

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

March 21, 2011

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, March 21, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Terry Willis, Mike Wilson and Herb Welch were present. Jenna Amsbury, Deputy Clerk of the Board, and Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney were also present.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Willis called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

BIDS:

None

HEARINGS:

1. Classification to Current Use Timber – Jerrie and Sally Eaton Trust, Parcel 160816120040: There was a public hearing on March 21, 2011 to consider a request for classification to current use timber by applicant Jerrie and Sally Eaton Trust for parcel number 160816120040. The property is located in the North River area. Notice of this hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* March 10, 2011. Chairman Willis asked for a staff report.

Bill Brown, Commercial/Industrial Appraiser, entered into the record the staff report. He stated information on the subject property was gathered from GIS aerial photos; the Application to Classify as Current Use Timber Land and the Forest Management Plan completed by the owner Jerrie Eaton, a Forester. The Timber Land Application, the Forest Management Plan, the aerial photos, and various maps of the site were included in the full report.

The subject consists of one parcel with a total of 7.2 unimproved acres that are not currently in any timber classification. The property was recently harvested and replanted. There are wetlands on the property and the entire parcel is in "Flood Zone A — 100 year flooding.

Mr. Brown explained Laura Gray of Grays Harbor County Planning and Building helped clarify a question relating to the Critical Areas regulations. As to whether: set-backs from Critical Areas or wetland buffers would decrease the Eaton's commercial timber area to less than five acres. Ms. Gray's response was that agricultural activities, including commercial forestry, are exempt from the provisions of Grays Harbor County Code Title 18.06 Critical Areas with the following exceptions:

1. Harvest activities under a Class IV-G permit may be constrained by Critical area regulations if it is the intent of the landowner to convert the land to a use other than forestry.

2. Harvest activities following a Conversion Option Harvest Plan may be constrained by Critical area regulations the landowner is reserving the option to convert the land to a use other than forestry.

Mr. Brown stated upon clarification from Ms. Gray, the second suggested action on the staff report can be deleted.

Mr. Brown stated the Assessor's recommendation is the Commissioners approve the application to classify the 7.2 acres as Current Use Timber Land with the following condition:

- The Forest Management Plan will be followed and the acreage approved for Current Use Timber will be managed as a commercial stand of timber.

He explained this Agreement shall be established between the owner and the Granting Authority specifying the conditions. Should the owner sign the agreement, it shall be understood that the owner will comply with the conditions. Failure to comply with said conditions shall be basis for withdrawal of the current use designation, in which case the land shall be subject to the penalty tax referred to in RCW 84.34 and assessed at true market value.

Chairman Willis asked if the applicant would like to speak. The applicant was present and had nothing further to add.

Chairman Willis called for public comment favoring or opposing the application. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to conditionally approve the classification to Current Use Timber for parcel number 160816120040 as stated in the staff report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Willis called for public comment on county-related items. She 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 and Morning Meetings – March 14, 2011

Management Services:

Set Hearing Date – *April 4, 2011* – Supplemental Budget, PB/ Moclips Water System Bond

Public Health and Social Services:

Acknowledgement of reviewers for applications submitted for Grays Harbor's Chemical Dependency Mental Health and Therapeutic Court Tax

Correspondence:

Claim, C-624-11, Allen Edgar
2010 Grays Harbor PUD Gross Revenue

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

COMMISSIONERS

None

DEPARTMENTS

JUVENILE COURT

1. Request Approval, Amendment to the BECCA Contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the amendment to the BECCA Contract with the Administrative Office of the Courts. The amendment changes the amount contracted from \$236,281 to \$230,171 for the fiscal year 2011. The reduction is due to a cash deficit in the state general fund and applies only to the second year of the agreement. The amendment is for the contract period from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Request Approval, Award Bid for a 100 foot self-supporting tower to Hutton Communications Inc.: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the low bid submitted by Hutton Communications, Inc. for a 100 foot self-supporting tower in the amount of \$11,173.19. Bids were received and opened on February 7, 2011 with two companies submitting bids: Valmont Industries, Inc. and Hutton Communications, Inc. Both bids met the minimum bid specifications that were advertised. The high bid was submitted by Valmont Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$13,929.

2. Request Approval, Local Agency Agreement and Prospectus requesting federal funding for the Wynoochee Road Emergency Slide Removal at M.P. 6.2: A motion was made seconded and passed to approve the Local Agency Agreement and Prospectus requesting federal funds for removing slide debris on the Wynoochee Road at milepost 6.2. This project has been approved for Federal funding under an Emergency Relief Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Willis announced there would be a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Aberdeen High School to discuss the Wild Olympics issue.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, March 21, 2011, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room. Commissioners Willis, Wilson and Welch and the Deputy Clerk of the Board, Jenna Amsbury reviewed calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with the following individuals: Rose Elway, Budget Director, for a budget update; Public Services employees regarding agenda items and department updates: Kevin Varness, Public Services; Russ Esses, Engineering and Roads; Jeff Nelson, Environmental Health; Lee Napier, Planning Department. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

None

The meeting adjourned 2:11 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
For Grays Harbor County
This _____ day of _____, 2011

TERRY L. WILLIS, Chairman, District 1

MIKE WILSON, Commissioner, District 2

HERB WELCH, Commissioner, District 3

ATTEST:

Donna McCallum, Clerk of the Board