

Minutes
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING

October 28, 2013

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, October 28, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Wes Cormier Frank Gordon and Herb Welch were present. Donna McCallum, Clerk of the Board, was present to record the meeting. James Baker, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, was also present.

CALL TO ORDER AND FLAG SALUTE

BIDS:

None

HEARINGS:

1. **Ordinance amending Chapter 3.52 of the Grays Harbor County Code to levy an excise tax rate of seventy (70) cents on all prepaid wireless telecommunications services and subscribers and consumers whose primary place of use or whose retail transaction occurs within Grays Harbor County to be effective on January 1, 2014, as authorized by Chapter 8, Laws of Washington 2013 2nd Special Session:** There was a public hearing on October 28, 2013 to consider an Ordinance relating to taxation, amending Chapter 3.52 of the County Code, and Ordinances 197, 296, and 394, in addition to the presently levied excise tax, levying an excise tax rate of seventy (70) cents on the use of all taxable switched access lines and radio access lines by subscribers and by consumers whose place of primary use is in Grays Harbor County; providing for administration and collection by the State Department of Revenue, and establishing a January 1, 2014 effective date. Notice of this hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* October 17, 2013 and October 24, 2013. Commissioner Gordon asked for a staff report.

Peggy Fouts, Grays Harbor 911 Director, reported the state legislature authorized this amendment to allow the taxation on certain types of communication devices. This will allow E 9-1-1 to collect the tax revenue.

Commissioner Gordon asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Ordinance 408 relating to the imposition of excise tax on all taxable switched access lines and radio access lines by subscribers and consumers whose place of primary use is in Grays Harbor County, providing for administration and collection by the State Department of Revenue, and establishing a January 1, 2014 as the effective date, and amending Ordinances 197,296 and

394, as amended, and GHCC 3.52.020.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Gordon called for public comment on county-related items. He announced comments and statements would be accepted and limited to three minutes. Questions should be submitted in writing.

Robert Criswell, Montesano, commented on the appointment of a Prosecutor and the raceway facility use lease termination. Commissioner Cormier provided a response.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

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October 21, 2013 Regular & Morning Meeting

Special Meetings: Oct. 9-11, Oct. 10, Oct. 15, Oct. 18, Oct. 23

Management Services:

Set Hearing Date – *November 18, 2013* – Supplemental Budget, Central Services \$50,000

Correspondence:

Lawsuit, L-670-13 Alan Burkhalter

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

COMMISSIONERS:

None

Convene as Drainage District No. 2:

Commissioner Gordon announced the Commissioners were moving out of the Regular Meeting and into the meeting for Drainage District No. 2.

1. Set Hearing Date for 2014 Assessment Role – December 2, 2013: A motion was made, seconded and passed to set the Assessment Role hearing for 2014 for December 2, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

2. Set Hearing Date for 2014 Budget – December 2, 2013: A motion was made, seconded and passed to set the hearing date for the 2014 budget for December 2, 2013.

Commissioner Gordon stated the Drainage District No. 2 meeting was closed and moved back into the Regular Board Meeting.

DEPARTMENTS

Public Health and Social Services:

1. Request Approval, Contract with Thrive by Five Washington for home visiting services for low income first-time mothers – contract period of October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014 in the amount of \$176,928: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a contract with Thrive by Five Washington. The purpose of this contract is to provide intensive home visiting services for low-income, first-time mothers with risk factors beginning in pregnancy and extending to the child's 2nd birthday. The program is called Steps to Enjoyable, Effective Parenting, and teaches young mothers how to be good parents despite the difficult challenges they face in their lives. The contract period is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2014 and the amount of the contract is \$176,928.

2. Request Approval, Contract Amendment 1 with the Health Care Authority – reactivates the previously suspended Medicaid Match contract and provides other administrative changes – no change to contract dollars: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an amendment to contract 1163-35239 with the Health Care Authority. This amendment reactivates the previously suspended Medicaid Match contract and provides other administrative changes. There is no change on the contract dollar amount.

Public Services:

1. Request Approval, Local Agency Agreement for federal funds for an emergency slide repair on the North River Road in the amount of \$64,520.34: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Local Agency Agreement requesting \$64,520.34 of federal funds for emergency slide repair on the North River Road. This project has been completed and is approved for Federal funds under their Emergency Relief Program.

2. Request Approval, Resolution – Declaration of emergency for sanding truck #422 replacement: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2013-112 declaring an emergency to address the non-operational status of sanding truck #422, and to get it operational for the winter season. This action is needed to maintain a full complement of plowing and sanding equipment that provides the County the ability to respond to weather related needs in the three road districts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Gordon praised Commissioner Cormier on his work on the raceway facility lease. Commissioner Gordon added that he met with the Quinault Tribe regarding the 2% distribution of funds, which has been authorized and should be received soon.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, October 28, 2013, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room 1. Commissioners Wes Cormier, Herb Welch and Frank Gordon and Clerk of the Board Donna McCallum reviewed agendas, calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with Dale Gowan, Central Services Director, regarding a purchase request, and Public Services Director Kevin Varness, Road Engineer Russ Esses and Environmental Health Director Jeff Nelson to discuss agenda items.

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

RESOLUTIONS:

No. 2013-112

Declaring an emergency to address the non-operational status of sanding truck #422, and to get it operational for the winter season

ORDINANCES:

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:

None

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
For Grays Harbor County
This _____ day of _____, 2013

HERB WELCH, Chairman, District 3

WES CORMIER, Commissioner, District 1

FRANK GORDON, Commissioner, District 2

ATTEST:

Donna McCallum, Clerk of the Board