

Minutes
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING

July 22, 2013

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, July 22, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Wes Cormier and Frank Gordon were present. Donna McCallum, Clerk of the Board, was present to record the meeting. James Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, was also present.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

A motion was made, seconded and passed to excuse Commissioner Welch from the meeting due to illness.

BIDS:

1. **2013 Cities and County Paving Project C-97400-14:** It was advertised on June 27, 2013 and July 4, 2013, in the *Montesano Vidette*, that bids would be accepted for the 2013 Cities and County Paving Project C-97400-14.

Bid specifications were available at the Grays Harbor County Public Services Department at 100 W. Broadway Suite 31, Montesano, WA 98563. It was announced that the Grays Harbor County Commissioners reserved the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof without cause. The Clerk of the Board announced the following bids with bid bond attached:

Company	Location	Bid Amount
Lakeside Industries	Aberdeen, WA	\$604,181.90
Granite Construction Company	Everett, WA	\$656,000.00

The bids were referred to the Public Services Department for review and recommendation.

HEARINGS:

None

PRESENTATIONS:

1. **Sheriff Rick Scott presentation of a Meritorious Service Medal Award to Deputy Richard Ramirez:** Sheriff Scott presented the Meritorious Service Medal to Deputy Richard Ramirez for his service and read the following letter of Commendation into the record:

On June 12, 2013 you were on assigned patrol in east Grays Harbor County. At approximately 2248 hours you were dispatched to a domestic violence assault in progress at 109 South Center Street, Oakville, Washington. You were in the

Oakville area at the time and recognized the address as being one block from your present location. While receiving the dispatch information you saw the reporting party waiving flagging you down. You quickly determined that the domestic violence assault was in progress and requested Chehalis Tribal Police respond to assist you. You approached the residence and you could hear the sounds of a female crying and yelling for someone to “Stop! Get off of me”. You immediately went to the source of the yelling and observed a male suspect sitting straddle of a female pinning her to the floor. The suspect was sitting on the female’s chest and striking her with closed fists on and about the head of the victim. You then rushed to the aid of the victim, physically engaging the suspect. After a brief physical altercation, you succeeded in securing the suspect in handcuffs and were able to remove him to a location where you could safely control him until backup units arrived. After which you secured the suspect in your patrol vehicle and then checked on the victim for any additional injury.

I have reviewed the reports and statements in this matter. I truly believe that your actions in this case saved the female victim from serious assault and injury. You entered the residence without backup, knowingly putting yourself at risk. You did so without hesitation knowing that the female was being assaulted. I find that your decisive actions that night warrant not only a Letter of Commendation, but also issuance of the Grays Harbor Sheriff’s Office Meritorious Service Medal. It is my honor to award to you this medal for your actions in preventing further injury to the victim and bringing to a stop a violent assault. You have brought honor to yourself and our agency that night. Please accept my personal thanks and commendation.

2. Jesse Cardenas, Columbia Pacific RC&EDD presentation of the Grays Harbor County Community Firewise Program: Mr. Cardenas stated Columbia Pacific Resource Conservation and Economic Development District (ColPac) developed the Grays Harbor County Firewise Communities Program Resource Manual under a county contract utilizing Title III federal funds. This is a fire safety program to help further communities through education. The goal was to provide a program template to assist communities by mitigating circumstances prior to an emergency or disaster occurring. This template will assist the county emergency services function and is an avenue for jurisdictions to become Community Firewise Communities, which opens up funding opportunities for projects. Mr. Cardenas stated his mission is to provide a template for other communities and organizations to assist them to create a Communities Firewise program. He introduced Ed Coumou who created the data base and Mary Swarhout who assisted working with communities. Fire Departments participated in development of the program template. The City of Ocean Shores and Moclips area are interested in becoming Firewise Communities. Currently fire districts depend on DNR to respond to wildfires. Mr. Cardenas stated through fires in Chelan County, organizations learned valuable lessons on the benefit of defensible space.

The completed Community Firewise Program template is now on the ColPac website and copies are available for those interested.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Gordon called for public comment on county-related items. He announced comments and statements would be accepted and limited to three minutes. Questions should be submitted in writing.

Tammy Ramsey, a county resident, expressed concern with the recently approved marijuana moratorium. Her main concern was with medical marijuana treatment. Commissioner Gordon explained where the county is at in the zoning process. James Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, emphasized the moratorium is for zoning and does not prevent business ownership.

Steve Rae Gladdin commented on safe access to medical marijuana.

