

MINUTES

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – GRAY HARBOR COUNTY REGULAR MEETING

June 21, 2010

The Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Administration Building, Montesano, Washington, on Monday, June 21, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Al Carter, Terry Willis and Mike Wilson were present. Donna Caton, 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. Request for Reclassification as Current Use Open Space – Applicant Rayonier Forest Resources: There was a public hearing on June 21, 2010 to consider a request by Rayonier Forest Resources for reclassification as Current Use Open Space a 186 acre portion of Parcel Number 1810103200000 located northeast of the City of Hoquiam. Notice of this hearing was published in the *Montesano Vidette* June 10, 2010.

Commissioner Carter asked for a staff report. Brian Shea, Planning and Building Director, stated that the application is for a 186 acre portion of the 385.25 acre parcel. When reviewing the application, the Planning Department considers the zoning designation (General Development 5), the Comprehensive Plan designation (General Development) and soils as indicated in the U. S. Soil Conservation Study (property contains prime farmland soils). Mr. Shea stated that the Planning and Building Department recommends denial of the request as the zoning designation and comprehensive plan designation supports forests, agriculture, and residential homes, and due to the presence of prime farmland soil. He added that the property is in the Hoquiam Surge Plain, and other applications in this area have been approved in the past.

Commissioner Willis made inquiries on the type of soil present, drainage and the steep slopes. Mr. Shea stated wetlands exist along the river. He was not aware of improvements to the drainage or whether the property could be logged, and deferred to the property owner for further information.

Jane Hewitt, Land Analyst for the applicant, provided a copy of her testimony and displayed maps that were in the application. She explained that the property was specifically selected by Cascade Land Conservancy for the value of the habitat, flood storage, watershed and shoreline protection. This is the fourth and final property acquisition by Cascade Land Conservancy from Rayonier and subsidiary companies. The Board has previously approved the other three reclassification requests from Rayonier/TerraPointe.

Ms. Hewitt provided explanations of the prime farmland soils, the Open Space criteria for the property, and the tax shift. She stated that the property fits the criteria set forth for Open Space lands in the Revised Code of Washington. The preservation of this property is most appropriately done under the classification of Open Space. Cascade Land Conservancy's stewardship of this property conserves the prime farm soils and does nothing to interfere with future uses of the property or to interfere with what small capacity this wetland and surge plain can do to further the goals of the zoning district or the Comprehensive Plan.

Lindsey Malone, Cascade Land Conservancy, stated that the regional organization has over 150,000 acres of land conserved for ecologically sensitive areas. Cascade Land Conservancy has been working with Rayonier and TerraPointe to conserve about 1, 200 acres of land in the Hoquiam Surge Plain. In response to Commissioner Willis, she stated that public access is consistent with the plan to protect wildlife.

Ron Armstrong, Hoquiam, asked what the difference is between timberland and open space. Jane Hewitt, Rayonier, responded that some areas are not suitable for timberland; this property contains wetlands so they consider open space classification a better fit.

Ray Brown, Westport, inquired about the use of tax money to purchase the property. Lindsey Malone, Cascade Land Conservancy, responded that Rayonier is a willing seller and this will conserve nature.

Ron Armstrong, Hoquiam, asked if Cascade Land Conservancy is public or private. Lindsey Malone stated that Cascade Land Conservancy is a non-profit organization. Mr. Armstrong made comments regarding federal money being used for this purpose.

There was no further public comment and the hearing was closed.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the application for reclassification as Current Use Open Space for applicant Rayonier Forest Resources, Parcel No. 181010320000 with conditions: public access shall be allowed for recreational purposes that do not conflict with Open Space requirements, which also includes waterway access.

2. Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2011-2016: There was a public hearing on June 21, 2010 to consider the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program for 2011-2016. Notice of this hearing was published in the *Montesano Vidette* June 10, 2010. Commissioner Carter asked for a staff report. Russ Esses, County Engineer, reported that there are 29 projects on the list with 10 having approved funding. He stated that the program is getting smaller due to reduced funding through federal and state grants.

Commissioner Willis inquired as to what projects have been eliminated, there used to be 51 projects and now there are 29. Mr. Esses stated that there are less railroad crossing projects and less funding, therefore fewer projects. Most of the State Transportation funding goes toward areas with more traffic congestion.

Commissioner Carter 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. 2010-52, adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2011-2016 for Grays Harbor County, Washington.

3. Supplemental Budget – District Court, \$4,015: There was a public hearing on June 21, 2010 to consider a Supplemental Budget in District Court in the amount of \$4,015. Notice of this hearing was published in the *Montesano Vidette* June 10th and 17th, 2010. Commissioner Carter asked for a staff report. Marilyn Lewis, Budget Analyst, reported that additional income from interest on collections will be received this year in the District Court budget. The funds will be used in salaries and benefits for the reclassification of the Receptionist/LPA position.

Commissioner Carter 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. 2010-53, authorizing a supplemental extension in the budget of the Grays Harbor County General Fund District Court, in the amount of \$4,015.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman 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.

Ron Armstrong, Hoquiam, made comments regarding transfers of property to private interests by utilizing government funds.

Ray Brown, Westport, made comments regarding use of tax payer money to fund the transfer of properties to private interests, especially during a period of state and federal deficits.

CONSENT AGENDA: Approval was requested for the following items:

Minutes:

Morning Meeting and Regular Meeting – June 14, 2010
Special Meetings – June 14, 2010 and June 18, 2010

The Special Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2010 were moved to the Commissioners' Regular Agenda by Chairman Carter.

