

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

September 22, 2008

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, September 22, 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 September 15, 2008:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2008.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Proclamation: Grays Harbor County Harvest Celebration:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to proclaim September 24, 2008, as Grays Harbor County Harvest Celebration. This proclamation urges all citizens of Grays Harbor County to join in this important observation by visiting and supporting local farms, and by seeking out and enjoying the bounty of Grays Harbor County for their tables. Don Tapio, WSU Extension Office, thanked the Commissioners for approving this proclamation on the first day of fall. Mr. Tapio provided an overview of the farm and forest tours which would be taking place on September 27, 2008, through the scenic Wynoochee Valley. This farm tour includes visits to the Anderson Cattle Farm, Running Anvil Ranch, Schaffner's Farm, and Preacher's Slough. Mr. Tapio also provided an update on the Agriculture industry in Grays Harbor County. Mr. Tapio explained that this County continues to be a great place to farm and maintains a steady draw of people from the metropolitan areas who are attracted by the area's relatively inexpensive land, clean water sources, and good soil. Mr. Tapio noted that local farmers continue to do well despite increased prices of fertilizer and fuel, and expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for providing a regulated climate which promotes agriculture.

HEARINGS

1. **Continued from August 18, 2008: Application for Change of Use Classification to Current Use Timber, Applicant John & Kennesy Cavanah:** This hearing was continued from August 18, 2008, and is to consider a request by John & Kennesy Cavanah for Change of Use Classification to Current Use Timber. The property related to this request is located at 111 Schafer Meadows Lane, Montesano, WA, having Assessor's parcel #180711310020. The parcel

is described as that portion of Section 11, Township 18 North, Range 7 West of the Willamette Meridian.

Chairman Carter asked for a staff report. Bill Brown, Grays Harbor County Commercial Appraiser, reported that this request is for 20 acres of which 19 are classified as Current Use Farm and Agriculture and one acre is a home site. The application has a Timber Management Plan which indicates there are five stands in the parcel. Stands #2, #3 and #4 total 10.4 acres and are covered in trees or have been replanted in 2007. Stand #1 is 8.4 acres of pasture, which does not meet eligibility requirements for Current Use Timber Land as it is not planted in trees. Stand #1 is scheduled to be replanted in the spring of 2009. Stand #5 is a 1.2 acre home site, which is not eligible for Current Use Timber Land classification. Mr. Brown stated that the Assessor's Office recommends approval of the reclassification of stands #2, #3 and #4 (10.4 acres) as Current Use Timber Land with the condition that the Forest Management Plan be followed and the acreage approved for Current Use Timber will be managed as a commercial stand of timber. Mr. Brown advised that this Agreement shall be established between the owner and the Granting Authority specifying the conditions. Should the owner sign the agreement, it shall be understood that the owner will comply with the conditions. Failure to comply with said conditions shall be basis for withdrawal of the current use designation, in which case the land shall be subject to the penalty tax referred to in RCW 84.34 and assessed at true market value. Mr. Brown further noted that if an application is approved for Current Use Timber and the landowner changes the use or engages in activities prohibited by the Conditions of Approval, the property must be removed from the Current Use Timber classification by the Grays Harbor County Assessor's Office.

Chairman Carter confirmed that this property had previously been classified as Farm & Agriculture and sought clarification as to whether or not the property owners could reapply for the reclassification of stand #1 in the future, after it is replanted. Mr. Brown confirmed that was correct. 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 a portion of this request that includes only stands 2, 3 and 4 for reclassification as Current Use Timber Land as requested by John & Kenesny Cavanah, with conditions as stated in the Assessor's report.

COMMISSIONERS

1. **Set Hearing Date – Consider ordinance terminating the development moratorium on land located on the Wildcat Creek Aquifer in unincorporated Grays Harbor County:** October 6, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., is the date and time to set to consider the above stated ordinance.

DEPARTMENTS

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, One Time Only Funding – Timberland Regional Library:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a One Time Only Interlocal Agreement with

the Timberland Regional Library. \$4,160 in Historical Preservation Project Grant funding will be used to record stories of Veterans of WWII and the women who supported the war effort on the home front. These records will be forwarded to the national archive of the Veteran's History Project and in addition archived and made available to the public.

2. Request Approval, One Time Only Funding – Museum of the North Beach & Historical Society: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a One Time Only Interlocal Agreement with the Museum of the North Beach & Historical Society. \$4,000 in Historical Preservation Project Grant funding will be used to scan/photograph historical newspapers and photographs of the North Beach area of Grays Harbor County.

3. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date – Supplemental Budget Hearing – General Fund Advanced Expenditures: October 6, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider supplemental budget in the General Fund Advanced Expenditures Fund for \$50,000. Election costs have exceeded the anticipated, budgeted amounts for 2008 due to districts conducting extra elections this year. These costs have been repaid but the budget must be amended to reflect these changes.

