

MINUTES

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2008:

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. L Allison, WRCIP Fiscal Committee Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Courthouse, Juvenile, and Public Works Negotiations
(Multi-Purpose Rm)
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Commissioners Work Session
1. Impact and Mitigation Fee Agreement between Grant County and Eugene Conroy and Kelly Conroy for the Conroy Short Plat, as recommended by the Director of Public Works.
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Closed Record Public Hearing, Possible Disbanding of the Health District
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. L Allison Farewell Party

The Grant County Commissioners session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with all the Commissioners in attendance with the Clerk of the Board.

COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

The Commissioners signed and approved items 1 as listed above.

CLOSED RECORD PUBLIC HEARING, POSSIBLE DISBANDING OF THE HEALTH DISTRICT

This hearing is being continued from December 8, 2008, and is now a Closed Record Public Hearing. Commissioner Allison gave a power point presentation that showed how the Board led up to their decision to hold this hearing. It will show where the County is at, and the history of the Health District. His concern was over the lack of public input at the last hearing. Commissioner Stevens discussed his conversation with Jim Whitaker about water issues; a memorandum of understanding could be done. Jail coverage was also discussed for the Health District to cover the inmates at the Jail; this would reduce our County costs. Liability Insurance is a huge cost to the County, for the doctor's liability insurance. Commissioner Carter heard of issues from developers in Grant County. She would recommend keeping it as a Health District and work with the Health District to cover costs. Commissioner Allison showed March 20, 1981 Columbia Basin Herald article, it shows that the issues were the same today as they were back in 1981. He said that he has gotten really good response from most cities for funding (not all). Commissioner Allison then moved to change the makeup of the Health District Board to 3 County Commissioners only. Commissioner Stevens seconded for discussion only. Commissioner Stevens said he thought it was too early to decide and they are premature in making such decision. His preference would be to hold off until some issues could be worked out with the Health District. Commissioner Carter stated that she also believed it is premature. Commissioner Allison stated he is concerned but since this has been occurring since 1981, these issues are still there. The County does not have "deep pockets" like some think. Commissioner Stevens stated we have a 6 month waiting period to change to a Department. The Board should discuss this with cities, and does not want their participation to end. His preference is to hold off now; he is not ready for this yet. Commissioner Carter agrees. Commissioner Carter moved to table this issue indefinitely, Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed 2 to 1. The hearing adjourned.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Commissioners approved and signed **Resolution No. 08-114-CC** establishing the effective date of salaries and benefits for employees classified on the Grant County non-bargaining salary schedule as January 1, 2009.

The Commissioners approved the recommendation of the Treasurer to create a Veterans Relief Investment Account and signed **Resolution No. 08-115-CC** creating this fund.

The Commissioners appointed Arther Gerard to the Grant County Port District #7, replacing Dennis Weise from Commissioner District #3.

The Commissioners signed the Public Works Claims Fund Voucher Approval No. 12-1 through No. 12-112 in the total amount of \$565,071.54, as recorded on a listing and made available to the Board.

As there was no further business to come before the Board the session was continued until December 23, 2008.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2008:

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

L Allison, Out

1:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

J Strickler, ASC Update and Misc. BOCC Action

1. Vouchers for indigent defense, insurance, and/or grant administration.
2. Employment Contract, Director of Public Defense, between Grant County and Rafael A. Gonzales.
3. 2009 Professional Services Agreement, Conflict and Overflow Investigator, between Grant County and Elyn Berg, Integrity Investigations, for indigent defense.
4. 2009 Professional Services Agreement, Conflict and Overflow Investigator, between Grant County and Jim Patterson, Private Investigations, for indigent defense.
5. 2009 Professional Services Agreement, Interpreter, between Grant County and Mary Jane Castillo, for indigent defense.
6. (2009) Professional Services Agreement for Legal Representation of Indigent Individuals in the Juvenile Division of Grant County Superior Court (Juvenile Offenders Only), Part Time Contractors, between Grant County and Brian Anderson.
7. For possible BOCC review and signature: (2009) Professional Services Agreement for Legal Representation of Indigent Individuals in the Juvenile Division of Grant County Superior Court (Juvenile Offenders Only), Part Time Contractors, between Grant County and Lyliane Couture.
8. For possible BOCC review and signature: (2009) Professional Services Agreement for Legal Representation of Indigent Individuals in the Juvenile Division of Grant County Superior Court (Juvenile Offenders Only), Full Time Contractors, between Grant County and Thomas Wolfstone.

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

J Stoker, GMHC Update

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Adoption of the 2009 Grant County Budget

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Consent Agenda

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The session was continued at 9:00 am with all the Commissioners in attendance with the Clerk of the Board.

J STRICKLER, ASC UPDATE AND MISC BOCC ACTION

The Commissioners signed and approved items 1 through 4 as listed above.

Items 5, 7, and 8 did not arrive for the Commissioners approval.

Item 6 is on hold for further review.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING, ADOPTION OF THE 2009 GRANT COUNTY BUDGET

Commissioner Carter moved to close the public comment portion of the 2009 budget hearings that began on December 1, 2008. Commissioner Allison seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Carter moved to adopt the 2009 budget as drafted, Commissioner Allison seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned. **(Resolution No. 08-113-CC)**

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Carter moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Allison seconded and the motion passed unanimously as presented below:

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

Commissioners Office Vouchers

Special Occasion License application for the Columbia Basin Crop Consultants Assoc., 17856 Rd A.5 NW, Ephrata, WA 98823; and Amended New License Application for El Paraiso, 5891 Turnkey Rd NE, Moses Lake, WA 98837, both from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

Application for Community Litter Cleanup Program Funds for 2009-2011 between Grant County and the Department of Ecology Solid Waste and Financial Assistance Program.

Lobbyist Registration form for James (Jim) Potts to lobby before legislative committee members or state agencies concerned with Law and Justice, and Local Government.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Commissioners approved the recommendation from the Human Resources Director for the salary, wage, and/or position changes for Gloria Lopez, Flor Burgess, Susie Hall, Vicki Marks, Isidero Alvarez, and Martin Rafferty, Grant Mental Healthcare.

The Commissioners approved the salary, wage, and/or position changes for Tammie Hechler, Human Resources.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

3- 2009 Health Services Agreement Addendum between Grant County (by and through the Sheriff's Office) and Chrystine L. Leonard, Mary Lou Delp, and Annie S. Miller, to extend the duration of their 2009 Health Services Agreement through December 31, 2009.

2009 Health Services Agreement between Grant County (by and through the Sheriff's Office) and Vicki L. Bratton to provide reasonable and necessary basic medical care to inmates of the Grant County Jail and the County Work Release Facility.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Commissioners approved the request of the Emergency Management Director to apply for a Federal Homeland Security Grant to fund and build an Emergency Operations Center and offices for its department. This grant requires a 25% match of a one million dollar grant, which could be hours worked.

The Chair of the Board was authorized to sign the Familigia, LLC (Columbia River Reserve Phase II P.U.D.) File #06-4520-04, Final Plat Submission and Review.

As of this date, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.090, in the amount of \$951,644.38, as recorded on a listing and made available to the Board.

As there was no further business to come before the Board the session was continued until December 29, 2008.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2008:

No Scheduled Meetings

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 and 26, 2008:

Closed for Christmas Holiday

Signed this 6th day of April, 2009.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Grant County, Washington

Cindy Carter
Cindy Carter, Chair

Richard Stevens
Richard Stevens

Carolann Swartz
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Attest:

Barbara Gray
Clerk of the Board