

Minutes
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING

May 19, 2014

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, May 19, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Frank Gordon, Herb Welch and Wes Cormier. 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

HEARINGS:

1. Consider a petition to merge a portion of Grays Harbor County Fire Protection District No. 7 (Iron Springs Park) into Grays Harbor County Fire Protection District No. 8:

There was a public hearing on May 12, 2014 to consider a petition to transfer the area of Iron Springs Park from Grays Harbor County Fire Protection District No. 7 to Grays Harbor County Fire Protection District No. 8. This hearing was closed and the decision tabled until today, May 19, 2014. Notice of this hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* on May 1, 2014.

Commissioner Gordon called for additional public comments.

Dan Feaster, Iron Springs Resident, spoke in favor of the merger. He stated Fire District No. 8 is closer and has a quicker response time. He stated Fire District No. 8 also does beach patrols.

Commissioner Cormier asked Mr. Feaster if he was aware that Fire District No. 8 does not have Advanced Life Services (ALS). Mr. Feaster stated he understands they are remote and stated neither organization can administer ALS drugs. Commissioner Gordon noted that District No. 7 has purchased a new vehicle and is hiring two new staff members. Mr. Feaster stated he was not aware of this.

Monica Vandoorninck, Iron Springs Resident, stated she and Ellen Peterson are opposed to the merger. She stated Fire District No. 8 is large and thinks Fire District No. 7 is equally proficient.

John Collum, Fire District No. 8 Chief, provided data on Fire District No. 8. He explained their services and response time. He explained their emergency capabilities and beach patrol.

Mary Jane Edmonson (Riddle), Iron Springs Resident, stated the association did a lot of research before putting this to vote. She stated the membership as a whole prefers Fire District No. 8. She stated Fire District No. 8 can provide more protection.

Jim Westby, Fire District No. 7 Chief, stated they have one new ambulance and eight to nine EMT's and they are working towards a transport license. When asked about response time he

stated the Copalis Station is three to four miles from Iron Springs.

Commissioner Gordon asked if he knew what the financial impact would be from the merger. Mr. Westby stated it would be substantial.

Darrel Haglund, Fire District No. 7 Commissioner, stated Fire District No. 7 has contracts for rapid response and stated the district is very satisfied with their work. He discussed the process used for this merger and asked for clarification on the steps.

James Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, stated there were only 17 registered voters in the area being proposed to merge. Out of those voters 13 signed the petition making it valid. He explained the statute allows the Commissioners or the Boundary Review Board to make this determination until June 12, 2014 when new legislation goes into effect.

Mary Jane Edmonson discussed financials. She stated Fire District No. 8 charges \$1,000 for transport and has quicker response times while Fire District No. 7 charges \$2,000 from the City of Ocean Shores.

Commissioner Welch stated he still needs more information.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to postpone the decision to June 2, 2014.

2. **Emergency Budget, Clerk - \$6,300:** There was a public hearing on May 19, 2014 to consider an emergency budget appropriation in the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$6,300. Notice of this hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* on May 8, 2014. Commissioner Gordon called for a staff report. Brenda Sherman, Budget Director, reported this resolution increases the budget for small tools and minor equipment for the purchase of seven computers. The Clerk's Office received a reimbursement from AOC December 13, 2013 to offset this amount.

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

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2014-064 authorizing an emergency budget appropriation in the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$6,300.

3. **Supplemental Budget, General Fund-Variou s Departments - \$246,650:** There was a public hearing on May 19, 2014 to consider supplemental budget appropriation in the General Fund for various departments in the amount of \$246,650. Notice of this hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* on May 8 and 15, 2014. Commissioner Gordon called for a staff report. Brenda Sherman, Budget Director, reported this resolution increases proceeds from the sale of state and county timber as well as city/county assistance from the state by a total of \$246,650. Departmental salaries and benefits will be increased \$136,177 to reflect changes made

when the latest salary schedules were adopted by Resolution No. 2014-035. Ending cash will be increased by the difference of \$110,473.

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

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2014-065 authorizing a supplemental budget appropriation in the General Fund in the amount of \$246,650.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vickie Raines, Cosmopolis, made comments regarding oil transportation. She urged the Board not to take action on the proposed resolution until after the comment period for the environment impact ends on May 27, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

Minutes:

March 31, 2014 Regular and Morning Meeting

Coroner:

Monthly report for April 2014

Correspondence:

Claim, C-679-14, Walter Donovan

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

PRESENTATION:

1. **2013 Certificate of Good Practice to Grays Harbor County from the County Road Administration Board – County Engineering Department:** Clerk of the Board, Donna McCallum, read the Certificate of Good Practice from the County Road Administration Board and Commission Chair Frank Gordon presented it to Russ Esses, County Engineer and his staff. Russ Esses introduced the staff members present who were instrumental in this achievement: Mike Hamilton, Bruce Clevenger, Brandi Schroeder and Troy Freeman.

COMMISSIONERS:

1. **Revised Agreement for the State Administration of County Enhanced 911 Excise taxes:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the revised agreement for the State Administration of County Enhanced 911 Excise taxes. This revision is to language throughout the agreement with no change to the terms.

