

MINUTES

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009:

Presidents Day Holiday - Closed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009:

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.

J Strickler, ASC Update and Misc. BOCC Actions

1. Vouchers for indigent defense, insurance, and/or grant administration.
2. 2009 Professional Services Agreement between Grant County and S.C. Communications for public information and communications work; period of performance is January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. (#K09-019)
3. Subrecipient Agreement for CDBG Public Services between Grant County and the North Columbia Community Action Council for CTED; Grant #09-64009-002, from January 1, 2009 through February 28, 2010. (#K09-020)
4. Commercial Lease Agreement between Grant County and the Grant County Health District for lease of offices in the Courthouse complex in Ephrata, Washington and 1038 West Ivy Street in Moses Lake, Washington. Term is January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2018. (#K09-021)
5. For BOCC Chair signature: Interlocal Agreement Between the Grant County Health District and Grant County Regarding Lease Payments for offices in the Courthouse complex in Ephrata, and 1038 West Ivy Street in Moses Lake, Washington. Term is January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2018. (#K09-022)
6. Grant County Economic Development Council 2009 Municipal Services Agreement between the Grant County Economic Development Council and Grant County. Term is February 2009 to December 31, 2009. (#K09-023)
7. For BOCC Chair signature: Moses Lake Airline Travel Bank (ATB) Partner Agreement, between Grant County and the ATB Manager Grant County Economic Development Council. Term: TBD 2009 to TBD 2010 (will not be finalized until GCEDC signature and flight schedule in Exhibit A is set; will expire one year from that date.) (K#09-024)
8. Anticipating for BOCC signature: 2009 Special Counsel Contract for Civil Matters between Grant County and Schultheis Tabler & Wallace, Attys. Term is February 17, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

A Lee, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Update

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Closed Record Public Hearing, Dewey and Barbara Rogers Long Plat

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

R Gonzales, Public Defense

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- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. C Carter and C Swartz at Rotary Meeting (Country Deli, Ephrata)
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. D Pohle, PW Update
1. Authorization to Call for Bids: Liquid Asphalt
 2. Execution of Contracts between Grant County and Mid-Mountain Machinery for 1-Rock Rake; Discovery Ford for Cars and Pickups; and United Rental for 1-Welder
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:25 p.m. Consent Agenda and Commissioners Work Session
1. Budget Transfer request from the Fairgrounds in the amount of \$50,000.00 to process vouchers and payroll.
 2. Budget Extension request from the Accounting Department in the amount of \$82,000.00 to purchase hardware for the Assessor's Office; and a budget extension in the amount of \$95,000.00 to purchase software for the Assessor's Office. The 95,000.00 will be reimbursed by the State from Real Estate Excise Tax.
 3. Budget Extension request from Technology Services in the amount of \$6,150.00 to receive a payment from the Clerk's Office to purchase 6 computer systems.
 4. Budget Extension request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$2,250.00 to receive a grant from State Farm Insurance that will allow one motor deputy to attend collision reconstruction training.
 5. Budget Extension request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$72,050.00 to fund a School Resource Officer for the Wahluke School District. These funds will be reimbursed by the District.
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. T Hechler, Human Resources Update
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. C Swartz at Moses Lake Trail Planning Team (City Hall)

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.

J STRICKLER, ASC UPDATE AND MISC. BOCC ACTION

The Commissioners approved and signed items 1-8 as listed above.

CLOSED RECORD PUBLIC HEARING, DEWEY AND BARBARA ROGERS (DEWEY LONG PLAT)

The Commissioners held a Closed Record Public Hearing regarding a Preliminary Plat application from Dewey and Barbara Rogers to create 14 lots from a 76.21 acre parcel in the Rural Residential 1 Zone of Grant County. The subject area is approx. 7 miles west of Ephrata, near the intersection of State Hwy 283 and Rd 10.2-NW and is in a portion of the SE quarter of S 12, T 20 N, R 26 E, W M (Parcel no. 15-1891-000). Commissioner Stevens moved to uphold the Planning Commission unanimous recommendation and approve the application as presented, recognizing the 6 Conditions of Approval (with modifications to approval # 1 and 4 as stated by the Planning Commission) and 10 Findings of Fact. Commissioner Swartz seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned. **(Resolution No. 09-014-CC)**

D POHLE, PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

The Commissioners approved item 1 and set the bid opening for March 3, 2009 at 2:15 p.m.

