

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

June 22, 2009

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, June 22, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Al Carter, Mike Wilson and Commissioner Terry Willis were present. Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, 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.

BIDS

None

HEARINGS

1. **Continued – Request for Classification as Open Space – Cascade Land Conservancy:** This hearing was continued from June 15, 2009 to consider a request by Cascade Land Conservancy for classification as Open Space for real property tax purposes for Parcel Numbers 181213310010, 181213340010, 181213430010, 181223110000, and 181223746400. The Clerk of the Board announced that the applicant had requested to withdraw their application.

Chairman Wilson closed the hearing due to the withdrawal by the applicant.

2. **Request for Classification as Open Space – Applicant Ervin and Colleen Brown:** There was a public hearing to consider a request by Ervin & Colleen Brown for classification as Current Use Open Space and Current Use Farm and Agriculture Conservation Land for real property tax purposes for Parcel Numbers 170533410010 & 170533440010. Notice of this hearing was advertised June 11th, 2009, in the *Montesano Vidette*. Chairman Wilson called for a staff report. Brian Shea, Planning & Building Director, submitted into the record the Planning & Building Staff Report as Exhibit #1 and correspondence from the Brown's on June 5, 2009 as Exhibit #2. The property is 89.25 acres. He reported that the department recommends denial of this request based on the comparison of the property's zoning designation, prime farmland soils that may be present, and the County's comprehensive plan. All the zoning specifies the property as Agriculture Land. He also stated that it is not confirmed whether portions of the property may have an easement in the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP).

The applicants, Colleen and Ervin Brown, reported that the acreage listed is incorrect. They are trying to classify only a portion of one of the parcels. Their legal description indicates that only about 57 acres are in the request for open space. The Brown's discussed their property features, including that it is flood land, forest land, and farm

land. There is no vehicle access to the property and the property has been classified as CMZ and RMZ by the Department of Natural Resources. They are unable to forest or farm on a large portion of the property due to the flooding events along the river, and wildlife that comes from the surrounding WRP land. They have never been in the WRP sanctioned program. The Brown's explained that they harvest hay and do minimal farming activities due to difficulties in accessing the property. The applicants are requesting the classification due to the limited use of the property, which they state is not agricultural.

The Board discussed the parcel size and uses with the applicant. The Commissioner's inquired as to why the applicant was seeking a classification change and it was determined that the property had been removed from a previous classification.

Chairman Wilson called for public comment. There was no public comment.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to continue the hearing to July 13, 2009 in order to gather more information.

3. **Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2010-2015:** There was a public hearing to consider the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2010-2015. Notice of this hearing was advertised June 11, 2009, in the *Montesano Vidette*. Chairman Wilson reported that staff briefed the Board in an open public meeting held earlier in the day regarding the details for this program.

Chairman Wilson called 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. 2009-49, Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2010-2015 for Grays Harbor County, Washington.

4. **Supplemental Budget – General Fund Extension Office:** There was a public hearing to consider a Supplemental Budget request in the General Fund Extension Office. Notice of this hearing was advertised June 11th, 2009, in the *Montesano Vidette*. Chairman Wilson asked the Clerk of the Board to read the staff report. Nancy Ness, Coordinator of the Noxious Weed Board, is asking for the carry forward amount left from last year's grant agreement, Title II Quinault Gateway Weed Project, be placed onto this year's budget for continuation of said project. This contract agreement with the United States Forest Service will expire in August of this year, and funds remaining after that time will revert back to the Forest Service. The Weed Board is anticipating the approval of a new contract to cover both 2009 and 2010.

Commissioner Carter added that he sits of on the resource allocation board for this project, and the funding was reauthorized by the federal government. The organization has applied for grants in the amount of \$60,000 in conjunction with stimulus programs. The money will be used this summer to work on the Upper Quinault forest land.

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

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Resolution No. 2009-50, Authorizing a Supplemental Extension in the Budget of the Grays Harbor County General Fund WSU Cooperative Extension #001-000-022 in the amount of \$14,868.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Wilson called for public comment. He announced that comments and statements would be accepted and would be limited to three minutes. Questions should be submitted in writing.

Steven Puwogel, Aberdeen, made comments regarding Commissioner's audio/video recording of meetings and availability on the Internet.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting June 15, 2009
2. **Coroner's Office:**
 - a. Monthly Report Summary – May 2009
3. **ORV Park:** Event Contracts -
 - a. TPQ3 Unlimited and Carol Kell Enterprises
 - b. Pacific Northwest Four Wheel Drive Association

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

COMMISSIONERS

1. **Appoint Interim Coroner:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to continue this item to June 29, 2009.

DEPARTMENTS

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Salary Resolution Amendment – Treasurer's Office:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2009-51 Amending Resolution No. 2009-02 Fixing Compensation of Employees From and After January 1, 2009**. The amendment reflects the retirement of the Chief Deputy position and the temporary assignment of the Head Cashier to that position from June through August 2009. The Resolution also reflects the promotion of the Accountant to the Chief Deputy position after August through the remainder of the year.

PUBLIC SERVICES

- 1. Request Approval, Solid Waste Grants – Department of Ecology:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the chairman to sign the Solid Waste Grant Agreement prepared by the Department of Ecology. The grant will provide \$79,084 in solid waste funding for the litter program over the next two years. The funds will primarily be used for crew supervision by the Sheriff's Office, and \$24,400 towards the purchase of a new litter van.
- 2. Request Approval, Hogan's Corner Regional Water System Easement – Fred and Rosanne Thatcher:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Hogan's Corner Regional Water System Easement. The easement has been prepared to provide for water line placement along Highway 109 at Hogan's Corner in front of the Auto Parts Store. The easement will allow the County to place a water line westward of Hale Avenue without being in the Highway 109 right-of-way.
- 3. Request Approval, Recommendation to Approve Bid – Pavement Striping Contract:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the bid by Stripe Rite Inc. of Sumner, Washington. Stripe Rite Inc. submitted the low bid of \$323,450, which is 0.4% below the Engineer's Estimate.

SHERIFF

- 1. Request Approval, Contract Amendment – Washington State Military Department:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the amendment to the Washington State Military Contract. The contract was originally signed by Grays Harbor County when Emergency Management was under Public Services. It has since been amended to reflect the changes that occurred when the department was transferred to the Sheriff's Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, June 22nd, 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 Claudia Self, Fair Board, regarding event during the Fair; Russ Esses, Engineering, regarding agenda items and department updates; Kevin Varness, Public Services, regarding agenda items, facility & utility updates; Brian Shea, Planning & Building Director, regarding agenda items and department updates; Jeff Nelson, Environmental Health, regarding agenda items and department updates. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

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| No. 2009-49 | Adopting the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2010-2015 for Grays Harbor County, Washington |
| No. 2009-50 | Authorizing a Supplemental Extension in the Budget of the Grays Harbor County General Fund WSU Cooperative Extension #001-000-022 |
| No. 2009-51 | Amending Resolution No. 2009-02 Fixing Compensation of Employees From and After January 1, 2009 |

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

None

The meeting adjourned 2:41 p.m.

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

MIKE WILSON, Chairman
Commissioner, District 2

TERRY L. WILLIS, Commissioner, District 1

ALBERT A. CARTER, Commissioner, District 3

ATTEST:

Donna Caton
Clerk of the Board