James Cooke, Aberdeen City Council, expressed concern with funding for the Kersh/Wishkah flood project.

Al Smith, Wishkah, commented on Flood Authority project funding and the County's role.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

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Management Services:

Set hearing date – *August 5, 2013* – Supplemental Budget, Special Projects Fund #101-000-000, \$42,348

Set hearing date – *August 5, 2013* – Supplemental Budget, General Fund, Various Funds, \$626,600

Set hearing date – *August 5, 2013* – Supplemental Budget, Facilities Capital Fund #301-000-000, \$1,590,000

Set hearing date – *August 5, 2013* – Supplemental Budget, Cumulative Reserve #307-000-000, \$400,000

Public Services:

Set hearing – *August 26, 2013* - Old Garrard Creek Rd #68750 R/W Vacation

Set hearing date – *August 26, 2013* - Pearson Road #81110 R/W Vacation

Set hearing date – *August 5, 2013* – Ordinance Amending Official Zoning Maps Adopted Pursuant to GHC Code Title 17, approving a petition for Rezone, Case #2013-0323

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

COMMISSIONERS:

1. Resolution to establish a Wellness Committee as recommended by the Safety Committee: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2013-069** establishing a Wellness Committee for Grays Harbor County Employees.

DEPARTMENTS

Fair, Events and Tourism:

1. **Request Approval, Authorization for the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign the following 2013 Fair Advertising agreements: Jodesha Broadcasting for \$2,131.80 and Bicoastal Media for \$2,000:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign and execute advertising agreements with Jodesha Broadcasting for \$2,131.80 and Bicoastal Media for \$2,000.

2. **Request Approval, Authorization for the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign fourteen Sponsorship Agreements for 2013 Fair:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign Sponsorship Agreements for 2013 Fair with the following businesses:

The Vaughan Company
Elma Variety Store
House Brothers
Les Schwab
Elma Feed
Jodesha Broadcasting
Dennis Company
Monte Farm
Great NW Federal Credit Union
Sierra Pacific
Little Creek Casino
Pepsi
Anchor Bank
Home Depot

3. **Request Approval, Authorization for the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign twenty-five Fair Exhibit Judges Agreements:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign and execute the following 25 Fair Exhibit Judge agreements:

Cathy Reaney \$125.00	T.J Colson \$125.00
Elaine Thompson \$50.00	Jennifer Kirkpatrick \$200.00
Mariah Thompson \$50.00	Chris Guenther \$125.00
Dayal Trusty \$100.00	Marilyn Armit \$25.00
Wendy Stanley \$60.00	Diane Harper \$30.00
Malia Wales \$60.00	Terry Abbott \$25.00
Robert Ashe \$40.00	Joan Frymire \$25.00
Harriet Fredickson \$60.00	Brenda Woods \$30.00
Mary Roberts \$60.00	George Germaine \$125.00
Delores Allen \$60.00	Myrna Manier \$35.00
Robin Harlow \$40.00	Rick Boyer \$100.00
Elizabeth McElliot \$60.00	Kenton Farrar \$100.00
Sue Thomas \$60.00	

4. Request Approval, Authorization for the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign the following 2013 Fair Contracts: 5 Parking contracts totaling \$3,100; Dr. David Cordray \$550 for Veterinary Services; Brian Rydman \$600 for Fair security; Lady Eagles \$3,000 for Fair clean up: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign and execute the following 2013 Fair Contracts: 5 Parking contracts totaling \$3,100; Dr. David Cordray \$550 for Veterinary Services; Brian Rydman \$600 for Fair security; Lady Eagles \$3,000 for Fair clean up.

Public Health and Social Services:

1. Request Approval, Evergreen Treatment Services, contract amendment No. 2, providing additional funds of \$22,000 to support the agency's planning and development costs associated with the Grays Harbor Opiate Treatment Program: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve contract amendment No. 2 with Evergreen Treatment Services to provide additional funds in the amount of \$22,000 for the purpose of supporting the agency's planning and development costs associated with the Grays Harbor Opiate Treatment program. The new contract amount is \$140,500 which includes \$118,500 for treatment services provided during the 2012-2013 contract period.

2. Request Approval, Coastal Community Action Program contract providing employment and day program services on a fee for service basis to individuals with developmental disabilities: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the contract with Coastal Community Action Program to provide Employment and Day Program services to individuals with developmental disabilities. The contract period is July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and is a fee for service program.

