

**Minutes**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**March 17, 2014**

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, March 17, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Frank Gordon, Wes Cormier and Herb Welch. 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**

**BIDS:**

None

**HEARINGS:**

1. **Ordinance – amending Ordinances 241, 242, 252, 264, 265, 291, 293, 299, 306, 333, 336, 373 and Chapters 17.04, 17.08, 17.12, 17.16, 17.20, 17.24, 17.42, 17.44, 14.48, 17.52, and 17.57 of the Grays Harbor County Code (GHCC) to implement Initiative 502 and Chapter 314-55 of the Washington Administrative Code pertaining to use of land for the production, processing or dispensing of cannabis or cannabis products on unincorporated land in Grays Harbor County:** A hearing was held on March 3, 2014 to consider an Ordinance amending Ordinances 241, 242, 252, 264, 265, 291, 293, 299, 306, 333, 336, 373 and Chapters 17.04, 17.08, 17.12, 17.16, 17.20, 17.24, 17.42, 17.44, 14.48, 17.52, and 17.57 of the Grays Harbor County Code (GHCC) to implement Initiative 502 and Chapter 314-55 of the Washington Administrative Code pertaining to use of land for the production, processing or dispensing of cannabis or cannabis products on unincorporated land in Grays Harbor County. This hearing was closed and the decision was continued to March 10, 2014 where it was continued again to today, March 17, 2014. Notice of this hearing was published in *The Vidette* on February 20, 2014.

Commissioner Cormier was absent during public testimony, but stated he reviewed the hearing materials from the previous meetings.

**ACTION:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Ordinance No. 410 amending Ordinances 241, 242, 252, 264, 265, 291, 293, 299, 306, 333, 336, 373 and Chapters 17.04, 17.08, 17.12, 17.16, 17.20, 17.24, 17.42, 17.44, 14.48, 17.52, and 17.57 of the Grays Harbor County Code (GHCC) to implement Initiative 502 and Chapter 314-55 of the Washington Administrative Code pertaining to use of land for the production, processing or dispensing of cannabis or cannabis products on unincorporated land in Grays Harbor County.

Commissioner Cormier stated a vote in favor is setting the zoning parameters, rather than allowing shop to be set up anywhere.

Commissioner Welch stated he would like to vote no for this because he does not want to see marijuana allowed in the county, but he sees the need to put regulations in place and the Commissioners can come back at a later date and change the requirements.

Commissioner Gordon emphasized the voters approved the legalization of cannabis.

**2. Current Use Timber Application – Robert and Annette Tometich, for 20 acres of parcel 190935240010 located off Wishkah Branch Road:** There was a public hearing on March 17, 2014 to consider a Current Use Timber Application for Robert and Annette Tometich, for 20 acres of parcel 190935240010 located off the Wishkah Branch Road. Notice of this hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* March 6, 2014. Commissioner Gordon called for a staff report.

Bill Brown, Commercial Appraiser, stated information on this application was collected from an on-site inspection on November 22, 2013, GIS aerial photos, parcel maps, the application and the Forest Management Plan completed by the owner and the Forest Practices Application Review System website. He explained the property consists of one 20-acre parcel, which is not currently in a Current Use tax classification. There is a 2.79 acre home site that is not eligible for Current Use Timber Land, leaving 17.21 acres eligible for the classification. The owner is aware of this and understands that home sites are not eligible for this classification.

Commissioner Gordon called for public comment. Hearing none, he closed the hearing.

Commissioner Cormier stated for the record this is a tax shift allowed under state statute.

**ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Current Use Timber Application for Robert and Annette Tometich, for the 17.21 acre portion of parcel 190935240010 located off the Wishkah Branch Road to be managed as a commercial stand of timber.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bob Morris, Aberdeen, representing Green Harvest Corporation, stated the Company intends to harvest marijuana. They will use a 32,000 square foot facility along Highway 101 north of the City of Hoquiam for a marijuana production plant. He explained the improvements being made, security plans and employment his company will provide.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** Approval was requested for the following items:

### **Minutes:**

March 10, 2014 Regular and Morning Meeting

**Coroner:**

Monthly Report for February 2014

**Correspondence:**

Road Use Request - NW Juniors Stage Race/Cycling – August 2 and 3, 2014 Vance Creek/Satsop PDA Route

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

**COMMISSIONERS:**

1. **Establishing a policy terminating department employee hiring authority when a position is not filled within six months:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2014-036 establishing a policy terminating department employee hiring authority when the position is not filled within six months. This policy will require that when the Board of Commissioners authorizes and provides funding for a County Department to hire an employee and such position remains unfilled for a period of six months from the date of such Board authorization, the Board's authorization to fill such employee position shall terminate. If the County Department still desires to fill a position where authorization has expired under this policy, it must obtain new authorization from the Board to fill that position, provided however, that any hiring authorization issued prior to adoption of this policy shall remain effective for a period of six months from today's date.

2. **Resolution – setting benefit and wage policy for elected officials and adjustment to Commissioner wages:** This item was postponed to March 24, 2014.

