 | Setting the Time and Date for the Sale of Real Property Pursuant to the Real Estate Tax Foreclosure |

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

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

ALBERT A. CARTER, Chairman
Commissioner, District 3

BOB BEERBOWER, Commissioner, District 1

MIKE WILSON, Commissioner, District 2

ATTEST:

Donna Caton
Clerk of the Board