3. Request Approval, Catholic Community Services of Western Washington contract for \$415,179 to fund a five bed transitional housing program for individuals with serious mental illness: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the contract with Catholic Community Services of Western Washington to fund a five bed transitional housing program for persons with serious mental illness. The contract covers the period of June 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The total contract amount is \$415,179.00. There are no County funds or matching obligations with this amendment.

4. Request Approval, Rob Holt Consulting contract in the amount of \$8,640 for liaison services to assist persons discharged from Western State Hospital to transition back to the community: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the contract with Rob Holt Consulting for liaison services to assist persons discharging from Western State Hospital to transition back to the community. The contract is from July 1, 2013 through September 30, 2013. The contract pays \$8,640 from the Mental Health State Fund grant. There is no County matching requirement.

5. Request Approval, Evergreen Treatment Services 2013 Chemical Dependency services six-month bridge contract on a fee for service basis up to \$57,053 to provide continuation of opiate substitution services to Medicaid eligible individuals: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Evergreen Treatment Services 2013 chemical dependency services six month bridge contract. This contract provides for the continuation of opiate substitution services at the capacity of 45 clients from July 1, 2013-December 31, 2013. The amount of the contract is \$57,053.

Public Services:

- 1. Request Approval, Contract with Quigg Brothers, Inc. for the Wishkah Road Realignment in the amount of \$1,072,778:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the contract with Quigg Bros., Inc. of Aberdeen for a total of \$1,072,778.00 for the Wishkah Road Realignment Project and authorize the chair to sign the contract when available.
- 2. Request Approval, Award Bid to Rognlins, Inc. for the Schmid Road Bridge Replacement project in the amount of \$419,000:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to award the bid to Rognlins, Inc. for the Schmid Road Bridge Replacement project in the amount of \$419,000.
- 3. Request Approval, Adopt and authorize submittal of the project list to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for consideration:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt and authorize submittal of the project list to the Salmon Recovery Funding Board for consideration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

At 2:55 p.m. Commissioner Gordon called for a recess until 3:00 p.m. to meet in Conference Room No. 1.

3:00 p.m. meeting:

This meeting was scheduled with Abby Murphy and Brian Enslow from the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) to discuss fiscal sustainability for counties.

Abby Murphy outlined the purpose of the meeting was to discuss ideas for future lobbying efforts. She noted counties have inherent structural issues and fewer revenue sources than cities. Ms. Murphy stated they are meeting with local officials to discuss their needs and ideas regarding fiscal issues.

Mr. Enslow discussed the history of eroding revenues and the resulting change in service levels. Over the years, revenues have continued to decline, which is unsustainable for counties.

Commissioner Gordon stated counties don't have the same revenue resources as cities, such as utility and business and occupation taxes. He stated the county currently has a road levy shift in place that helps level the field with the cities so that the county is getting funding for services they provide to all the citizens in the county.

Ms. Murphy advocated for a strategy of blending cost containment and increasing revenues.

There was discussion on court funding, property tax limitations, mental health funding cuts and education. Mr. Enslow stated the legislature has differing opinions on budget decisions.

Brenda Sherman, Budget Director, stated public defense funding has been a large budget problem for the county. The state has numerous mandates that are not being funded at the county level. She stated the county received \$100,000 and spent \$1,000,000. Criminal justice is the largest expense for the county. Mr. Enslow stated caseload standards are going to increase local costs and that small counties are going to suffer with this expense.

There was discussion on gaming revenue and the possibility of the counties being able to have lotteries like the state.

Commissioner Cormier asked that the role of government be addressed. He discussed the expanded role of government, special interest groups and revenue sources.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, July 22, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room 1. Commissioners Wes Cormier and Frank Gordon and Clerk of the Board Donna McCallum reviewed agendas, calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with Jesse Cardenas, Col-Pac, Mike Bruner, Fair, Events and Tourism Director, and Sheriff Rick Scott regarding agenda items. The following Public Services Representatives were present regarding requests and department updates: Road Engineer Russ Esses, Public Services Director Kevin Varness, Tom Gray County Surveyor and Janel Bistrika, Chehalis Basin Partnership.

RECAP OF APPROVED RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

RESOLUTIONS:

No. 2013-069

**Establishing a Wellness Committee for
Grays Harbor County Employees**

ORDINANCES:

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

None

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
For Grays Harbor County
This _____ day of _____, 2013

HERB WELCH, Chairman, District 3

WES CORMIER, Commissioner, District 1

FRANK GORDON, Commissioner, District 2

ATTEST:

Donna McCallum, Clerk of the Board