PROSECUTOR:

1. Request Approval, Resolution Authorizing Abatement Action at 292 U.S. Highway 101: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize **Resolution No. 2008-93, Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Commence Legal Action to Abate County Code Violations Constituting a Public Nuisance on Real Property Located at 292 US Hwy. 101, Hoquiam, WA.** This 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 and unlicensed or abandoned vehicles or parts thereof. This matter was referred to the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney by the Planning & Building Division after unsuccessful attempts since 2007 to obtain the property owner's compliance with the county code.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES:

1. Request Approval, Agreement with Washington State Department of Social and Health Services – Mental Health Block Grant: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an agreement with the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and Grays Harbor RSN for a Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG). The agreement provides funding for services to promote recovery for serious mentally ill adults and resiliency for serious emotionally disturbed children in accordance with MHBG requirements. This agreement provides a total of \$65,003 which will be used to fund efforts of the Washington Coast National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in increasing the number of support groups available to consumers and/or family members, conduct a one-day Consumer Recovery Conference, provide training in Crisis Intervention for local law enforcement and to provide Flex Funds to Sea Mar, Roger Saux, Behavioral Health Resources and the RSN.

PUBLIC SERVICES:

1. Request Approval, Surplus Vehicles/Equipment for Minimum Bid: A motion was made, seconded and passed to surplus the following vehicles and equipment and sell them at the minimum bid price:

<u>Veh #</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>VIN #</u>	<u>Miles</u>	<u>Min. Bid</u>
67	1999	Ford/Crown Vic	2FAFP71W3XX171280	123,053	\$600.00
69	2003	Ford/Crown Vic	2FAFP71W23X132450	110,972	\$900.00
70	2001	Ford/Crown Vic	2FAFP71W51X174110	110,092	\$700.00
73	2001	Ford/Crown Vic	2FAFP71W71X174108	123,286	\$700.00
76	2004	Ford/Crown Vic	2FAFP71WX4X158103	103,294	\$1,000.00
77	2003	Ford/Crown Vic	2FAFP71W23X130715	119,835	\$900.00
78	2003	Ford/Crown Vic	2FAFP71W03X130714	112,617	\$900.00
87	2002	Ford/Crown Vic	2FAFP71W43X132448	123,762	\$800.00
88	2004	Ford/Crown Vic	2FAFP71W44X156847	95,802	\$1.00
89	1998	Ford/Crown Vic	2FAFP71W9WX128996	135,250	\$500.00
105	1997	Ford/F250	1FPHF25H8VEB37161	210,117	\$200.00
136	1994	Chev/2500 Pickup	1GCGC24K7RE271425	166,092	\$50.00
194	2003	Ford/F250 4X4 Crew Cab Pickup	1FTNW21S23EB32314	128,220	\$800.00

2. Request Approval, Award Bid – Crisis Clinic & Pearsall Annex Reroof: A motion was made, seconded and passed to award the Crisis Clinic and Pearsall Annex Reroofing project to Grays Harbor Contracting of Aberdeen, and authorize the Chairman to sign contracts as prepared by the Public Services Department for execution by the contractor. Grays Harbor Contracting was the responsive low bidder with a bid of \$41,200.00, before sales tax.

3. Request Approval, Local Agency Agreement Supplement No. 1 – School Road and Sidewalk Project C-55190-02: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the Local Agency Agreement Supplement No. 1 requesting Right of Way funds for this federally funded project.

4. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date – Ordinance Amending Section 17.56.180 of the Grays Harbor County Code to Adopt Changes to the Critical Area Overlay: October 6, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending section 17.56.180 of the Grays Harbor County Code to adopt changes to the Critical Area Overlay, including development requirements for the Wildcat Creek Aquifer area.

5. Request Approval, 2007 State Homeland Security Grant: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract amendment with the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division for a change in contract end date from September 30, 2008, to December 31, 2008.

SHERIFF:

1. **Request Approval, Surplus a 9mm Glock Model 17:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the surplus a 9mm Glock Model 17, Serial #TU257US, which has reached the end of its service life. The Grays Harbor County Deputy's Association will replace this item upon surplus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

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.

Cheryl Campbell, Kent, WA, made comments regarding her road access permit at East Wishkah Road in Aberdeen.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, September 15, 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 Dorothy Messmer, Grays Harbor Housing Authority, regarding annual updates; Joan Brewster, Public Health & Social Services Director, regarding agenda items; Paul Easter, Public Services Director, regarding agenda items, road and bridge projects; Kevin Varness, Public Services, regarding agenda items and Facility/Utility Project updates. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

No. 2008-93

Requesting the Prosecuting Attorney to Commence Legal Action to Abate County Code Violations Constituting a Public Nuisance on Real Property Located at 292 US Hwy. 101, Hoquiam, WA

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 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