

Minutes
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING
November 6, 2017

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Large Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, November 6, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Vickie Raines and Randy Ross. Jenna Amsbury, Clerk of the Board, was present to record the meeting. Prosecutor Katie Svoboda and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Norma Tillotson were also present.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve excusing Commissioner Cormier from the meeting.

BIDS:

None

HEARINGS:

1. Resolution – Supplemental Budget - PB Sewer Construction, \$400,000: There was a public hearing November 6, 2017 to consider a Resolution authorizing an extension in the budget of the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund PB Sewer Construction in the amount of \$400,000. Notice of hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* on October 26, 2017 and November 2, 2017. Brenda Sherman, Budget Director, reported that this resolution establishes a budget for beginning the Pacific Beach sewer pump station project. A transfer in from the distressed area capital fund will provide the initial funding for this project.

Commissioner Cormier called for public comment. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2017-115 authorizing an extension in the budget of the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund PB Sewer Construction in the amount of \$400,000.

2. Resolution – Supplemental Budget – Special Projects, \$173,301: There was a public hearing November 6, 2017 to consider a Resolution authorizing an extension in the budget of the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Special Projects in the amount of \$173,301. Notice of hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* on October 26, 2017 and November 2, 2017. Brenda Sherman, Budget Director, reported that this resolution establishes a budget for a grant from the Washington State Military Department for equipment to support the statewide coordination and management of the enhanced 911 system.

Commissioner Cormier called for public comment. There were no comments and the hearing was closed.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2017-116 authorizing an extension in the budget of the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Special Projects in the amount of \$173,301.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Agner, Hogan's Corner – He is on a fixed income and any time he has the opportunity to vote no on taxes he does. However, he endorsed the 3/10 sales tax. He is on Neighborhood Watch and advocated for the tax. He stated he wants to make sure the funds are used properly, and how they were presented to the public.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes:

Morning/Regular meetings: October 30, 2017
Special Meetings: October 17, 2017, October 26, 2017, October 27, 2017
and workshop minutes from October 17, 2017

Auditor:

Month-End Expenditures – October 2017: Claims \$5,237,118.85; Salary \$2,622,854.75

Coroner:

Monthly report: October 2017

Fair:

Authorization for the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign and execute 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2020 facility use agreements for: Grays Harbor 4-H Shooting Sports Club – October through December 2017; Top Dog Agility Club – March 2018; WAHSET District 2 - April 2018, April 2019, April 2020; WAHSET District 6 – March 2018, March 2019, March 2020

Correspondence:

Use Permit for Courthouse: Montesano Festival of Lights, 12/9/17
Use Permit for Road Use: Hood to Coast, June 2, 2018

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the consent agenda.

PROCLAMATION:

1. **National Adoption Day in Grays Harbor County – November 17, 2017:** National Adoption Day in Grays Harbor County is set for November 17, 2017. Grays Harbor County recognizes the importance of giving children permanent, safe and loving families through adoption. National Adoption Day was launched in November 2000 by the Alliance for Children's Rights to raise awareness that thousands of foster children need adoptive families.

2. **Family Caregiver Month – November 2017:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a proclamation recognizing November as Family Caregiver Month. During the month of November, Washington State honors unpaid family and kinship caregivers for providing countless hours of assistance to loved ones, friends and neighbors with chronic illness, disabilities and/or special needs. Approximately 10,750 family caregivers in Grays Harbor County are the backbone of Olympic Area Agency on Aging's long-term services and support system and are estimated to provide 9,950,000 hours and \$142 million annually in unpaid essential services; statewide there are more than 830,000 caregivers delivering 770 million hours of services and supports valued at \$11 billion dollars annually.

COMMISSIONERS:

1. **Superior Court Indigent Defense Contract with Sean Taschner through December 31, 2018:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to award a 2017 Superior Court Indigent Defense contract to Sean Taschner through December 31, 2018.

DEPARTMENTS:

Fair and Events:

1. **Request Approval, Authorization for the Fair, Events and Tourism Manager to sign and execute a Fair Entertainment Booking Contract with Booking House, Inc. for the 2018 Fair in the amount of \$8,000:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve authorization for the Fair, Events and tourism Manager to sign and execute the Fair Entertainment Booking Contract with Booking House, Inc., for the 2018 Fair in the amount of \$8,000.

Forestry:

1. **Request Approval, Authorization to sell Tax Title Property, parcel #201217130090, via private negotiation as the site is not buildable, \$1,162, plus deed and recording costs:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve authorization to sell Tax Title property, parcel #201217130090 via private negotiation as the site is not buildable in the amount of \$1,162, plus deed and recording costs. Due to limited size, the parcel isn't practical to build on/suitable for any purpose to the County. The Department of Forestry recommends negotiating the private sale.

Management Services:

1. **Request Approval, Chehalis Basin Lead Entity Amendment No. 8 for increasing grant amount for Chehalis Basin Strategy funds, \$10,500:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Chehalis Basin Lead Entity Amendment No. 8 for increasing the grant amount for Chehalis Basin Strategy funds in the amount of \$10,500.

Public Health and Social Services:

1. **Request Approval, Amendment to the UW Research Sub-award Agreement with the University of Washington to extend the Washington State Project to Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdoses to extend the term of contract March 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Amendment to the UW Research Sub-Award Agreement with the University of Washington to extend the Washington State Project to Prevent Prescription Drug/Opioid Overdoses to extend the term of contract March 1, 2017 through August 31, 2018. This project supports distribution of naloxone kits.

2. **Request Approval, Vendor Service Agreement with Fred Pryor for leadership training for managers and supervisors, term of contract January 5, 2018, \$2,700:** A motion

was made, seconded and passed to approve the Vendor Service Agreement with Fred Pryor for leadership training for managers and supervisors, term of contract January 5, 2018 in the amount of \$2,700. This is open to other county supervisors and managers to attend at no additional cost. Content includes emotional intelligence, coaching techniques, handling conflict, supervising within the Union, understanding personalities and communications and how to have difficult conversations.

Public Services:

1. Request Approval, 2018 County Safety Project, project cost of \$680,000 with \$675,500 grant funded: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the 2018 County Safety Project, project cost of \$680,000 with \$675,500 grant funded. This project will install guardrail at various locations through the County in high-risk locations. Construction is planned for the summer 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: County Offices Closed Friday, November 10, 2017 – in Observation of Veteran’s Day

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kim Edwards, Central Park, stated she is on Neighborhood Watch and is a local business owner. Local law enforcement is important and she advocated for the 3/10 sales tax. It appears that Commissioner Ross is looking at defunding public safety. Sheriff Scott is awaiting approval of the budget so that he can hire two correctional officers and not lay off anyone.

Linda Webb, East Hoquiam, stated she is involved in citizen activism. They were given four bullet points to approve this sales tax. We usually do not approve tax increases, but we felt law enforcement is very important in facing threats of crime. Truthfulness is important; citizens were promised this would enhance the law enforcement. She asks that the public be allowed to attend tomorrow’s budget meeting.

Commissioner Raines stated preliminary budgets will be presented tomorrow, and it will be the first time all the Commissioners will work together on department budgets.

Commissioner Ross stated that in his budget proposal the funding is being spent appropriately; he didn’t promise anything. He has to fulfill his duty to approve a budget.

Commissioner Raines recessed the meeting to the media session at 2:22 p.m.

Media Session:

Commissioner Raines reopened the meeting at 2:23 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1. Commissioners present were Randy Ross and Vickie Raines. The media and Commissioners exchanged comments and questions on County business.

