

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

October 26, 2009

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, October 26, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Al Carter, Terry Willis and Mike Wilson were present. Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Jenna Amsbury, Deputy 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

1. **Proposals for Indigent Defense – Award Contracts:** The contracts were due by October 23, 2009. Stew Menefee stated that there were 10 applicants for the District Court Contract, 18 for the Superior Court Indigent Defense, two Guardian Ad Litem, five Juvenile Conflict and one Juvenile Indigent Defense contract. He stated that he conferred with the District Court Judges and it was recommended to renew the contracts for the District Court to the current contract holders: Amanda Kleespie, Pamela Hartman Beyer, Robert Ehrhardt, Kyle Imler, Harold Karlsvik and Brett Colacurcio. All of the applicants for the Superior Court contract were recommended for approval. Mr. Menefee stated that it is requested that the Juvenile Guardian Ad Litem contract be held to discuss splitting the contract between the two applicants. The recommendation for the Juvenile Conflict was Amanda Kleespie and the Indigent Defense for Juvenile was recommended for Kyle Imler.

ACTION: A motion was made seconded and passed to award the contracts to the individuals recommended and hold off making a decision on the Juvenile Guardian Ad Litem.

HEARINGS

1. **Request for Reclassification as Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation Land – Robert and Cymantha Burkle:** There was a public hearing to consider a request by Robert and Cymantha Burkle for reclassification as Current Use Open Space and Current Use Farm and Agriculture Conservation Land for real property tax purposes for Parcel Numbers 180630320000 and 180630330020. Notice of this hearing was advertised October 15, 2009, in the *Montesano Vidette*. Chairman Wilson called for a staff report. Brian Shea, Planning and Building Director, reported that the application is for approximately 77 acres located north of Satsop. The applicant is requesting 62.6 acres be put into Open Space and 12.1 acres be put into Farm and Agriculture Conservation Land. The department recommends approval of this request based on the comparison of the property's zoning designation, the three prime farmland soils that are present, and the County's comprehensive plan. All the zoning specifies the property as Agriculture Land. He also stated that some portions of the property have an easement in the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP).

The applicant, Robert Burkle, provided two maps of his property. He explained the background of his property and the process he has worked through to get the property into the correct designation. He explained that most of the property is in the Wetland Reserve Program, and the land cannot be farmed agriculturally for profit. He is able to use approximately a ten acre portion for hay, and can only be harvested once a year. He stated that he cannot use his property for anything but a wildlife wetland reserve. He also explained the tax situation for the parcels and possible back taxes he may have to pay, if not approved.

Commissioner Willis asked how long the property has been in the WRP. Mr. Burkle replied that the property is in the program forever.

Chairman Wilson asked for public comment. Hearing none he closed the hearing.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the request by Robert and Cymantha Burkle for Parcel Numbers 180630320000 and 180630330020 for reclassification as Current Use Open Space for 62.6 acres and for reclassification of 12.1 acres as Farm and Agriculture Conservation Land.

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.

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

Minutes:

Regular Meeting – October 19, 2009

Morning Meeting – October 19, 2009

Special Meetings – October 8-9, 2009; October 7, 2009; October 22, 2009

Correspondence:

Petition – support for Porter Tavern

Claim, C-C-597-09, Erik Foss

Department of Natural Resources – Projection of Income from State Forest Lands

Governor's Proclamation in recognition of the support for beach clean-up

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

COMMISSIONERS

None

DEPARTMENTS

FAIR

1. **Request Approval, 2010 Fee Schedule:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2010 Fee Schedule. The fair Board and staff have discussed the changes and feel that the adjustments made for 2010 are consistent with other comparable venues. The changes were made due to rising costs.

JUVENILE

1. **Request Approval, Professional Services Contract – East County Counseling Services for mental health counseling:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Professional Services Contract with Joanne Wieser of East County Counseling Services for mental health counseling. The contract period will be from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011 and the total contract amount will not exceed \$10,000.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Request for Qualifications – Traffic Planning Services for Schouweiler Road Intersection:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the department to proceed with traffic planning services for Schouweiler Road intersection. The department will begin a Request for Qualifications process to obtain engineering and planning services to develop a plan for improving safety and traffic movements at the Schouweiler Road, Highway 12 intersection. Expansion of activities at the East County Industrial Park necessitates that a plan for improvements, acceptable to WSDOT, be developed for the area. By the County undertaking the task, the department will be able to better support future development and assist in obtaining public funding for the improvements consistent with our previous investments at the park.

2. **Request Approval, Haven By The Sea – Water System Transfer:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the water system transfer for Haven By The Sea. The transfer will allow the county to own and operate the water system to better serve the lot owners. The community club does not have sufficient active members to continue to operate the system. The citizens have requested the transfer. This will be the County's second system in Copalis Beach.

TOURISM

1. **Request Approval, Washington Coast Chamber of Commerce Grant Approval – Advertising and Marketing:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Washington Coast Chamber of Commerce grant for advertising and marketing in 2010. The grant money has been awarded to the Chamber from the Tourism Department in the amount of

\$3,709. The funding assistance is to be used in the development of advertisement and marketing material being completed in 2009 that is part of the Chamber's 2010 marketing campaign.

2. Request Approval, Service Contract with Destination Media Alliance and Small World Publications for Advertising: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the services contract with Destination Media Alliance and Small World Publications for advertising. Destination Media Alliance will cover advertisement in the Washington State Travel Planner and Small World Publications will be in charge of advertisement in the Discover America Visitor's Guide. The total cost of the contracts is \$17,145.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

An email was received by Stanley Trohimovich titled "Your Illegality" and will be placed on file.

It was announced that the meeting will be continued to 5:00 p.m. for comments by 4-H and WSU Extension.

The meeting was recessed at 2:40 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT at 5:00 p.m.:

The following people made comments regarding their experiences in 4-H or the Master Gardeners Program and their support for the WSU Extension:

Pat Bossard, Montesano

Tammera Russel, Montesano, read a letter by Jennifer Rhoden

Steven Puvogel, Aberdeen

Alexis Schubach, Montesano

Kristen, Kailey and Kelsey Bernard, Hoquiam

Mary Shane, Montesano

Ralph Selch, Ocosta

Linda Waltenberg, Oakville

Madi Waber, Elma

Kathy Pacana, Artic

Charlene Carrell, Elma

Linda Lee, Cosmopolis

Mike Bruner, Montesano

Christopher Van Quathem, Elma

Christi Kershaw, McCleary, spoke and read a letter by Laurel Gordon

Robert Criswell, Montesano

Stormy Glick, Elma

Morgan Geer, Montesano

Carli Cairone, Montesano

Leann Rhoden, Montesano

Bill Wickwire, Elma
Colby Trusty, Oakville
Erica Cozad, Humptulips
Jessica Towns, Oakville

Daryl Brown, Cosmopolis, spoke in regards to the resident Sheriff Deputy in the North and South Beach Areas. He explained that he is with the Fire Department in the area and it is crucial to their work to have a Deputy available when there is a call including violence. He stated his unions support for the Sheriff Deputy position to be left intact in the North and South Beach area.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, October 26, 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 Deputy Clerk of the Board reviewed calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with Mike Bruner and Kelly Peterson, Fair/Tourism, regarding agenda items; Kevin Varness, Public Services, regarding agenda items, facility & utility updates; Russ Esses, County Engineer, regarding agenda items; Brian Shea, Planning & Building Director, regarding department updates; Lee Napier, Public Services, agenda items; Jeff Nelson, Environmental Health, department updates. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

None

The meeting adjourned 6:45 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