

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAY HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

August 30, 2010

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, August 30, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Al Carter, Mike Wilson and Terry Willis were present. Donna McCallum, Clerk of the Board, and Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, were also present.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

Chairman Carter called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance.

BIDS:

None

HEARINGS:

1. Petition for Public Hospital District Formation – North Beach: There was a public hearing on August 30, 2010 to consider a petition for the formation of a hospital district in North Beach. Notice of this hearing was published in the *Montesano Vidette* August 12, 2010 and *The Daily World* August 13, 2010. The petition received stated the following “We, the undersigned registered voters residing within the North Beach School District No. 64, request the formation of a proposed North Beach Public Hospital District, with initially designated boundaries being identical to our North Beach School District boundaries. We, by signing this petition, express our support for the holding of an election to permit the voters in this proposed hospital district to vote for its origination in accordance with RCW 70.44.030. We further request that an election be held commensurate with the formation of this district to elect the initial commissioners for this district per RCW 70.44.040.”

Commissioner Carter asked for a staff report. Jim Baker, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, stated this hearing is required per RCW 70.44.03. Mr. Baker stated it is this Board's authority to determine just and appropriate boundaries for the proposed hospital district. No boundary can split a voting precinct and the board can only reduce the boundaries unless individuals outside the area ask to be included. The Board can continue the hearing, but a decision must be made within four weeks.

Chairman Carter called for public comment and asked that comments pertain to the subject only.

Randolf Peck, Ocean Shores, made comments regarding the precincts and stated that they did their best with the data they were given. He made comments about his experience with the Auditor's Office and the length of time they took to certify the petition. Mr. Peck provided a handout which he read to the Commissioners.

Lillian Broadbent, Ocean Shores, made comments regarding tax issues and medical services already provided in the area. She requested that the City of Ocean Shores not be included in the

formation of the hospital district. She stated that it takes many years to get clearance for the building of a hospital and believes more information needs to be provided to the public before this issue is brought to vote. She stated she wants the Commissioners to come to Ocean Shores for more public interaction.

Al Lizakowski, Ocean Shores, stated he was on the group that circulated this petition. He stated this creates a district not necessarily a hospital. There was discussion on precincts 32 and 38, which were not fully included in the petition.

Linda Miller, Ocean Shores, provided a document to the commissioners written by Thomas Lee, Washington State Department of Health. She made comments on mapping issues and dealings with the Auditor's Office. She stated that the area demographics are not suited for a hospital district. She discussed meetings that have been held in Ocean Shores regarding health care.

Crystal Dingler, Ocean Shores, made comments regarding the economy and the struggle citizens are already having. She stated that there needs to be more discussion on the proposal.

Richard Anderson, Ocean Shores, stated that the county is well served by Grays Harbor Community Hospital and the local Emergency Medical Service (EMS). He explained that this is not the right time to think about another taxing entity for Ocean Shores.

Al Lizakowski, Ocean Shores, added that this petition is just to take the issue to election; no taxes have been discussed yet.

Randolf Peck, Ocean Shores, stated that there is plenty of time for more meetings and public input.

Lillian Broadbent, Ocean Shores, reiterated that there are a lot of people with questions and few proponents. She requested more information be circulated before the issue goes on the ballot.

Andrew Gruse, Ocean Shores, stated that the issue is establishing the hospital district, and all other comments are irrelevant.

There was no further comment.

Commissioner Carter asked Jim Baker about the action the Board is required to make. Mr. Baker stated that the Board has to address the boundaries of the district and the number of Commissioners. The Board does not decide whether or not the issue will move forward to the election.

Commissioner Willis stated that there could be further meetings to discuss the issue in the coming weeks.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to continue the hearing to September 13, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Carter called for public comment. He announced that comments and statements would be accepted and limited to three minutes. Questions should be submitted in writing.

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

Minutes:

Morning Meeting and Regular Meeting – August 23, 2010
Special Meeting – August 6, 2010 and August 25, 2010

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

COMMISSIONERS

** The Clerk of the Board announced that the following item has been added to the agenda:

1. Interim Appointments to the Planning and Building Department: Chairman Carter explained that a recommendation in the ICC Report that reviewed the Planning and Building Department was to create two separate departments. He suggested instating an interim Planning Department Director and an interim Building Department Director. Commissioner Willis inquired as to how long the interim positions would last. Chairman Carter stated 30-60 days. He would like to be able to take additional public input. Lee Napier was discussed as the possible interim Planning Director and Mike Ferry as the possible interim Building Director. Commissioner Willis stated she has worked with Lee Napier on numerous projects and Ms. Napier was a planner for eight years. Commissioner Wilson added that both have been very good employees and should be considered for the permanent positions.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Lee Napier as the Interim Planning Director and Mike Ferry as the Interim Building Director. Until an appointment is made permanent Chairman Carter will negotiate salary changes for the interim employees.

DEPARTMENTS

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

1. Request Approval, Resolution - Budget Transfer – Fair Construction Fund, \$33,009: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2010-65, transferring items in the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Fair Construction Fund, in the amount of \$33,009.** The transfer is being made from the Building Roofs Fund to Pavilion Maintenance to complete additional improvements to the Pavilion. A portion of the original Pavilion Maintenance budget was utilized for replacement of the Livestock Arena.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Request Approval, Chehalis Basin Watershed Festival – Hold Harmless Agreement:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a Hold Harmless Agreement. The agreement is part of the paperwork necessary to rent FIN the migrating salmon. As in years past, FIN will arrive in Grays Harbor County several days before the watershed festival to visit and educate local students at three schools. FIN will conclude the tour at the watershed festival on September 26th at Morrison Riverfront Park in Aberdeen.

2. Request Approval, Contract with Ocean Shores Convention Center for Facility Use – Washington Coast Sustainable Salmon Partnership:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the contract with the Ocean Shores Convention Center to use their facilities for a Plan Workshop for 45-50 people on September 14, 2010 at a cost of \$ 250.00. The funds secured through a grant contract between the Recreation and Conservation Office and Grays Harbor County will cover the expenses incurred.

3. Request Approval, Pacific Beach Utilities – Engineering Services Amendment with CH2M Hill:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the engineering services amendment with CH2M to provide for additional engineering assistance for Pacific Beach Utilities. The county is continuing to work on the expansion of the plant and review of proposed new developments and need engineering assistance. The cost of the amendment is \$30,000 and is to be funded by contributions from developers and local funds. The 2010 Special Projects Budget provides for this activity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clerk of the Board McCallum noted that there will be no meeting next Monday, September 6, 2010 due to Labor Day. The next scheduled meeting will be September 13, 2010.

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, August 30, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room. Commissioners Carter, Wilson and Willis and the Clerk of the Board, Donna McCallum reviewed calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with Vern Spatz, Auditor, regarding a request for job reclassification; Kevin Varness, regarding agenda item and department updates; Russ Esses, Engineering, regarding agenda items; Jeff Nelson, Environmental Health, regarding department updates; Lee Napier, Public Services, regarding agenda items. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

No. 2010-65

**Transferring items in the Grays Harbor
County Miscellaneous Fund Fair
Construction Fund, in the amount of
\$33,009**

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

None

The meeting adjourned 2:53 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
For Grays Harbor County
This _____ day of _____, 2010

ALBERT A. CARTER, Chairman, District 3

TERRY L. WILLIS, Commissioner, District 1

MIKE WILSON, Commissioner, District 2

ATTEST:

Donna McCallum
Clerk of the Board