The Commissioners approved and signed the contracts as listed in item 2.

CONSENT AGENDA AND COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

The Commissioners approved and signed items 1 through 5. A public hearing was set for the budget extensions for March 17, 2009 at 10:30 a.m.

Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Swartz seconded and the motion passed with all the Commissioners in attendance, as presented below:

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

Commissioners Office Vouchers

Memorandum of Agreement between Grant County and the Public Employees Association (Courthouse, Juvenile, and Public Works) to extend the current Working Agreement for a one-year term for the period January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009. This extension is agreed to on the basis that there will be no increases in any compensation and benefits for 2009.

Special Occasion license application for the Moses Lake J.E.T.S. Wrestling Team, 1396 Fairway Dr., Moses Lake, WA 98837, from the Washington State Liquor Control Board.

HUMAN RESOURCES

CORRECTED Personnel Action Request Recommendation (from 2/10/09 Consent Agenda) for the Sheriff's Office to restructure the Chief Deputy and Undersheriff Positions salaries to be a set minimum percentage above the contracted union salaries:

1. Chief Deputy = 15% above the Sergeant Positions
2. Undersheriff = 6% above the Chief Deputy Positions

Personnel Action Request to approve the salary, wage, and/or position changes for the following employees:

1. Melissa Pineda, Grant Mental Healthcare
2. Teddy Chow, Prosecuting Attorney's Office
3. Edward Owens, Prosecuting Attorney's Office
4. Albert Lin, Prosecuting Attorney's Office
5. Amy Wen, Prosecuting Attorney's Office
6. Julie Frieled, Prosecuting Attorney's Office
7. Cathy Neils, Prosecuting Attorney's Office
8. Steve Hallstrom, Prosecuting Attorney's Office

Personnel Action Request Recommendation for Grant Mental Healthcare to transfer three current employees to positions in which the salary is lower than in their current positions, in accordance with policy 5.4 Promotions/Transfers. These changes are in part due to agency reorganization and in part due to budget cuts. The changes are as follows:

1. Medical Team Assistant to Admitting Assistant

2. Director of Psychiatric Services to an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Manager
3. Outstation Program Manager to an Initial Services Specialist

SUPERIOR COURT

Request to investigate the cost and feasibility of certain necessary improvements to their courtrooms.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Commissioners approved and signed the October 27; November 3, 10, and 17, 2008 Minutes.

The Chair of the Board designated Richard Stevens to serve as the County Legislative Authority on the Canvassing Board for the Election to be held on March 10, 2009; and designated herself as the Legislative Authority for the election to be held on February 3, 2009.

Personnel Action Request Recommendation to initiate the County sick leave donation policy for a Grant Mental Healthcare employee, Recipient 09-01, who suffers from an illness which is extraordinary in nature.

As there was no further business to come before the Board the session was continued until February 18, 2009.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2009:

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| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | C Swartz at Grant County Economic Development Council Meeting (ATEC Building, Moses Lake) |
| 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Commissioners at JAL Sendoff |
| 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | TOURISM BOARD |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | J Moberg, Executive Session regarding Whistleblower Act Litigation |
| 1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. | Open Record Public Hearing, Proposed changes to Sect 24.16 of the UDC titled "Flood Damage Prevention" |
| 2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. | C Carter at Canvassing Board (Elections) |
| 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Open Record Public Hearing, Douglas T. Boyden et al Open Space Application |
| 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Open Record Public Hearing, Anthony and Debra Schneider Open Space Application |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. | C Price, WSU Extension Budget Update |
| 3:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | J Tincher, Airway Drive Pre-Design Meeting |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | R Stevens at Rural Issues Sub-committee Meeting (Olympia) |

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

J MOBERG, EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING WHISTLEBLOWER ACT LITIGATION

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i), Commissioner Carter called the session to order at 1:30 p.m. to go until 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Carter closed the session at 1:30 p.m.

