

Minutes
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING

October 27, 2014

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, October 27, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Frank Gordon and Wes Cormier. Donna McCallum, Clerk of the Board, was present to record the meeting. James Baker and Norma Tillotson, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys were also present.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

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

BIDS:

None

HEARINGS:

1. Franchise Application – Astound Broadband LLC to use county road right-of-ways for construction and maintenance of its telecommunication system and any facilities incidental to such system: A hearing was held on October 27, 2014 to consider an application by Astound Broadband LLC for a new telecommunication franchise to use the right of way of county roads within Grays Harbor County for the construction and maintenance of its telecommunication system and any facilities incidental to such system, and applies to all Grays Harbor County roads. Notice was posted at the Montesano Post Office, Montesano Timberland Library and the County Administration Building in Montesano. Notice was published in the *Montesano Vidette* on October 9 and 16, 2014. A draft franchise agreement was sent to the company for review and comment. Commissioner Gordon called for public comment.

Fred Miller, of Wave Division Holdings and representing Astound Broadband LLC, stated the company is on contract to connect a number of towers to create a fiber network for communications related to health, safety and businesses. There will be no residential service at this time.

There was no further comment and the hearing was closed.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to postpone the decision for one week to November 3, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Al Smith, Wishkah, stated he was disappointed that Commissioners discontinued sponsorship of the Wishkah flood wall project. He initiated the petition that started the project. The original intent was to provide emergency services during flood events. He stated he would pursue the project to help the aging population of the area.

Frank Kersh, Wishkah, discussed the Wishkah flood wall project and stated eminent domain process is for the benefit of the public and the property owner.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

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Management Services:

Set Hearing Date – November 10, 2014 – Supplemental Budget, Sheriff \$302,859

Public Health/Social Services:

Accept Grant Funding-Dept. of Health/assistance w/prevention of youth suicide

Public Services:

Notice of Intent – Grant application aimed at a low interest loan program for On-Site Sewage Systems

Correspondence:

Claim, C-688-14 Audra J. Reynolds

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

PRESENTATION:

1. **Summit Pacific Medical Center - present final payment for property purchased from the county:** Renee Jensen, Ron Hulscher and Will Calliccoat presented the County with the final payment for the former Oakhurst Property. They stated this is a monumental day and thanked former County Commissioner Terry Willis for her help to secure this property to build a new hospital. Terry Willis stated she has used the facilities in Elma and was part of the Board of Commissioners that negotiated this deal. She thanked the hospital group for their great work to build the hospital in Elma, which is an asset to the County.

COMMISSIONERS:

1. **Memorandum of Agreement with Robert Weidner to serve as the government relations advisor for the Evergreen Forest County Group for lobbyist services for PILT and SRS Funding - \$7,500 for 2015:** A motion was made, seconded and passed approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Robert Weidner to serve as the government relations advisor for the Evergreen Forest County Group for lobbyist services for PILT and SRS Funding. The agreement amount is \$7,500 for 2015.

DEPARTMENTS:

Fair, Events and Tourism:

1. Request Approval, Tourism Service Contract with Olympic Peninsula Culinary Loop Association - \$3,000 for 2014 calendar year: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Tourism Service Contract with Olympic Peninsula Culinary Loop Association for \$3,000 for 2014 calendar year. The Grays Harbor Tourism Lodging Tax Advisory Committee voted unanimously to support the continued partnership with the Olympic Peninsula Culinary Loop Association in the amount of \$3,000.00. The Olympic Peninsula Culinary Loop (OPCL) exists to help businesses, farms, and other groups promote the Olympic Peninsula's culinary resources. The OPCL is on the vanguard of Culinary Tourism, an exciting new trend emerging from the popularity of sustainable and local food, the proliferation of small-scale distilleries and wineries, and the rising interest in foraging and farming. This is a great opportunity for Grays Harbor County because we are incredibly rich in culinary assets – from seafood to mushrooms to grass-fed beef and small-scale wine. A 501c(6) non-profit trade organization, the OPCL Association is jointly funded by lodging tax from the 4 counties included in the 'loop', including Mason, Clallam, Jefferson, and Grays Harbor Counties, along with membership dues.

2. Request Approval, Authorization for the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign facility use agreements for the Grays Harbor Raceway Banquet on November 1, 2014 and the Landberg Memorial on November 8, 2014: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Fair, Events and Tourism Manger to sign facility use agreements for the Grays Harbor Raceway Banquet on November 1, 2014 and the Landberg Memorial on November 8, 2014.

3. Request Approval, Authorization for the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign facility use agreements with Elma High School for Equestrian Team Practices October 2014 to April 2015 & Miss Teen Rodeo Coronation February 7, 2015: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Fair, Events and Tourism Manger to sign facility use agreements with Elma High School for Equestrian Team Practices October 2014 to April 2015 and Miss Teen Rodeo Coronation February 7, 2015.

Management Services:

1. Request Approval, Resolution – Budget Transfer, ER&R Replacement Fund-\$250,000 for vehicle and equipment purchases: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2014-111 transferring items in the Grays Harbor Miscellaneous Fund ER&R Replacement Fund in the amount of \$250,000.** This resolution will authorize \$250,000 in transfers to the ER&R fund for vehicle and equipment purchases. Funds are available from the ending cash balance to allow the transfer.

Public Health and Social Services:

- 1. Request Approval, Amendment 7 to the contract between DSHS/DBHR and Grays Harbor RSN to extend the contract through December 31, 2015 and to clarify/adjust regulations – no changes to the contract amount:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Amendment No. 7 to the contract between DSHS/DBHR and Grays Harbor RSN. The amendment extends the contract through December 31, 2015, adjusts regulations for paying for inpatient psychiatric treatment and clarifies regulations around enrollee rights for accessing care. There are no changes to the contract amount.
- 2. Request Approval, Accept Grant Funding – Oregon State University College of Public Health & Human Services funding from NOAA to assess potential health impacts of climate change:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the grant funding with the Oregon State University, but the motion was not approved. Commissioner Cormier voted nay and Commissioner Gordon voted in favor of the approval. There was a tie so the item was not approved.

Public Services:

- 1. Request Approval, 2012 Curve Safety Project - Administrative Offer Summaries for properties involved in the Brooklyn Road Curve Revision Project:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve three Administrative Offer Summaries for the properties involved in the Brooklyn Road Curve Revision project. This is part of the 2012 Grays Harbor County Curve Safety Project. With the Boards approval of these offers the right-of-way agent will proceed with sending these property owners an offer letter to acquire the necessary easements for the project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Cormier thanked Jim Baker for his service to the County and wished him well in retirement. Commissioner Gordon noted there will be a retirement party this Friday.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, October 27, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room 1. Commissioners present were Frank Gordon and Wes Cormier; Clerk of the Board Donna McCallum to record the meeting; Agendas, calendars and pending daily office issues were discussed. The Board met with Mallin Shelton, District Court, District Court Judge Copland, James Baker and Norma Tillotson, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorneys, to discuss the

McCleary Municipal Court and the following Public Services Employees: Public Services Director Kevin Varness; County Engineer Russ Esses; County Surveyor Tom Gray; Environmental Health Director Jeff Nelson.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

No. 2014-111

**Transferring items in the Grays Harbor
Miscellaneous Fund ER&R Replacement
Fund in the amount of \$250,000**

ORDINANCES:

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 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