ACTION: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Consent Agenda excluding the Special Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2010.

COMMISSIONERS

The following item was moved by Chairman Carter from the Consent Agenda at the request of Commissioner Willis.

1. **Minutes from the Special Meeting June 18, 2010:** A motion was made, seconded and passed by Commissioners Wilson and Carter to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held June 18, 2010 with a correction that Commissioner Willis was not present. Commissioner Willis abstained from the vote.

DEPARTMENTS

AUDITOR

1. **Request Approval, Grant Agreement with HAVA for Elections Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Chairman to sign the Grant Agreement with HAVA for Elections Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities. This grant is for the placement of an electronic operating door for the Auditor's Office, and will include push buttons for opening.

JUVENILE COURT

1. **Request Approval, Consolidated Juvenile Services Contract:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Consolidated Juvenile Services Contract. The contract includes: CJS At Risk supervision programs for the reduction in recidivism to probationers and administrating the State Risk Assessment tool; a Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative treatment program for low-risk to re-offend sex offenders that allows these youth to remain in the community; a Chemical Dependency Program allows for funding to help treat youth who are drug/alcohol dependent and allows them to remain in the community as opposed to being incarcerated; the Community Juvenile Accountability Act evidence based program that pertains to Functional Family Therapy and Aggression Replacement Therapy. The contract period is from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 and the total contract amount will not exceed \$196,261.00.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

1. **Request Approval, Amendment 2 to the contract with Providence St. Peter Hospital:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Amendment 2 to the contract with Providence St. Peter Hospital. This amendment adjusts spending categories based on actual utilization of services and provides additional funding in the amount of \$11,032 for low-income clients.
2. **Request Approval, Amendment 3 to the contract with Sea Mar to provide chemical dependency services:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve Amendment 3 to the contract with Sea Mar to provide chemical dependency services. The amendment reduces the agency's allocation for non-Medicaid funded chemical dependency treatment services by \$11,032 based on service utilization. The new contract total is \$58,968.

3. Request Approval, Services Contract with Shari Taylor, Licensed Mental Health Professional: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the contract between Grays Harbor County and Sherri Taylor, Licensed Mental Health Professional. The contract continues existing services for information technology assessment, contract development and audit preparation as well as clinical consultation. This contract maintains the data system that is essential to fulfilling contract requirements with DSHS. The contract is for \$6,666 per month over the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

PUBLIC SERVICES

1. Request Approval, Contract Completion for Schmid Road Drainage Bridge Replacement: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the contract completion for the Schmid Road Drainage Bridge Replacement and allow release of retainage in the amount of \$12,387.95. The Contractor, TL McConnell Construction, Inc. has completed the contract. The total amount of the contract is \$247,758.95, 1.06% over the original bid of \$244,168.00.

2. Request Approval, Local Agency Supplemental Agreement #1 – Wynoochee Wishkah Road 13 Corners Realignment: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the chairman to sign the Local Agency Supplemental Agreement #1 for the Wynoochee Wishkah Road 13 corners realignment. This supplement will provide for support from PanGEO Inc. during construction.

3. Request Approval, Personal Services Contract with Streamworks LLC: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the chairman to sign the Supplemental Personal Services contract with Streamworks, LLC. Streamworks LLC will provide assistance with environmental permitting, funding and construction expertise for various culvert replacement and fish passage barrier removal projects. Streamworks, LLC has been providing these services to the County for the last 9 years. The contract amount is \$10,000.

4. Request Approval, Authorization to negotiate a contract for Bridge Design Services – Cedar Creek Bridge Replacement: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the negotiation of a contract with KPFF Consulting Engineers for Cedar Creek Bridge replacement design services. The firm was chosen after an interview process with three companies. KPFF is adequately staffed with qualified personnel to complete the work within the time limit.

5. Request Approval, Hicklin Road Closure – June 23rd and 24th, 2010: A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the closure of the Hicklin Road on June 23rd and 24th, 2010. The Puget Sound and Pacific Railroad has requested a two day road closure on June 23 and June 24, 2010 at Milepost .12 on the Hicklin Road. This closure is necessary to replace the existing deteriorated plank crossing with a rubberized surface. The detour route is 1 mile long. Commissioner Willis stated that the previous request to close Elma-Hiklin Road has been cancelled.

6. Request Approval, CRP Resolution Authorizing the Widening of Linkshire Drive: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve CRP Resolution C-53031-02 authorizing

County forces to widen Linkshire Drive. Holbrook, Inc. has contributed \$75,000 towards this project as a condition of its 24-lot Long Plat Subdivision.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

STAFF MEETINGS

The Board held a regular morning meeting on Monday, June 21, 2010, beginning at 9:00 a.m. These meetings are advertised public meetings held in the Commissioners' Conference Room. Commissioners Carter, Willis and Wilson and the Clerk of the Board, Donna Caton reviewed calendars and pending daily office issues. The Board met with Russ Esses, Engineer, regarding agenda items and road updates; Kevin Varness, regarding agenda items and department updates; Jeff Nelson, Environmental Health, regarding a request and department updates; Brian Shea, regarding agenda items and department updates. Notes of these meetings are available upon request.

The Board approved the following:

RESOLUTIONS

No. 2010-52

Adopting the Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) 2011-2016 for Grays Harbor County, Washington

No. 2010-53

Authorizing a supplemental extension in the budget of the Grays Harbor County General Fund District Court, in the amount of \$4,015

ORDINANCES

None

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

None

The meeting adjourned 3:05 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 Caton
Clerk of the Board