

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAY HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

September 20, 2010

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, September 20, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Al Carter, Mike Wilson and Terry Willis were present. Donna McCallum, Clerk of the Board, and Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, were also present.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

BIDS:

None

HEARINGS:

1. Continued Hearing - Petition for Public Hospital District Formation – North Beach:

There was a public hearing on September 20, 2010 to consider a petition for the formation of a hospital district in North Beach. This is a continued hearing from August 30, 2010 and September 13, 2010. Notice of this hearing was published in the *Montesano Vidette* August 12, 2010 and *The Daily World* August 20, 2010. The petition received stated the following "We, the undersigned registered voters residing within the North Beach School District No. 64, request the formation of a proposed North Beach Public Hospital District, with initially designated boundaries being identical to our North Beach School District boundaries. We, by signing this petition, express our support for the holding of an election to permit the voters in this proposed hospital district to vote for its origination in accordance with RCW 70.44.030. We further request that an election be held commensurate with the formation of this district to elect the initial commissioners for this district per RCW 70.44.040."

Commissioner Carter reiterated that the only action the board can take is to set the boundaries of the proposed district and set the number of commissioners.

Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney added that the Commissioners cannot include any voting district that is not included in whole by the petition.

Commissioner Carter stated that this excludes precincts 32, 38, 45 and 48 and leaves only precincts within the City of Ocean Shores for the proposed hospital district. He said Commissioners researched whether it was possible to pull or modify the petition, but this is not within their authority; therefore, the boundaries must be set and the petition submitted to the Auditor to set an election.

Chairman Carter called for public comment.

Lillian Broadbent, Ocean Shores, made comments regarding the original intent of the petition to

include the entire North Beach School District. She asked about the validation process and if the petition could be revoked. Lillian Broadbent stated this decision could impact future levies.

Jim Baker stated that once the Auditor certifies the petition, it comes before the Board of Commissioners. The petition cannot be de-certified and the Board is legally required to act. Commissioner Willis added that, although cumbersome, the process must be followed.

The Commissioners stated they understand the intent of the petition was to include the entire school district, but they are tasked by law to delete voting precincts that are split by the petition.

Chairman Carter called for further public comment, and hearing none, called for a vote to adjourn the hearing. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed to close the hearing.**

ACTION:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2010-68, calling for a special election on February 1, 2011, for the purpose of submitting to the affected voters the question of whether a North Beach Public Hospital District shall be established and providing for related matters. The Resolution sets the boundaries for the North Beach Hospital District as voting precincts 801, 802, 803 and 804.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to set the number of Commissioners for the proposed hospital district at five, one commissioner from each of the four voting precinct and one commissioner to serve at large.

2. Ordinance to Increase the Excise Tax Rate for E-911 and Department of Revenue Collection Contract: There was a public hearing on September 20, 2010 to consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 3.52 of the Grays Harbor County Code to increase the excise tax rate from 50 cents to 70 cents on the use of all taxable switched access lines and radio access lines in Grays Harbor County, and to levy an excise tax of 70 cents on the use of each interconnected voice of internet protocol service line whose place of primary use is located within Grays Harbor County, to be effective on January 1, 2011, as authorized by Chapter 19, Laws of 2010. Also under consideration is a collection contract with the Department of Revenue. Notice of this hearing was published in the *Montesano Vidette* September 9, 2010.

Chairman Carter asked for a report. Peggy Fouts, Director of Grays Harbor Communication E-911, explained that the E-911 center is working with infrastructure from the 1960's. Updates are needed so that people that use newer technologies can be serviced. She explained that without the new tax being enacted, certain forms of communication would not be able to use E-9-1-1; for instance Blackberry cellular phones used by the hearing impaired. Currently funding is received from the state for phone lines but if the tax is not enacted the E-911 center will not receive the funding necessary. Wireline, wireless and VOIP will be taxed under this ordinance. She stated this is not a good economy, but this tax is imperative to the operations of the county E-911 center.

Commissioner Carter said that if this ordinance is not passed, the local E-911 center will not receive any funding from the state, which would cripple E-911 in this county.

Replying to an inquiry from Commissioner Carter, Peggy Fouts explained that Department of Revenue will collect and disperse the tax if approved.

Chairman Carter called for public comment.

