

## MINUTES

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

March 9, 2009

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, March 9, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Al Carter, Terry Willis and Mike Wilson were present. Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecutor, and Donna Caton, Clerk of the Board, were also present.

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

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

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Approval was requested for the following items:

1. Minutes of Special Meeting held February 27, 2009
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting held March 2, 2009
3. Coroner's Office Monthly Report for January 2009
4. **Public Health and Social Services:** Facility Use Agreements:
  - a. Elma Public Library: March 31, 2009 – Disaster Planning
  - b. Grays Harbor PUD No. 1: March 30, 2009 – Disaster Planning
  - c. Grays Harbor PUD No. 1: April 2, May 28 & June 4, 2009 – Community Task Force on Substance Abuse & Mental Health
5. **Public Services:**
  - a. Set Bid Date – *April 6, 2009* – Union Gospel Mission Phase 1 – Demolition of Vacant Building
  - b. Set Hearing Date – *March 23, 2009* – County Road Variance Request No. 2009-0051

**ACTION:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve all Consent Agenda items as listed above.

#### **BIDS**

None

#### **HEARINGS**

1. **Request for Reclassification to Current Use Open Space – Rayonier Timberlands Operating Company.:** There was a public hearing to consider a request by Rayonier Timberlands Operating Company for reclassification to Current Use Open Space for Parcel Numbers 181022100000, 1810271100000 and 181034110010. Notice of this hearing was advertised in the *Montesano Vidette* February 26, 2009. Chairman Wilson called for a staff report. Paul Easter, Public Services Director, reported that the property subject to this request is currently classified as Designated Forest Land, is

designated as General Development and Urbanizing on the Grays Harbor County Comprehensive Land Use Map, and is located primarily in the G-5, General Development Five-Acre Zoning District on the northerly end of Hoquiam. Mr. Easter noted the soil types present on the subject property and explained that the applicant has indicated that it is seeking reclassification to Current Use Open Space in order to conserve and enhance natural or scenic resources, protects streams or water supply, promote the conservation of soils, wetlands, beaches or tidal marshes and to preserve visual quality along highway, road, and street corridors or scenic vistas. He explained that the Planning & Building Department did not provide a recommendation regarding whether or not the application should be approved and noted that the Department did not receive comments from the public regarding this request. He noted that this request for reclassification does not present a significant tax shift.

Chairman Wilson asked for public comment. Robert Meier, Rayonier Forest Land Policy Manager, provided an overview of the request, noting the 225 acres consists of wetlands, tidelands, and flood plains known as the West Hoquiam Surge Plain. Mr. Meier referenced maps of the flood plain, indicating the location and characteristics of property related to this request. He explained that Rayonier intends to sell the subject property to the Cascade Land Conservancy with the reclassification to Current Use Open Space being an important step in that process. He commented in regards to the application meeting the requirements for reclassification.

In response to an inquiry from Commissioner Willis, Jane Hewitt of Rayonier Forest Resources provided a map which indicates the exact location of the property related to this request. She noted that the application includes portions of two parcels, which may not be depicted in maps provided by the Planning Department.

Nicole Hill, Conservation Director of the Cascade Land Conservancy, provided additional maps of the subject property and explained the efforts of the non-profit organization. She noted that the additional maps portray the extent of the lands the Conservancy intends to purchase over the next few years and explained the reasons for the Conservancy purchasing this land from Rayonier. Ms. Hill explained that this land will ultimately be owned by the Chehalis River Basin Land Trust and noted that \$1.4 million dollars in private and public funding has been assembled for this project which has been nationally ranked due to the presence of the declining wetlands, rare habitats and salmon species.

Janet Strong of the Chehalis River Basin Land Trust provided information regarding the project and commented regarding the national attention the project has received. Ms. Strong noted the important benefits for the fish habitat and made comments regarding the benefits of this property being reclassified as Open Space. In response to Commissioner Carter's inquiry, Ms. Strong noted that there will be no restrictions on public access for recreational opportunities.