2. **Amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Teamsters Sheriff Support Personnel to correct language in 9.12.1 Retirees Health and Welfare Insurance:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Amendment to the Collective Bargaining

Agreement with Teamsters Sheriff Support Personnel to correct language in 9.12.1 Retirees Health and Welfare Insurance. This amendment adds language to indicate the monthly premiums for 2015-2017 are to be determined.

3. Resolution – related to petroleum transport by rail through Grays Harbor County:

At the request of the Chair, Clerk of the Board Donna McCallum read the proposed Resolution. A motion was then made by Commissioner Gordon and seconded by Commissioner Cormier to open discussion on the proposed resolution related to petroleum transport by rail through Grays Harbor County. After some discussion, Commissioner Cormier withdrew his second. Commissioner Herb Welch stated he wanted a vote, so he seconded the original motion. A vote was called for by the Chairman with Commissioners Cormier and Welch voting against and Commissioner Gordon voting for adoption of the resolution. The motion failed. Commissioner Cormier stated he is concerned about the Board taking a position on this issue. Commissioner Gordon responded that he presented this Resolution using the City of Seattle and the City of Spokane's Resolutions as a template. The Resolution asks that all safety steps be taken. He stated it expresses concerns and requests they be addressed. He stated this Resolution is only a request for action, as the County has no authority to impose a moratorium. Commissioner Welch stated he agrees with the concept, but railroads are managed by the Federal Government. He stated he believes the railroad will do everything possible for safe transportation. Commissioner Gordon commented that the railroad is currently using old rail cars that do not meet safety standards. Commissioner Cormier stated he applauds Commissioner Gordon's activism, but he will send his own letter regarding safety concerns. He does not agree with the entire Resolution as drafted.

**The following item was added to the agenda at the Morning Meeting:

4. Appointment of Interim Coroner, effective June 1, 2014: A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Lane Youmans as the Interim Coroner effective June 1, 2014. The current Coroner, Dan Burns, gave the Board notice that he would be retiring effective June 1, 2014.

DEPARTMENTS:

Management Services:

1. Request Approval, Resolution – Budget Transfer, Treasurer \$15,000: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2014-066 transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$15,000.** This Resolution transfers budget from extra help to capital outlay for the purchase of check scanning software. The current scanning system uses Windows XP, which is no longer supported by Microsoft.

2. Request Approval, Resolution – Budget Transfer, Distressed Area Capital \$74,738: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2014-067 transferring items in the Grays Harbor County Distressed Area Capital Fund in the amount of \$74,738.**

This Resolution moves budget from transfer out–waterline bonds to transfer out-refunding bonds.

3. Request Approval, Resolution – Budget Transfer, Trial Court Improvement \$2,000:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2014-368 transferring items in the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Trial Court Improvement in the amount of \$2,000.** This resolution increases professional services for the Superior Court parent teen mediation services contract with the Dispute Resolution Center of Grays Harbor.

Public Services:

1. Request Approval, Accept Contract as Complete and Release Retainage to Stripe Rite Inc. for the 2013 Pavement Striping Contract:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the contract as complete and release the retainage for the 2013 Pavement Striping Contract to Stripe Rite, Inc. The total amount of the contract is \$301,929.25; 0.98% over the original bid of \$298,990.00. The retainage amount is \$15,096.46.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

Executive Session:

At 2:55 p.m. Commissioner Gordon announced the Board would move into Executive Session in Conference Room No. 1 under RCW 42.30.110 (i), litigation related to a property tax appeal, with Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney James Baker. He announced the session would last 15 minutes.

A ten minute extension was announced at 3:10 p.m. to the audience by the Clerk of the Board.

At 3:20 p.m. Commissioner Gordon moved back into regular session and announced there were no decisions made during the 25 minute Executive Session, which included a 10 minute announced time extension. He adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, May 19, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room 1. Commissioners Frank Gordon, Herb Welch and Wes Cormier, along with Clerk of the Board Donna McCallum reviewed agendas, calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with Gerald Fuller and James Baker, Prosecutor's Office, regarding a hire request and the

following Public Service representatives for departmental updates: Environmental Health Director Jeff Nelson; Public Services Director Kevin Varness; County Engineer Russ Esses; ER&R Director Jerry Benedict; and Communications Supervisor James Kost.

**RECAP OF APPROVED RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:**

RESOLUTIONS:

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| No. 2014-064 | Authorizing an emergency budget appropriation in the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$6,300 |
| No. 2014-065 | Authorizing a supplemental budget appropriation in the General Fund in the amount of \$246,650 |
| No. 2014-066 | Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County General Fund Treasurer's Office in the amount of \$15,000 |
| No. 2014-067 | Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County Distressed Area Capital Fund in the amount of \$74,738 |
| No. 2014-368 | Transferring items in the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Trial Court Improvement in the amount of \$2,000 |

ORDINANCES:

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

None

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.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:

Donna McCallum, Clerk of the Board