Dave Carlberg, City of Aberdeen Fire Chief, stated he sits on the state E-911 Board. He stressed that approving this excise tax funding is essential for local E-911 services. It is vital that the E-911 center is up to date with emerging technologies. He thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Mike Whelan, Grays Harbor County Sheriff, stated the county is a user of E-911. Without E-911 services, the estimated cost to dispatch for the county is \$200,000 of which there are currently no funds for this expense. Dispatch costs would be borne by the local police and fire departments in the county.

Commissioner Willis noted for the record that Jack Durney, Mayor of Hoquiam, submitted an email this morning.

There was no further public comment and the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wilson, Chairman of the E-911 Administrative Board, emphasized the importance of keeping up with technology. Chairman Carter added that being able to text in emergencies, and using other technologies, is essential. Imposing this tax would mean that everyone contributes.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Ordinance No. 394 amending county code Chapter 3.52 and Ordinances 197 and 296 to increase the excise tax rate from 50 cents to 70 cents per month on the use of all taxable switched access lines and radio access lines in Grays Harbor County, and to levy an excise tax of 70 cents per month on the use of each interconnected voice of internet protocol service line whose place of primary use is located within Grays Harbor County as authorized by Chapter 19, Laws 2010.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a contract with the State Department of Revenue for collection and distribution of the excise tax approved under Ordinance No. 394.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Carter 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:

Morning Meeting and Regular Meeting – September 13, 2010
Special Meetings – September 14, 2010

Management Services:

Set Hearing Date – October 4, 2010 - Emergency Budget – Prosecutor's Office, \$1,575

Public Services:

Appointment to the Marine Resource Committee – Heidi Happonen

Correspondence:

Road Use Request - Cranberry Harvest Festival, Grayland – October 9th and 10th, 2010
Petition to refrain from establishing portions of Coastal WA as a National Heritage Area

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

PROCLAMATION

1. **Don Tapio – Harvest Celebration Week:** Clerk of the Board Donna McCallum read the proclamation proclaiming the week of September 20-26, 2010 as Grays Harbor County Harvest Celebration Week. Don Tapio, County Extension Agent, explained there are 628 farms and over 120,000 acres being used for farming activities in our county. The average age of a farmer in the county is 58. He complimented the county for supporting farms and agriculture. The past growing season was very challenging due to poor weather conditions.

On Wednesday September 22, 2010, the Montesano Chamber of Commerce is hosting the annual Farm City Dinner and on Saturday September 25, 2010 there is the farm tour scheduled featuring the Cottonwood Ranch, Thompson's Cranberry Farm, Specialty Forest Products, Fish Hatchery at Humptulips and Lytle Seafoods.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the proclamation for September 20-26, 2010 as Harvest Celebration Week in Grays Harbor County.

COMMISSIONERS

None

DEPARTMENTS

FAIRGROUNDS

1. **Request Approval, Authorize the Fair Manager to Sign 2010 Grays Harbor County**

Fair 4-H Judging Agreements: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Fair Manager to sign 2010 Grays Harbor County Fair 4-H Judging Agreement. The agreements are as follows:

<u>Judge Name</u>	<u>Agreement Amount</u>
Willow Wegmann:	\$180.00
Susan Thomas:	\$ 30.00
James Thode:	\$ 75.00
Lillie Savage:	\$ 75.00
Mary Roberts:	\$ 30.00
Christina Richmond:	\$ 75.00
Beth Hargrove:	\$ 64.10
Davona Gwin:	\$128.20
Terry Abbott:	\$359.10

FORESTRY

1. Request Approval, Contract Completion for Saddle Hill No. 2 – Chehalis Valley Timber Inc.: A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the contract for Saddle Hill No. 2 as complete and release the performance bond to Chehalis Valley Timber Inc. for the sale.

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

- 1. Request Approval, Resolutions – Budget Transfers:** These transfers are necessary to cover the cost of work performed on the Upper Quinault River and for the installation of noise control signs on State Route 109 in Grays Harbor City.
- a. Non- Departmental - \$12,000:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2010-69 transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Non-Department Fund, in the amount of \$12,000.**
 - b. Special Projects Fund - \$12,000:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2010-70, transferring items in the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Special Projects, in the amount of \$12,000.**
- 2. Request Approval, Salary Resolution Amendment – Road Fund Reclassification of Area Supervisors:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2010-71, amending Resolution No. 2010-01 fixing compensation of employees from and after January 1, 2010.** This amendment is in the Road Fund for the reclassification of the Area Supervisors. The Area Supervisors will be taking on additional responsibilities and duties to cover the snow and ice days over the winter months.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

1. Request Approval, Addendum to ESD #113/ True North Contract for Emergency Temporary Transition and Support Services: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Amendment 1 to the contract with Educational Service District 113. The amendment includes an Addendum to provide for Emergency Temporary Transition and Support Services for

ESD 113/True North in order to provide adolescent chemical dependency outpatient treatment services from September 20, 2010 through December 31, 2010.

