

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

November 17, 2008

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, November 17, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Al Carter and Bob Beerbower were present. Commissioner Mike Wilson was excused. 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 November 10, 2008:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 10, 2008.

BIDS

None

HEARINGS

None

COMMISSIONERS

1. **Appointments to the Tourism Board:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Destiny Frahm to the Grays Harbor County Tourism Advisory Board to fill the District 1, McCleary Representative Position.

DEPARTMENTS

FORESTRY

1. **Request Approval, Timber Sale Completion – East Hoquiam Salvage:**
A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the contract with Sierra Pacific Industries for the East Hoquiam Salvage Timber Sale as complete. Sierra Pacific has satisfactorily completed all terms and conditions of the contract.

2. **Request Approval, Timber Sale Completion – Donkey Creek Salvage:**
A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the contract with Sierra Pacific Industries for the Donkey Creek Salvage Timber Sale as complete. Sierra Pacific has satisfactorily completed all terms and conditions of the contract.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Budget Transfer – Special Projects:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2008-126, Transferring Items in the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Special Projects #101-000-000.** This Resolution transfers \$40,000 from Special Projects to fund the additional costs for the Hogan's Corner Regional Water System.
2. **Request Approval, Budget Transfer – Road Fund:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2008-127, Transferring Items in the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Road Fund #110-000-000.** This Resolution transfers \$357,550 from ending cash balance to road and street maintenance due to the increase in fuel for road projects, increases in rental rates, and in increase in the cost of chip seal projects.
3. **Request Approval, Cash Transfer – Election Reserve:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2008-128, Authorizing a Cash Transfer from the Election Reserve Fund #116-000-000.** This Resolution Transfers \$90,000 from the Auditor's Election Reserve Fund to the General Fund to cover election operating costs for the 2008 presidential election. The even year election costs are funded entirely by the county with the most previous cash transfer to cover these costs being the 2004 presidential election. Funds were budgeted for this transfer in the 2008 budget.
4. **Request Approval, Set Hearing Date – Emergency Budget – Coroner's Office:** December 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider an Emergency Budget Request in the amount of \$19,018 for the Coroner's Office to cover wages, professional services and ER&R rental rate expenses for the remainder of the year.
5. **Request Approval, Set Hearing Date – Emergency Budget – North Beach Water System:** December 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider an Emergency Budget Request in the amount of \$40,000 for North Beach Water System fund due to additional water system repairs.
6. **Request Approval, Set Hearing Date – Emergency Budget – Civil Service Commission:** December 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider an Emergency Budget Request in the amount of \$3,875 to cover expenses needed to perform testing for civil service positions. Civil Service contracts with a Public Service Testing to reach a wider applicant base. The contract was signed after the 2008 budget process and was not included in the professional services category.
7. **Request Approval, Set Hearing Date – Supplemental Budget – Illahee Oyehut Water:** December 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider Supplemental Budget in the Illahee Oyehut Water Fund #402-000-000 in the amount of \$25,000. This request is due to an increase in water sales. Funds will be used

to provide additional funding in the public utilities services category.

8. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date – Supplemental Budget – Road Fund:

December 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider Supplemental Budget in the Road Fund #110-000-000 in the amount of \$1,400,000 for funds received from state and federal grants for the storm repairs done from last year's storm.

9. Request Approval, Set Hearing Date – Supplemental Budget – General Fund

Sheriff's Department: December 8, 2008, at 2:00 p.m., is the date and time set for a public hearing to consider Supplemental Budget in the General Fund Sheriff Department #001-000-032 for \$183,897 in funding received from state and federal grant reimbursements. Funds will be used in investigation salaries and benefits, patrol salaries and benefits and professional services.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Request Approval, School Road – Norton Right-of-Way Deed & Hensley

Easement: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve one Right-of-Way deed and one Easement for the School Road project, C.R.P. 55190-02. This approval authorized the county's Right-of-Way agent to proceed with the acquisition necessary for the project.

2. Request Approval, Harp Road – Garrard Creek Bridge Replacement:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept as complete the contract with Rognlin's Inc. for the Harp Road Garrard Creek Bridge Replacement. This allows the release of the Retainage Bond as per Section 60.28, RCW. The total amount of the contract is \$582,712.07, which is 0.37% above the original bid.

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.

Stan Blunt, Aberdeen, made comments regarding a recent editorial in the Vidette related to the Commissioners potentially receiving an 8% raise. Chairman Carter stated that this was an item of discussion which took place during a budget meeting which was open to the public, and during a period of election, which is the only time the issue of taking a raise above 4% may be discussed. Chairman Carter noted that the 4% raise for elected officials and exempt employees is tied to the amount negotiated by the union contracts. Chairman Carter further noted that the matter was discussed and tabled, with no action being taken related to the item. Mr. Blunt further inquired as to the status of a Forestry Department contract. Chairman Carter explained that this contract would be addressed when it has expired. Mr. Blunt made comments regarding recently attending a workshop titled “Surviving the I.C.E. Age” which took place at the Satsop Development Park.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, November 17, 2008, beginning 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 Cherri Rose-Konschu, Assessor, regarding Open Space procedures; Paul Easter, Public Services Director, regarding agenda items, road and bridge projects and personnel updates; Brian Shea, Planning & Building Director, regarding department updates; Kevin Varness, regarding agenda items, facility/utility project updates. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

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| No. 2008-126 | Transferring Items in the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Special Projects #101-000-000 |
| No. 2008-127 | Transferring Items in the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Road Fund #110-000-000 |
| No. 2008-128 | Authorizing a Cash Transfer from the Election Reserve Fund #116-000-000 |

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 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