Stan Blunt, Aberdeen, made comments regarding the funding for the project and inquired as to the selling price of the property.

Ms. Hill reported that the 225 acres are being acquired for \$450,000.

Chairman Wilson called for additional public comment. There was no further comment and the hearing was closed.

**ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the request for Reclassification to Current Use Open Space by Rayonier Timberlands Operating Company with the condition that the property remain open to public access for recreational use.**

### **COMMISSIONERS**

None

### **DEPARTMENTS**

#### **ORV PARK**

1. **Request Approval, Web Design and Web Hosting Contract:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve two contracts with LB WebPro for Web Design and Web Hosting services. These contracts will allow the Park to have two administered, customized websites for both the ORV Sports Complex and the Park itself, including the campgrounds and recreational areas.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

1. **Request Approval, Amendment #14 to the 2001-2011 Consolidated Contract with the Department of Health:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Amendment No. 14 to the 2007 – 2011 Consolidated Contract with the Department of Health. This Amendment adds statements of work for the Adult Viral Hepatitis Prevention Program, Chronic Disease Prevention Worksite Wellness, MIH Prenatal Care-Maternity Support Services Outreach and Nutrition and Physical Activity (Obesity). It also amends statements of work for the Healthy Youth Act Curricula Review, Tobacco Prevention and Control Program and WIC Nutrition Program. The Amendment provides an increase of \$28,505.

### **PUBLIC SERVICES**

1. **Request Approval, Administrative Offer Summary – Brooklyn Road Emergency Slide Repair Project:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an administrative offer summary for the Brooklyn Road Emergency Slide Repair Project

No. 68900-57. This approval authorizes the County's right-of-way agent to proceed with acquiring the easement rights necessary for the project.

**2. Request Approval, Local Agency Agreement & Prospectus – Emergency Shoulder/Road Slide Repair:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the Local Agency Agreement and Prospectus requesting federal funds for the Brooklyn Road Slide Repair M.P. 6.0, Brooklyn Road Slide Repair M.P. 4.35, Garrard Road Slide Repair M.P. 0.3, Wynoochee Road Slide Repair M.P. 16.7, January 2009 Emergency Pavement Repairs and January 2009 Emergency Shoulder Repairs. These projects have been approved for \$1,475,000 in federal funds under the Emergency Relieve Program.

**3. Request Approval, Well Covenant for Hogan's Corner Regional Water System:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign a well covenant for the protection of the County's two wells at Hogan's Corner. This fulfills a requirement for public water systems. This Board approved a similar covenant in 2003 for well No. 1. This covenant is adopted to reflect protection of well No. 2.

**4. See Consent Agenda Item #5(a).**

**5. See Consent Agenda Item #5(b).**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. A motion was made, seconded and passed approve a Use Request for the Mt. Rainier to the Pacific Washington State Relay Championship to use County roads July 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This approval is contingent upon review by related County Departments.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Wilson 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.

There was no public comment.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 2:37 p.m. the Board adjourned from the regular meeting and into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. It was announced that the Executive Session was expected to last twenty minutes in duration. At 2:59 p.m., Chairman Wilson announced that the Executive Session was adjourned and no decisions were made.

### **STAFF MEETINGS**

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, March 9, 2009, 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 Joan Brewster, Public Health & Social Services Director, regarding agenda items and department updates; Paul Easter, Public Services Director, regarding agenda items, road and bridge projects and personnel updates; Kevin Varness, regarding agenda items, facility/utility project updates; Brian Shea, Planning & Building, regarding department updates; Lee Napier, regarding agenda items. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

### **RESOLUTIONS**

None

### **ORDINANCES**

None

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS**

None

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
For Grays Harbor County  
This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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MIKE WILSON, Chairman  
Commissioner, District 2

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TERRY L. WILLIS, Commissioner, District 1

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ALBERT A. CARTER, Commissioner, District 3

ATTEST:

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Donna Caton  
Clerk of the Board