

Minutes
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING

May 5, 2014

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, May 5, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Frank Gordon and Wes Cormier. Jenna Amsbury, Deputy 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:

1. **2014 Traffic Control Devices Supply Contract:** Notice was published in *The Vidette* on April 10 and 17, 2014 that bids would be received at 2:00 p.m., today, for the following contract: 2014 Traffic Control Devices Supply Contract R-70-09849-00. The bid consists of the fabrication and delivery of approximately 536 Traffic Signs and other traffic related items. The Deputy Clerk announced the following bids with bid bond attached:

Bidder	Location	Amount
Zumar Industries	Tacoma, WA	\$38,288.41
Traffic Safety Supply Co.	Portland, OR	\$37,702.51

The bids will be forwarded to the Road Department for review and recommendation.

2. **Proposals for Adult High Intensity Treatment (Public Health and Social Services):** Notice was published in *The Vidette* on April 10 and 17, 2014 that bids would be received at 2:00 p.m., today for the following proposal: Adult High Intensity Treatment. This request for proposal is seeking to obtain a team of behavioral health workers capable of providing 24 hour treatment, intervention and support for a minimum of 15 clients per month and work with Grays Harbor Regional Support Network. The Deputy Clerk announced the following submittals:

Company	Location
SeaMar Behavioral Health	Seattle, WA
*Behavioral Health Resources	Olympia, WA

*This proposal came in later in the meeting.

The proposals will be forwarded the Public Health and Social Services Department for review and recommendation.

3. **Proposals for Children's High Intensity Treatment (Public Health and Social Services):** Notice was published in *The Vidette* on April 10 and 17, 2014 that bids would be received at 2:00 p.m. today for the following proposal: Children's High Intensity Treatment.

This request for proposal is seeking to obtain a team of behavioral health workers capable of providing 24 hour treatment, intervention and support for a minimum of 12 clients per month, under the age of 21, and work with Grays Harbor Regional Support Network.

The Deputy Clerk announced no proposals were received.

HEARINGS:

1. Consider a petition requesting the formation of Grays Harbor Public Hospital District No 2. Including the boundaries and setting the number of Commissioner's and calling for a special election on August 5, 2014, for the purpose of submitting to the affected voters the question of whether the Grays Harbor County Public Hospital District No. 2 shall be established:

There was a public hearing on May 5, 2014 to consider a petition requesting the formation of Grays Harbor Public Hospital District No 2. Including the boundaries and setting the number of Commissioner's and calling for a special election on August 5, 2014, for the purpose of submitting to the affected voters the question of whether the Grays Harbor County Public Hospital District No. 2 shall be established. Notice of this hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* on April 17, 2014. Vern Spatz, County Auditor, gave a presentation on the parameters of what the Commissioners are tasked with making decisions on for this petition: the boundaries of the proposal and the number of Commissioners and how they are chosen, at-large or by district. He discussed different scenarios for boundaries of Commissioner Districts for three, five, or seven Commissioners.

Commissioner Gordon called for public comment. The following people commented on the formation of the Grays Harbor Public Hospital District No. 2:

Randolph Peck, Ocean Shores, read his handout for the record. He opposes Ocean Shores being in the Public Hospital District.

Vince Stevens, Ocean Shores, opposes Ocean Shores being in the Public Hospital District.

Jean Stevens, Ocean Shores, supports public hospitals but opposes Ocean Shores being in the Public Hospital District.

Dale Hensley, Central Park, discussed the need for at least five or seven commissioner precincts. Also, he stated that Fire District No. 2 should not be split between two hospitals.

Lillian Broadbent, Ocean Shores, supports the Public Hospital District and would like to see seven commissioners.

Jeff Cook, Aberdeen, supports the Public Hospital District and would like to see five or seven commissioners.

Susan Hume, Montesano, supports the Public Hospital District.

John Schroeder, Ocean Shores, opposes being in the Public Hospital District.