OPEN RECORD PUBLIC HEARING, PROPOSED CHANGES TO SECTION 24.06 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC) "FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION"

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing regarding a proposed amendment to Ch 24.16 "Flood Damage Prevention" of the Unified Development Code (UDC). Grant County, as a jurisdiction required to fully plan under the Growth Management Act, is required to provide for protection of critical areas. Flood prone areas by statute are one of the critical areas that must be protected. These flood prone areas within the County are identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the development within these areas, although outlined in the Grant County UDC are regulated by state and federal agencies, specifically Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) and FEMA. These agencies provide the County with the necessary mapping to identify where these flood prone areas are; these maps are called Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). When Grant County planning staff is reviewing building permits and land use applications, they are required to verify whether or not the site subject to that action is located in a flood prone area, and if so, the applicant will be required to design the project such that it complies with the standards set forth by FEMA and DOE, and as adopted generally by reference in the UDC. FEMA and DOE have issued new FIRMS for Grant County, and these maps will be effective February 18, 2009. In order for our Flood Damage Prevention portion of the UDC to be consistent with state and federal statutes, Grant County must make these minor changes to that code section to reflect the new maps that have recently been issued and clarify a few minor points in the code as well. The changes were provided by DOE as the minimum required changes to make our ordinance consistent with the new maps and changes in state and federal statutes. It should be noted that our standards are not changing, nor is our process for how projects are reviewed as a result of this amendment. Commissioner Stevens moved to close the public comment portion of the hearing. Commissioner Swartz seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Stevens moved to uphold the Planning Commission unanimous recommendation and approve this application as presented recognizing the 5 Findings of Fact. Commissioner Swartz seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned. **(Ordinance No. 09-013-CC)**

OPEN RECORD PUBLIC HEARING, DOUGLAS T. BOYDEN ET AL OPEN SPACE APPLICATION

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing in regards to an application from Douglas T. Boyden et al for Classification or Reclassification as Open Space Land or Timber Land for Current Use Assessment under Ch. 84.34 RCW. Assessor's Office does not recommend approval of this application because it is not open to the public. Its intended usage is a duck hunting area for a club. Commissioner Swartz moved to close the public comment portion of the hearing. Commissioner Carter seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance. Commissioner Swartz moved to deny this application and not change the classification to open space. Commissioner Carter seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance. The hearing adjourned.

OPEN RECORD PUBLIC HEARING, ANTHONY AND DEBRA SCHNEIDER OPEN SPACE APPLICATION

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing in regards to an application from Douglas T. Boyden et al for Classification or Reclassification as Open Space Land or Timber Land for Current Use Assessment under Ch. 84.34 RCW.

Staff has determined that only 7.94 acres should be set as open space, not the 10.70 acres requested in the application. Commissioner Swartz moved to close the public comment portion of the hearing.

Commissioner Carter seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Swartz moved to approve this application as amended by the Assessor's office and moving 7.94 acres into the Open Space Zone. Commissioner Carter seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance. The hearing adjourned.

As there was no further business to come before the Board the session was continued until February 23, 2009.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2009:

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARINGS
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	GIS STEERING COMMITTEE
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	R Stevens at Leg Steering Committee Meeting (Olympia)
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	R Stevens, WRCIP Conference Call
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	C Carter at KBSN Radio (Moses Lake)
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	C Carter @ Centennial Celebration Meeting (Multi-Purpose Rm)
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	R Stevens at Best vs. Grant County Meeting (Francis Floyd's Office – Seattle)
5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	C Carter and C Swartz at Grant County Economic Development Council Annual Membership Banquet (ATEC)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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 \$333,961.66, as recorded on a listing and made available to the Board.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2009:

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.	R Stevens at NCWRSN Meeting (Davenport)
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Signed this 29th day of June, 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 J. W. J.
Clerk of the Board