3. **Raceway Lease Agreement – Funtime Promotions:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Raceway lease agreement with Funtime Promotions. The lease agreement is in place through October 15, 2016 with an automatic renewal clause for an additional five years if the contractor and county are satisfied to continue the lease agreement.

**DEPARTMENTS:**

**Fair, Events and Tourism:**

1. **Request Approval, Authorization for the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign a Fairground Use Agreement with Elma High School Equestrian Team for March 18, 2014:**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign a Fairground Use Agreement with Elma High School Equestrian Team for March 18, 2014.

2. **Request Approval, Authorization for the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign a Tourism Advertising Agreement with Seabrook Land Company/Belo Seattle for a Beach House for a year promotion - \$30,000:**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign a Tourism Advertising Agreement with Seabrook Land Company/Belo Seattle for a Beach House for a year promotion in the amount of \$30,000. This authorization will require a supplemental budget. Funding for the supplemental budget

would come from the Tourism 112 Fund. The Grays Harbor Tourism Lodging Tax Advisory Committee voted unanimously at the January 4, 2014 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee meeting to support the \$30,000.00 ‘Beach House For A Year’ Advertising Partnership with Seabrook Land Company and Belo Seattle, and the related necessary supplemental budget.

**Forestry:**

1. **Request Approval, Accept Contract as Complete and release retainage to JBC Cedar LLC for Langley Hill No. 3:** A motion has been made, seconded and passed to Accept Contract as complete and release retainage to JBC Cedar LLC for Langley Hill No. 3.

2. **Request Approval, Contracts with the following companies for Four Timber Sales:**  
A motion has been made, seconded and passed to approve the following timber sale contracts:

<u>Sale Name</u>	<u>Purchaser</u>	<u>Estimated Value</u>
Donkey Creek No. 3	Sierra Pacific Industries	\$ 2,093,042
Webfoot Creek No. 1	Quinault Logging Corp.	\$ 2,452,530
Stafford Creek No. 5	Quinault Logging Corp.	\$ 433,155
West Fork Wishkah No. 6	WT Timber, LLC	\$ 1,919,526

**Public Health and Social Services:**

1. **Request Approval, Amendment #13 to the 2012-2014 Consolidated Contract with the Washington State Dept. of Health for additional funding in the amount of \$309,337:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Amendment #13 of the 2012-2014 Consolidated Contract with the Washington State Department of Health. This amendment adds funds and amends the Statements of Work for the following programs: CBP-Regional HCH Infrastructure Development, Maternal & Child Health Block Grant, Office of Immunizations and Child Profile, and WIC Nutrition Program. It increases overall consideration of the Consolidated Contract by \$309,337.

**Public Services:**

1. **Request Approval, Contract with Feiro Marine Life Center for the Marine Resource Committee 2014 funding agreement - \$11,950 funded through the Department of Fish and Wildlife:** A motion has been made, seconded and passed to approve a contract between Grays Harbor County (on behalf of the Marine Resource Committee (MRC)) and Feiro Marine Life Center. This contract formalizes a funding agreement already established in the current MRC contract with the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). The entire contract value of \$11,950 is funded by WDFW through the MRC, with Grays Harbor County as the fiscal agent.

2. **Request Approval, Resolution – Establishing Rental Rates for Sheriff Cars, Motor Pool Cars and SUV’s:** A motion has been made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2014-037 establishing Rental Rates for Sheriff Cars, Motor Pool Cars and SUV’s**. The new rates are listed as follows and will go into effect April 1, 2014:

Group 1 Pursuit Vehicles:                     \$.80 per mile  
Group 2 Pursuit SUV; Utility 4X4 SUV:     \$.90 per mile  
Group 3 Pool Vehicles:                     \$.65 per mile  
(Minimum monthly charges per group are based on 1,000 miles)

**3. Request Approval, Resolution and Solid Waste Contract Extension with LeMay Enterprises Inc. for solid waste services at the Central Transfer Station, December 31, 2034:** Public Services Director Kevin Varness reported this proposed contract continues the role of Lemay Enterprises Inc. and combines collection, transport and disposal for a period of 20 years. Structural and environmental concerns are addressed in this contract. The rate structure is at or below the amount in other counties. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee recommends approval of the contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gordon to approve the Solid Waste Contract, but died for lack of a second.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to postpone the decision on this item until the next meeting on March 24, 2014. There was discussion that a delay could be a problem with the current contract expiring soon. Commissioner Cormier stated he felt it important to keep business local and would like more time to do research.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Gordon stated the Port should be looking to rent buildings at the Satsop site since they have been empty for a long time and could be making revenue.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **STAFF MEETINGS**

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, March 17, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room 1. Commissioners Frank Gordon and Herb Welch, along with Clerk of the Board Donna McCallum reviewed agendas, calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with Larry Smith and Don Smith, Forestry Department, regarding agenda items; Dale Gowan, Central Services Director, regarding a hire request; Greg Reynvaan, Juvenile Director, regarding requests; Mike Bruner, Fair, Events and Tourism Manager, regarding agenda items; the following Public Services representatives for departmental updates: Environmental Health Director Jeff Nelson, Public Services Director Kevin Varness, County ER&R Manager Jerry Benedict, and County Engineer Russ Esses.