Milton (Mick) Jones, Brady, opposes Brady being in Public Hospital District No. 2 and submitted a petition from Brady area residents requesting that the Brady area be exempted from the boundaries of the proposed district.

Edson Engel, Ocean Shores, opposes being in the Public Hospital District.

Tom Jensen, Montesano, supports the Public Hospital District and would like to have five Commissioners.

Tim Gibbs, Aberdeen, supports the Public Hospital District and would like to have five or seven members on the commission.

David Cannady, Montesano, supports the Public Hospital District and would like seven district commissioners to better represent the area.

Gina Rawlings, Grays Harbor County, is concerned about rushing through the process.

Brandon Smith, Montesano, opposes the Public Hospital District.

Jim Mason, Montesano, discussed concerns about the problems with the current hospital.

Ray Brown, Westport, commented on having the City of Ocean Shores dredge the harbor so there can be a ferry between Ocean Shores and Westport.

There were no further comments and Commissioner Gordon recessed the hearing until 5:30 p.m. tonight, Monday, May 5.

2. Supplemental Budget – Fair Fund - \$6,737(revised): There was a public hearing on May 5, 2014 to consider a Supplemental Budget appropriation in the Fair Fund in the amount of \$6,737. Notice of this hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* on April 24, and May 1, 2014. Commissioner Gordon called for a staff report. Brenda Sherman, Budget Director, reported this appropriation increases state shared revenue from the Washington State Department of Agriculture and small tools/minor equipment by \$3,100, for the purchase of three new computers. Also added to this supplemental appropriation is an increase of \$3,637 in transfers from the Tourism Fund.

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

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2014-051 authorizing a supplemental budget appropriation in the Miscellaneous Fund Fair Fund in the amount of \$6,737.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

Minutes:

April 28, 2014 Regular and Morning Meeting

Management Services:

Set Hearing Date – *May 19, 2014* - Supplemental Budget, General Fund, various departments, \$246,650

Set Hearing Date – *May 19, 2014* – Emergency Budget, General Fund, clerk, \$6,300

Public Services:

Set Hearing Date – *June 23, 2014* – 2015-2020 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program

Correspondence:

DNR Timber Revenue for 1st quarter of 2014

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

COMMISSIONERS:

1. **Purchase of a John Deere Tractor from the State Contract for the Straddleline ORV Park-funded by a grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office in the amount of \$33,042.12:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the purchase of a John Deere Tractor from the State Contract for the Straddleline ORV Park. This purchase will be funded by a grant from the Recreation and Conservation Office in the amount of \$33,042.12. The tractor will be owned by the County for use at the ORV Park.

DEPARTMENTS:

Forestry:

1. **Request Approval, Timber Sale Contracts with the following companies for the auction held April 18, 2014: Barlow Ck./John's River Cedar Salvage to JBC Cedar, LLC for \$174,520; Section 4 R.O.W. to WT Timber, LLC for \$1,066,326; Powell Road No. 2 to Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc. for \$1,086,574; and Grass Creek No. 2 to Chehalis Valley Timber, Inc for \$255,927:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Timber sale contracts with the following companies for the auction held April 18, 2014: Barlow Creek/John's River Cedar Salvage to JBC Cedar, LLC for \$174,520; Section 4 R.O.W. to WT Timber, LLC for \$1,066,326; Powell Road No. 2 to Sierra Pacific Industries, Inc. for \$1,086,574; and Grass Creek No., 2 to Chehalis Valley Timber, Inc. for \$255,927.

Public Health and Social Services:

1. **Request Approval, Contract with Catholic Community Services for resources for the delivery of Youth Shelter Services-January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014, total contract amount of \$140,668:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Contract with Catholic Community Services (CCS). This contract provides resources for the delivery of Youth Shelter Services for teens experiencing homelessness and is associated with the housing services of the Department of Commerce. Funding must be matched by the County's Document recording fees in accordance with RCW 43.185. CCS is awarded \$70,334 as part of the Department of Commerce contract and the balance, \$70,334 is matched by Grays Harbor County Document Recording fees for a total award of \$140,668. This contract is from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The amount of this contract is for \$140,668.

