

**Minutes**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**August 14, 2017**

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Large Commissioner’s Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, August 14, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners present were Wes Cormier, Vickie Raines and Randy Ross. Lori Weiss, Deputy Clerk of the Board, was present to record the meeting. Norma Tillotson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney was also present.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**BIDS:**

None

**HEARINGS:**

**1. Supplemental Budget – Road Fund, \$4,000,000:** There was a public hearing August 14, 2017 to consider a Resolution for a supplemental budget in the Road Fund in the amount of \$4,000,000. Notice of hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* on August 3, 2017 and August 10, 2017. Commissioner Cormier called for a staff report. Brenda Sherman, Budget Director, reported this resolution authorizes budget for the state grant funded Wishkah Flood Wall project.

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

**ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2017-078 authorizing a supplemental extension in the budget of the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Roads Fund in the amount of \$4,000,000.**

**2. Ordinance 438 - Enacting a Six-month Moratorium on Marijuana Processing, Producing and Retailing Activities:** There was a public hearing August 14, 2017 to provide an opportunity for public comment and amendment of Ordinance 438, pertaining to a moratorium on the siting and permitting of licensed marijuana production and processing establishments in Grays Harbor County. Notice of hearing was published in *The Montesano Vidette* on August 10, 2017 and advertised in Ordinance 438 when approved on June 12, 2017. Ordinance 438 enacted a six month moratorium on new applications for processing, production and retail activity for marijuana.

Commissioner Ross stated that it was not his intent to stop production of marijuana products, but he does have some issues with odor problems with residents.

Commissioner Raines stated that she proposed an amendment to Section 1, A & B of the Ordinance that the moratorium only applies to any new permits for marijuana production, processing and/or extraction within Grays Harbor County, not already licensed by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board and/or permitted by Grays Harbor County.

Commissioner Cormier called for public comment.

Robert Mead, CEO and co-owner of Sound Cannabis – Mr. Mead stated that this would put a big hamper on him for expanded his business; his plans are to hire within the county. He asked that before the Commissioners make any future changes to the Ordinance that they include marijuana producers for their input.

Jason Wildhaber, Elma – Mr. Wildhaber distributed a packet of information to each of the Commissioners showing impacts on his business caused by this moratorium. He stated that they are the largest employer in Elma, and money from the business goes into the local economy.

There were no further comments and the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Raines stated that she recognizes all residents and appreciates Mr. Mead's suggestion for a task force while considering what to do with the Ordinance in the future. It is unknown what the State will do in the future.

Commissioner Cormier stated that he was one of the Commissioners who passed the first Ordinance. All the Commissioners are trying to do their due diligence that this is fair to everyone. There will be more to learn going forward.

**ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Ordinance No. 439 amending Ordinance No. 438 pertaining to a moratorium on the siting and permitting of licensed marijuana production and processing establishments in Grays Harbor County with amended Section 1, A & B to state that the moratorium will not affect current licensed businesses.**

Commissioner Cormier announced a recess at 2:23 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Minutes:

Morning/Regular meetings: August 7, 2017

Commissioners:

Set Hearing Date – *September 25, 2017* – Title III funds allocation for Firewise

Public Health:

Affiliation Agreement with MCPHS University School of Nursing for internship of graduate student as intern in the family planning clinic, term of contract September 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017

Correspondence:

WSLCB: Progressive Animal Welfare Society of Grays Harbor, 10/14/17  
Approval of Public Official Bond for Sheriff Rick Scott

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

**COMMISSIONERS:**

None

**Central Services:**

1. **Request Approval, Employment Agreement with Sean Pakonen for part-time temporary employment, term of contract August 15, 2017 through December 31, 2017, \$25/hour with a maximum 100 hours for term of contract:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Employment Agreement with Sean Pakonen for part-time, temporary employment, term of contract August 15, 2017 through December 31, 2017, in the amount of \$25/hour with a maximum of 100 hours for the term of the contract.

**Forestry:**

1. **Request Approval, Resolution, Tax Title Property Sale for various parcels on Friday, September 15, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2017-079 for a Tax Title Property Sale, for various parcels, on Friday, September 15, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

**Management Services:**

1. **Request Approval, Letter of Agreement with FDG Web, Inc., for completion of updates to the Chehalis Basin Lead Entity website, \$500:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Letter of Agreement with FDG Web, Inc., for completion of updates to the Chehalis Basin Lead Entity website, term of contract through August 30, 2017, in the amount of \$500.

2. **Request Approval, Agreement with NEOGOV to add a background check application to the current software, \$250 annually:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve an Agreement with NEOGOV to add a background check application to the current software in the amount of \$250 annually. NEOGOV offers a background check application that allows users to purchase, monitor status and collect data on their background checks.

3. **Request Approval, Resolution, establishing a new sub-fund for the ER&R Fund - Maintenance Facility Fund:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2017-080 establishing a new sub-fund for the ER&R Fund - Maintenance Facility Fund. This account is for resources designated for major repair over \$5,000 and the replacement of the equipment rental maintenance facilities and fueling systems.

4. **Request Approval, Resolution, establishing a new sub-fund for the ER&R Fund - Communication Facility Fund:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Resolution No. 2017-081 establishing a new sub-fund for the ER&R Fund - Communication Facility Fund. This internal service fund is to account for resources

designated for major repairs over \$5,000 and the replacement of the equipment rental communication sites, such as buildings, generators, power systems and towers.

**Public Services:**

**1. Request Approval, Resolution, acknowledging automatic vacation of right-of-ways in the Plat of Empire Addition, Ocosta, applicant Crandall Ashby:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve **Resolution No. 2017-082 acknowledging vacation by operation of law in the Plat of Empire Addition, Ocosta to applicant Crandall Ashby.**

**2. Request Approval, Approval and Acceptance of Right-of-Way Deed and Temporary Construction Easement for the replacement of the Mox-Chehalis Bridge, parcel 180524230130:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve and accept the Right-of-Way Deed and Temporary Construction Easement for the replacement of the Mox-Chehalis Bridge, parcel 180524230130.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

Commissioner Cormier announced a recess at 2:37 p.m. to move into the Media Session.

**Media Session:**

Commissioner Cormier reopened the meeting at 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room No. 1. Commissioners present were Wes Cormier, Randy Ross and Vickie Raines. The media and Commissioners exchanged comments and questions on County business.

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

**RESOLUTIONS:**

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| <b>No. 2017-078</b> | <b>Authorizing a supplemental extension in the budget of the Grays Harbor County Miscellaneous Fund Roads in the amount of \$4,000,000</b> |
| <b>No. 2017-079</b> | <b>Approving a Tax Title Property Sale, for various parcels, on Friday, September 15, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.</b>                               |
| <b>No. 2017-080</b> | <b>Establishing an internal service fund Maintenance Facility</b>  |

**No. 2017-081**

**Establishing an internal service fund  
Communication Facility**

**No. 2017-082**

**Acknowledging vacation by operation of law  
in the Plat of Empire Addition, Ocosta to  
applicant Crandall Ashby**

**ORDINANCES:**

**No. 439**

**Amending Ordinance No. 438 pertaining to  
a moratorium on the siting and permitting of  
licensed marijuana production and  
processing establishments in Grays Harbor  
County with amended Section 1, A & B to  
state that the moratorium will not affect  
current licensed businesses**

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS:**

None

At 3:05 p.m. Commissioner Cormier adjourned the meeting.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
For Grays Harbor County

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017

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Wes Cormier, Chairman

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Randy Ross, District 2

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Vickie Raines, District 3

ATTEST:

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Jenna Amsbury, Clerk of the Board