

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

June 29, 2009

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, June 29, 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. Request for Reclassification as Open Space – Applicant Rayonier Forest

Products: There was a public hearing to consider a request by Rayonier Forest Products for reclassification as Current Use Open Space for real property tax purposes for Parcel Numbers 181015310000, 181016200000, 181022100000, 181027110000, and 518102712001. Notice of this hearing was advertised June 18th, 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. He reported that the parcels included in this request amount to 457.71 acres. Parcel Number 518102712001 is in the City of Hoquiam, so it is not included in the Staff Report, as it is not in the County's jurisdiction. When looking into a reclassification request, the Planning and Building division looks at three components: the comprehensive plan, zoning and prime farmland soils. The comprehensive plan for the request is general development, which encourages agriculture and forestry activities. The zoning is labeled general development 5-acre, where forest activities and agriculture use is permitted. The department referred to the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Survey of Grays Harbor County Area, which found no prime farmland soils present; therefore, the property is less than suitable for the comprehensive planning and zoning designation for agriculture or forestry use. The report notes that the land should be used for wildlife habitat and wetland conservation. Considering all these factors, the staff recommended approval of this request for reclassification, excluding Parcel Number 518102712001. Commissioner Willis asked for clarification of the excluded parcel. Brian Shea reported that he has no information on the parcel, and indicated the parcel's location on the map provided by Rayonier Forest Resources. Jim Baker noted that the Commissioner's have no jurisdiction to make a decision on this parcel, as it is located in the City of Hoquiam.

Jane Hewitt, representing Rayonier Forest Resources, provided information on the request and stated that it is a mirror image of a previous request approved earlier in the

year. This reclassification request has been drafted for the sale of the surge plain portion of the property to Cascade Land Conservancy. Ms. Hewitt supplied Exhibit 2 and Exhibit 3, maps created by Rayonier's staff for the portion of the property to be reclassified. The purpose of selling these portions of the property is for the conservation of natural resource and wetlands. Currently the property is classified as Designated Forest Land, which is inconsistent with actual use of the application area. Provided in the application was tax shift information for the property. If approved, the reclassification as Open Space would raise the taxes for the designated area; however, the classification designation would be a condition of the sale to Cascade Land Conservancy.

Commissioner Willis asked for clarification on the taxes and reclassification. Ms. Hewitt discussed the uses and characteristics of the land, outlining the reason it is not suitable for agricultural or forestry use. The opportunity to sell the property will allow proper conservation of the area.

Nicole Hill from the Cascade Land Conservancy discussed the ecological benefits to this reclassification. She explained the salmon restoration efforts and flood storage benefits. Commissioner Carter inquired whether the public access would still be available. Ms. Hill replied that public access will be available, and protecting the surge plain is the main reason for this request.

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 Reclassification request made by applicant Rayonier Forest Products, for parcels or portions thereof of Parcel Numbers 181015310000, 181016200000, 181022100000, 181027110000 (with the exclusion of Parcel Number 518102712001, the portion of property within the City Limits of Hoquiam).

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.

Terry Franklin, East County, made comments regarding the ICC review, and the County Code Title 16 appeal process.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting June 15, 2009
2. Minutes of Special Meeting June 19, 2009
3. **Commissioners:** Appointments
 - a. Marine Resource Committee – Dr. Francis Estalilla
 - b. Public Facilities District, Position No. 6 – Bob Crumpacker

- c. Public Development Authority, Position No. 6 – Shelli Hopsecger
4. **ORV Park:** Event Contracts -
- a. American Motorcycle 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 approve **Resolution No. 2009-52, Appointing Dan Burns as Interim Coroner.** The Democratic Central Committee referred three applicants to the Commissioners, and after evaluation the Commissioners chose Mr. Burns.

DEPARTMENTS

JUVENILE COURT

1. **Request Approval, Evidence Based Expansion Contract with Department of Social & Health Services:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Evidence Based Expansion Contract with the Department of Social and Health Services. The contract period will be from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011.
2. **Request Approval, Consolidated Contract with Social & Health Services:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Consolidated Contract between Grays Harbor Juvenile Court and the Department of Social and Health Services. The contract period will be from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Compliance Agreement - Plat of Elma Highlands:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the chairman to sign the Compliance Agreement for the Plat of Elma Highlands. Conditions of the preliminary approval for this subdivision contained requirements for the construction of sidewalks, as required by the City of Elma as a condition of City utility service, and the preparation of a maintenance bond. In lieu of constructing the required sidewalks and preparing a maintenance bond, the applicant has prepared an agreement that provides an alternate method of assurance to the County and the City concerning sidewalk construction and maintenance.
2. **Request Approval, Washington State Department of Ecology - Drug Lab Investigation Program Grant Application:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the chairman to sign the grant application for the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) for the 2009-2011 Drug Lab Investigation Program. The current funding expires June 30, 2009, and this application repeats the funding request for the period of July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011, in the amount of \$12,500.

3. Request Approval, PDA Barge Slip & Haul Road Improvement Funding Agreement – Distressed Area Capital Improvement Fund: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the funding agreement to provide up to \$300,000 to the Grays Harbor PDA for the Barge Slip project. The project is currently under construction by Rognlin's of Aberdeen. Under the terms of the agreement the County will be reimbursing the PDA for up to \$300,000 of the construction costs associated with the Barge Slip and Haul Road improvements. This has already been approved by the PDA.

4. Request Approval, Letter of Agreement –Creative Community Solutions - Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Letter of Agreement from Creative Community Solutions (CCS) for services related to the Washington Coastal Conservation Needs Assessment Project. This project will further the planning work of the Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership. As fiscal agent for Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership the County is executing this agreement with Creative Community Solutions. The funds secured through a grant contract between the Resource and Conservation Office and Grays Harbor County will cover the expenses incurred.

5. Request Approval, Recreation and Conservation Office - Salmon Project Agreement: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Salmon Project Agreement from the Resource and Conservation Office. The project agreement describes the lead entity program for salmon recovery and provides capacity funding for this program. The funds secured through this grant will cover salary, benefits, and general expenses incurred by the County in the capacity as lead entity for the Chehalis Basin Partnership.

6. Request Approval, Pavement Striping Contract with Stripe Rite: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the chairman to sign the Pavement Striping Contract with Stripe Rite Inc. of Sumner, Washington.

SHERIFF

1. Request Approval, Agreement with the Department of Corrections to House Offenders: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agreement with the Department of Corrections to house offenders. The agreement allows the Sheriff's department to house Department of Corrections' offenders who are in violation of community supervision requirements or are awaiting hearing on those violations. It is anticipated that these offenders will spend less than three weeks in the County Jail. If any of the Department of Correction Offenders needs prescription medications or any out of the facility or extraordinary medical costs, the Department of Corrections will pay for the treatment. In return for services provided by the Sheriff's Office, the Department of Correction will pay the standard incarceration fee as is paid by other entities. This agreement will generate revenue for the department in hopes of saving jobs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held staff meetings on Monday, June 29th, 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 Jim Baker, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, regarding the College Facility at the Fairgrounds and 13 Corners; Russ Esses, Engineering, regarding agenda items and department updates; Kevin Varness, Public Services, regarding agenda items, facility & utility updates; Lee Napier, Public Services, Regarding agenda items and Chehalis Basin Partnership; 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

No. 2009-52

**Appointing Dan Burns as Interim
Coroner**

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

None

The meeting adjourned 2:33 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