Public Services:

1. **Request Approval, 2014 Pavement Striping Contract with Stripe Rite, Inc in the amount of \$329,775:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2014 Pavement Striping Contract with Stripe Rite, Inc. in the amount of \$329,775.

Superior Court:

1. **Request Approval, Agreement with the Dispute Resolution Center of Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties to provide a Parent-Teen Mediation Program for Grays Harbor County Superior Court for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$28,000:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agreement with the Dispute Resolution Center of Grays Harbor and Pacific Counties to provide a Parent-Teen Mediation Program for Grays Harbor County Superior Court. This contract is for the period of July1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 with contract amount not to exceed \$28,000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

The Regular Commissioners meeting was recessed at 3:20 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in order to continue taking public comment on Hearing No. 1.

Commissioner Gordon reopened the meeting at 5:30 p.m., Monday May 5, 2014. He moved directly into Hearing No. 1. Commissioners Gordon and Cormier were present with Jenna Amsbury, Deputy Clerk recording the meeting.

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Commissioner Gordon called for public comment.

John Waring, Artic, supports the Public Hospital District boundaries as drawn.

Joy Iverson, McCleary, discussed Montesano residents who use Summit Pacific Hospital. She is concerned that the voters in Montesano will not be heard in the overall vote. She encouraged the Commissioners to leave Montesano out of Public Hospital District No. 2.

Brent Rowe provided a chart on the 2013 Inpatient Per Capita Usage. He supports the Public Hospital.

Al Smith, Wishkah, supports the Public Hospital and would like five commissioners with two at large for a total of seven. He is also in support of a clinic in North Beach.

Tim Gibbs, Aberdeen, supports the Public Hospital District.

Josh Hartman supports the Public Hospital and is in favor of districts and representation by geographic area with three districts and two at large for a total of five.

Jeff Cook, Aberdeen, supports the Public Hospital.

Stephanie Davaney supports the Public Hospital and would recommend two at large commissioners and boundaries as proposed.

Vickie Raines, Cosmopolis, supports the Public Hospital and likes the idea of three districts with two at large.

Gina Rawlings, North Beach, opposes a large Public Hospital District. She would rather have a smaller district and let people choose to come in later. She suggests having seven commissioners.

At 6:16 p.m., after hearing no further comments, Commissioner Gordon recessed the hearing until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2014.

Commissioner Gordon reopened the meeting at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2014. He moved directly into Hearing No. 1. Commissioners Gordon, Welch and Cormier were present. James Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Jenna Amsbury, Deputy Clerk, were also present.

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Commissioner Gordon called for public comment.

Alan Shores, Aberdeen, stated he is opposed to the public hospital district formation. He stated more information is needed in order to make this decision, as he thinks more things can be reduced at the current hospital.

Robert Ehrhardt, Montesano, stated he would like to be able to choose which district he is a part of and which hospital he can attend. He believes Aberdeen and Hoquiam should be part of the District.

Truman Seely, Aberdeen, urged the Commissioners to approve the boundaries as submitted and stated he would like three Commissioners, seven is too many.

Jeff Painter, Central Park, stated he would like the choice of where to receive service between Aberdeen and Summit Pacific.

Maryann Welch, North River, stated the hospital serves everyone and thinks the boundaries should remain as petitioned. She would like a seven member board with at-large Commissioners.

Crystal Dingler, Ocean Shores, stated Ocean Shores needs the hospital and would like to see five or seven Commissioners with none at-large.

Janelle Mullins, Montesano, stated she is speaking for herself and Donna Hamilton. She stated they both use Summit Pacific Medical Center and hospitals out of the county. She stated this will have a negative effect on other taxing entities.