2. Request Approval, Resolution – Fee Schedule Amendment – Travel Related Immunization Fees: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2010-72, establishing consultation and vaccination fees for foreign travel for the Grays Harbor Public Health and Social Services Department.** The fee schedule amendment is to extend the number of vaccines provided to community members who travel out of county, as well as consultation services for such travel. These immunizations protect travelers and, in some cases, protect their families upon return from travel. Travel consultation is a specialized service which requires continual updating of information as health threats change around the globe. This is a service frequently offered by public health departments and is designed to be a self-supporting program.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Request Approval, Chehalis Watershed Appreciation Day Proclamation: A motion was made, seconded and passed to proclaim September 26, 2010 as Chehalis Watershed Appreciation Day. The Chehalis Basin Partnership invites the Board of County Commissioners and the community to attend the 5th Watershed Festival on Saturday, September 26, 2010 at Morrison Park in Aberdeen. The watershed festival offers hands on activities for children while the adults can network and learn more about our watershed.

2. Request Approval, Request for Funding Assistance from Northwest Justice Project for a Community Needs Survey: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve financial assistance for the Northwest Justice Project through the document recording fee revenue fund to cover a portion of the costs associated with translating, printing, and distributing the community needs survey. This project is identified in the County's Housing Plan. This approval will also serve as authorization for the Interim Planning Director to approve any invoices associated with this project up to the amount of \$14,436.20. The revenue source for this project will be the Affordable Housing Document Recording Fee Fund.

3. Request Approval, Chehalis Basin Watershed Festival – Agreement for Services with Who Are These Guys and Mud Bay Blues Band: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agreements for services at the Chehalis Basin Watershed Festival. The agreements include "Who Are These Guys" performing old time swing and jazz music and "Mud Bay Blues Band" performing music. Both agreements are related to services to support the 2010 Chehalis Basin Watershed Festival in Aberdeen on September 26, 2010. All services rendered are eligible for reimbursement through a grant with the Department of Ecology.

4. Request Approval, Restrictive Covenants for wetland mitigation sites at Camp Grisdale Road: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the restrictive covenants for wetland mitigation sites at Camp Grisdale Road. The State Department of Ecology is requiring Grays Harbor County to file the restrictive covenants to protect, in perpetuity, the

wetland mitigation sites granted to the County for Phase I of Camp Grisdale Road. The covenants will be filed with the County Auditor.

SHERIFF

1. Request Approval, Amend Contract with Washington State Military Emergency Management re: All Hazards Alert Broadcast System: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amendment to the contract with Washington State Military Department's Emergency Management Division for the All Hazards Alert Broadcast System. This amendment provides authorization for the Emergency Management Division to activate and broadcast emergency warning messages through the All Hazards Alert Broadcast (AHAB) system. The Amendment extends the term of the agreement to September 30, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, September 20, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room. Commissioners Carter, Wilson and Willis and the Clerk of the Board, Donna McCallum reviewed calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with Rose Elway, Budget Director, regarding budget update; Joan Brewster, Public Health and Social Services, regarding agenda items and updates; Kevin Varness, regarding agenda item and department updates; Russ Esses, Engineering, regarding agenda items; Jeff Nelson, Environmental Health, regarding department updates; Lee Napier, Public Services, regarding agenda items. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

No. 2010-68

Calling for a special election on February 1, 2011, for the purpose of submitting to the affected voters the question of whether the North Beach Public Hospital District shall be established and providing for related matters. The resolution sets the boundaries of the proposed district

No. 2010-69

Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Non-Department Fund, in the amount of \$12,000

The meeting adjourned 2:56 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
For Grays Harbor County
This _____ day of _____, 2010

ALBERT A. CARTER, Chairman, District 3

TERRY L. WILLIS, Commissioner, District 1

MIKE WILSON, Commissioner, District 2

ATTEST:

Donna McCallum
Clerk of the Board