

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

September 21, 2009

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, September 21, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Al Carter, Terry Willis 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

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

BIDS

None

HEARINGS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Stanley Trohimovich, Aberdeen, discussed his e-mail sent to the Commissioner's regarding the tax enactment, violation of oaths and his refusal to collect or pay the tax.

Bob Bonnell, Montesano, discussed the budget and options to cut back on spending.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

Minutes:

- a. Morning Meeting - September 14, 2009
- b. Regular Meeting - September 14, 2009

Public Services:

- a. Set Bid Date – October 12, 2009 - Straddleline ORV Park Emergency Repairs
- b. Surplus Vehicles and Equipment

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

PROCLAMATION

1. **September 21-27, 2009 Harvest Celebration Week:** A motion was made, seconded

and passed to proclaim September 21-27, 2009 the Harvest Celebration Week. Don Tapio from the WSU Extension Office described events and places to visit during the week for celebrating local farms and agriculture. He also described the agriculture in our community; currently there are 623 farms in the county. The agriculture industry is worth approximately \$33 million dollars. Michael Dickerson, the Chairman of the Harvest Celebration, discussed the events taking place during the Harvest Celebration. This year the tour will include Briggs Nursery, Lamb's Show Horse Farm and The Wild Thyme Farm. The Farm Tour will be taking place on Saturday, September 26, 2009.

COMMISSIONERS

None

DEPARTMENTS

AUDITOR

1. Request Approval, Veteran's Advisory Board – Resolution amending policy for the veteran's assistance grant program: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2009-95, Amending the policies and rules for administering the veteran assistance grant program for Fund #114, the Veteran's Relief Fund.** This Resolution amends Resolution No. 2005-65 that established the Veteran's Advisory Board including the policies and procedures for administering the Veteran Relief Fund. This resolution limits access to the fund to a maximum of four calendar years. After accessing the fund in the four separate years a veteran could no longer draw on the relief fund except for special or unusual circumstances. The Veteran's Advisory Board voted unanimously in favor of the resolution at their September 2, 2009 meeting.

FORESTRY

1. Request Approval, Timber Sale Contract Completion for the Florence Creek No. 1 Timber Sale, Chehalis Valley Timber Inc.: A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Florence Creek No. 1 timber sale as complete and release the performance bond posted by Chehalis Valley Timber. Chehalis Valley Timber, Inc. has satisfactorily completed all the terms and conditions of the contract.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. Request Approval, Resolution – Budget Transfer in Superior Court: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2009-91, Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Superior Court, in the amount of \$94,855.** This transfer was necessary to remove the contra entry in the Superior Court Fund. Personal Benefits, Guardian Ad Litem and Indigent Defense Funds are reduced.

- 2. Request Approval, Resolution – Budget Transfer in Non-Departmental for Retirement Incentive Benefits:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2009-92, Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Non-Departmental, in the amount of \$65,547.** This resolution transfers funds from ending cash to the Coroner's Office and the Treasurer's Office for the hardship created in the budget due to the retirement incentive benefit payout.
- 3. Request Approval, Resolution – Budget Transfer in the Commissioner's Office:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2009-93, Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Commissioner's Office, in the amount of \$13,699.** This resolution reverses the contra entry by not filling the vacant receptionist position. Also included in that figure are the Commissioner's and the Clerk of the Board paying their dependant medical care.
- 4. Request Approval, Resolution Establishing the Chemical Dependency/ Mental Health and Therapeutic Court Fund:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2009-94, Establishing Grays Harbor County Chemical Dependency / Mental Health and Therapeutic Court.** This resolution is in reference to the ordinance passed on September 14, 2009, enacting the 1/10 of one percent sales and use tax.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

- 1. Request Approval, Personal Services Contract – Theresa Mahar for Ombuds Services:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the personal services contract between the county and Theresa Mahar. Theresa is a mental health specialist who has previously worked for the State's Mental Health Division. She will be providing Ombuds services and facilitating the Quality Review Team (QRT). The basic contract is \$36,000 for Ombuds services with an added amount available hourly for Quality Review Team support.
- 2. Request Approval, Contract - Betty Beckett - Support Services:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the contract with Betty Beckett for support services. This contract will provide support services for people in the county with developmental disabilities from October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. This contract provides \$3,000 for these services.
- 3. Request Approval, Contract - the Arc of Grays Harbor – Educational Services:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the contract with the Arc of Grays Harbor. This contract will provide information and educational services for people in the county with developmental disabilities from October 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. The contract provides \$125,000 for these services.
- 4. Request Approval, Inter-local Contract with Clark County – cost reduction to Grays Harbor Regional Support Network:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an inter-local contract with Clark County. This contract adjusts the proportion of the total cost of NetSmart Project Management owed by the Grays Harbor Regional Support Network as a result of Ferry County's decision to not renew its participation in the Washington

State Consortium of NetSmart users. The adjustment reduces Grays Harbor's obligation by \$2,174 for the period July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011.

5. Request Approval, Inter-local Contract with Clark County – reimbursement to Grays Harbor Regional Support Network: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a contract with Clark County for reimbursement to Grays Harbor Regional Support Network. This contract specifies terms and conditions for Clark County's reimbursement to Grays Harbor Regional Support Network for services delivered to an individual enrolled in the Clark County Regional Support Network who resides in Grays Harbor County. Funds pay for enhancement to adult family home care addressing the individual's mental illness up to \$10,360.00.

6. Request Approval, Agreement with Grays Harbor College for facility use in the event of an emergency or disaster: A motion was made, seconded and passed to update an existing agreement between Grays Harbor Public Health & Social Services and Grays Harbor College. It provides assurances that allow the County to use the facilities of the College in the event of an emergency such as a natural disaster or terrorist act. No funding is required.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Request Approval, Right-of-Way Deed, School Road – Barbara Berreman: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the chairman to sign the Right-of-Way Deed for School Road C.R.P. 55190-02 Barbara Berreman. The county's right-of-way agent will proceed with the acquisition necessary for the project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk of the Board announced that there is an open house on September 23, 2009 to learn about active programs that address flooding and related concerns throughout the Chehalis River Basin.

She also announced that a petition was received by Commissioner Carter regarding the demolition of the Copalis Mercantile. Action has already been taken on this subject, and the building is set to be demolished.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, September 21, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room. Commissioners Willis, Wilson and Carter and the Clerk of the Board reviewed calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with Housing Authority, regarding their annual update; Vern Spatz, Auditor, regarding an agenda item; Joan Brewster, Public Health and Social Services Director, regarding contracts, flu information and the sales tax ordinance; Kevin Varness, regarding agenda items, facility & utility updates; Russ Esses, County Engineer, regarding agenda items; Brian Shea, Planning & Building Director, regarding agenda item and

department updates; Jeff Nelson, Environmental Health, department updates. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

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| No. 2009-91 | Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Superior Court, in the amount of \$94,855 |
| No. 2009-92 | Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Non-Departmental, in the amount of \$65,547 |
| No. 2009-93 | Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Commissioner's Office, in the amount of \$13,699 |
| No. 2009-94 | Establishing Grays Harbor County Chemical Dependency / Mental Health and Therapeutic Court |
| No. 2009-95 | Amending the policies and rules for administering the veteran assistance grant program for Fund #114, the Veteran's Relief Fund |

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

- **Clark County reduces Grays Harbor's obligation by \$2,174 for NetSmart Project Management**
- **Clark County's reimbursement to Grays Harbor Regional Support Network for adult family home care**

The meeting adjourned 2:43 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