Richard Pennet, Hoquiam, asked why this has to be tied to property taxes. He owns multiple pieces of real estate and does not feel he should have to shoulder the cost.

Jackie Farra, Ocean Shores, stated she will happily pay taxes to keep the hospital and stated she is in favor of efficiency.

Jeff Cook, Aberdeen, spoke in favor of the hospital district formation. He stated people can still choose to go to either hospital no matter what district you live in.

Vickie Raines, Cosmopolis, thanked the Commission for holding four hearings and spoke in favor of the district as proposed. She stated she would like to have Commissioners represented by districts.

At 9:50 a.m., after hearing no further comments, Commissioner Gordon recessed the hearing until 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, 2014.

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Commissioner Gordon called for public comment.

Stephanie Devaney, Aberdeen, provided a handout detailing patient statistics. She likened comparing the two hospitals to comparing apples and oranges.

Randy Ross, Aberdeen, asked to include all the proposed area to share the tax burden.

Danny Scott, Montesano, stated this is a quality of life issue and discussed drive times between the two hospitals.

Dick Stone, Montesano, spoke in favor of the petition and stated the community uses the facilities, so all the areas should be included.

Jeff Cook, Aberdeen, spoke in favor of the petition as written. He discussed drive times and annexation procedure.

Jody Bogdanovich, Olympia, spoke in favor of the hospital. She stated she owes her life to the hospital and is concerned about losing services.

Kris Morrison, Quinault, stated there is a one hour window in emergencies to save a life. She is in favor of the petition as written and would like to see representation at large.

Phil Royer, Montesano, spoke in favor of the petition.

Dennis Morrisette, Aberdeen, commented in favor of the boundaries as presented.

Leonard Johnson, Montesano, provided a letter and discussed issues that could arise if the boundaries of Fire District No. 2 are not kept in one hospital district. There was discussion on how decisions are made on where to take patients.

Dori Unterseher, Aberdeen, commented on the hospital mission and stated they have been good stewards of their funding. She is in favor of the petition with five Commissioners.

Tina Kehn, Hoquiam, discussed the impact on the community if the district is not approved.

Sara Barrow, Montesano, discussed the time for transferring patients and the need for a hospital in the area. She stated we all pay for things we do not use all the time.

Gina Rawlings, North Beach, stated in her research she found several instances where hospitals have failed when there was a change in structure. She stated she wants a hospital in the area, but she is concerned that low income persons would be hurt with increased taxes.

John Simon, Aberdeen, discussed his public hospital experience. He explained the need of a hospital for economic growth. He recommends five at-large Commissioners.

Tom Fredriksen, Montesano, commented on the financial position of the hospital and believes there can be cuts made.

Robert McCauley, stated he is a doctor at the hospital. He explained the medical reimbursement rates and the services provided. He stated lives will be lost if services have to be cut.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed at 6:38 p.m.

Commissioner Gordon asked for a motion.

ACTION: Commissioner Cormier made a motion, with his findings, to change the boundaries of the proposed Public Hospital District to include only the city limits of Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis, excluding the island parcels in Central Park and Aberdeen Lake area that are owned by the City of Aberdeen.

There was no second.

At 6:40 p.m. Commissioner Gordon recessed the meeting to 9:00 a.m. on May 8, 2014 in order to make a decision.

Commissioner Gordon reopened meeting at 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 8, 2014. Commissioners Gordon, Welch and Cormier were present. James Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Jenna Amsbury, Deputy Clerk, were also present.

Commissioner Gordon asked if Commissioner Cormier could repeat his motion from the previous meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Cormier made a motion, with his findings, to change the boundaries of the proposed Public Hospital District to include only the city limits of Aberdeen, Hoquiam and Cosmopolis, excluding the island parcels in Central Park and Aberdeen Lake area that are owned by the City of Aberdeen.

Discussion:

Commissioner Cormier stated he feels taxing districts should start small and then annex areas they wish to include. He stated this is a difficult decision and feels his proposal is a reasonable boundary.

Commissioner Gordon stated every area of the county uses the hospital and if people have to travel even further for help it will affect lives. He stated it would be like giving the rest of the county welfare if only one area has to pay for the hospital but everyone gets to use it.

Commissioner Cormier stated the original legislative bill was written only to address Medicaid reimbursement, but the legislature changed the bill to help only public hospitals. He stated he pays taxes to Summit Pacific but still uses Grays Harbor Community Hospital.

Commissioner Gordon stated the legislature needs to take the need to form a public hospital by not including privately owned hospitals for Medicaid reimbursement. He stated he supports the boundaries as proposed in the petition.

Commissioner Welch stated the County Commissioners are not approving a tax with this vote. That will be a choice for the hospital district commissioners.

Vote: Commissioner Cormier voted for the motion. Commissioners Gordon and Welch voted against the motion, causing it to fail.

Motion: Commissioner Welch made a motion to accept the boundaries as presented in the petition. Commissioner Gordon seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Commissioner Cormier stated he supports both hospitals. His decision was based on his principles.

Commissioner Gordon stated to the public that it is ok to disagree with the Commissioners on decisions, but to be gentlemen and women and not make personal attacks.

Vote: Commissioner Cormier voted against the motion with Commissioners Gordon and Welch voted for the motion. Motion carried.

Motion/Vote: A motion was made, seconded and passed to have five commissioner districts for the proposed public hospital district no. 2.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Welch to have five commissioner chosen by district and two at-large for a total of seven commissioners for the proposed public hospital district no. 2. Commissioner Cormier seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Commissioner Welch stated there may be issues with seven members having too many commissioners representing one area.

Commissioner Gordon stated by having two commissioners at-large the district may be able to have more medical professionals run for office and be part of the board.

Vote: Commissioner Cormier voted against the motion. Commissioners Gordon and Welch voted for the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gordon announced a recess at 9:23 a.m. for 10 minutes in order to finalize an Order and Resolution.

At 9:35 a.m. Commissioner Gordon reconvened the meeting.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed by Commissioners Gordon and Welch to approve an Order to set the Boundaries of the proposed Public Hospital District No. 2 as present in the petition. Commissioner Cormier voted against.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by Commissioners Gordon and Welch to approve Resolution No. 2014-052 calling for a special election on August 5, 2014, for the purpose of submitting to the affected voters the question of whether the Grays Harbor County Public Hospital District No. 2 shall be established and providing and setting seven total Commissioners for the district to be elected from five districts and two at-large.

Commissioner Gordon stated filing to run for a commissioner for the proposed public hospital district no. 2 will begin next week on May 14, 15 and 16th.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room 1. Commissioners Frank Gordon and Wes Cormier, along with Deputy Clerk of the Board Jenna Amsbury reviewed agendas, calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with the following Public Service representatives for departmental updates: County Engineer Russ Esses, Surveyor Tom Gray, Environmental Health Director Jeff Nelson and Public Services Director Kevin Varness.

RECAP OF APPROVED RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

RESOLUTIONS:

No. 2014-051

Authorizing a Supplemental Budget extension in the Miscellaneous Fund Fair Fund in the amount of \$6,737

No. 2014-052

Calling for a special election on August 5, 2014, for the purpose of submitting to the affected voters the question of whether the Grays Harbor County Public Hospital District No. 2 shall be established and providing and setting seven total Commissioners for the district to be elected from five districts and two at-large

ORDINANCES:

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

None

The meeting adjourned Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 9:45 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
For Grays Harbor County
This _____ day of _____, 2014

FRANK GORDON, Chairman, District 2

WES CORMIER, Commissioner, District 1

HERB WELCH, Commissioner, District 3

ATTEST:

Jenna Amsbury, Deputy Clerk