

# MINUTES

## GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013

The Grant County Commissioners session began at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Elected Official Roundtable Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. J Strickler, ASC Update and Misc. BOCC Action

1. Possible vouchers for Interfund Communications, insurance, and/or grant administration. **(Approved)**
2. Letter of Engagement between Grant County, by and through the Board of County Commissioners, and Devra Sigle Hermosilla for Superior Court Conflicts Cases and renewed Professional Services Agreement for Legal Representation of Indigent Individuals in Grant County Superior Court (Adult Felony Only) Overflow/Conflicts Contractors. **(Approved)**
3. Memorandum of Understanding, School Resource Officer, Wahluke School District No.73 between Grant County, by and through the Grant County Sheriff's Office for the purpose of establishing a School Resource Officer program in the District. Term is May 1, 2013 through the end of the 2016 school year. **(Approved)**
4. Agreement between Grant County and the City of George Regarding Law Enforcement Services between Grant County, by and between the Grant County Sheriff's Office, and the City of George, Washington. Term is April 1, 2013 through March 31, 2014. **(Approved)**
5. Interlocal Agreement, TeamSpeak 3 Service, between Grant County, by and through Grant County Technology Services and the Grant County Sheriff's Office. The purpose of the Agreement is to memorialize the process, procedure, and terms by which Grant County will provide TeamSpeak 3 service to law enforcement agencies, public safety agencies, and/or the Grant County Public Utility District. Term is January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. **(Approved)**
6. Washington State Department of Social & Health Services (DSHS) Residential Contract 1163-29349 Exhibit B, Revision 10 for Grant County Developmental Disabilities. The revision reflects the addition of a new client. **(Approved)**
7. **Anticipating:** Agreement Regarding Use of County Property between Grant County and Elegy West, LLC for property situated within Grant County's parcel numbers 170082000 and 170082001, the same commonly known as Grant County's Portion of the Moses Lake Sand Dunes. **(Did not arrive for signature)**

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Commissioners Office Safety Meeting

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Citizen Public Comment Period **(No public in attendance)**

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. D Nelson, Community Development Update

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1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. T Hechler, Human Resources Update  
2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. D Beich, Fish and Wildlife Update on the Pygmy Rabbit  
3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Department Head Review  
4:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. B Smith, District Court Update

**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 \$405,037.32, as recorded on a listing and made available to the Board.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013**

The session was continued to 8:00 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. T Hill, District Court 3rd Judge Interview  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. N Wallace, District Court 3<sup>rd</sup> Judge Interview  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. B Barlow, District Court 3<sup>rd</sup> Judge Interview  
1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. D Pohle, Public Works Update

1. Local Agency Agreement Supplement from the Washington State Department of Transportation (Agreement No. LA 7750) for the Dodson Road SW Paving Project **(Approved)**
2. Local Agency Agreement Supplement: County Road Safety Project **(Not ready for signature)**
3. Award recommendation for the Landfill Glass Pulverizer Concrete Pad to Tommer Construction in the amount of \$34,333.00 not including sales tax. **(Approved)**
4. Request from the Town of Elmer City to dispose the waste collected at their Free Community Cleanup event free of charge at the Grant County Landfill. **(Approved)**

1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. Bid Opening, Landfill Glass Pulverizer Concrete Pad

The following bids were received:

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| 1. Tommer Construction    | \$34,333.00 |
| 2. N Central Construction | \$49,184.00 |

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3. Allstar Construction Group, LLC	\$53,348.07
4. TML Construction	\$56,299.00
5. Whitebird Inc.	\$49,998.62
6. WM Winkler Company	\$65,313.42
7. Halme Builders	\$76,224.00
8. Bishop Contracting LLC	\$43,450.00

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to turn the bids over to Public Works for their review and recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Open Record Public Hearing, James Kimble Franchise Hearing

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider a franchise application from James Kimble to construct, operate and maintain domestic irrigation pipe line on certain County Road Rights-of-Way within Grant County for the purpose of irrigating approx. 100-200 acres located along 6-SE Road from R-SE Road approximately .5 miles east toward S-SE Road, and located in S 31, T 18, R 30 WM.

Derek Pohle, Director and County Road Engineer, Public Works discussed the franchise and stated he has no problem with approving this franchise.

Commissioner Stevens moved to close the public comment portion of the hearing. Commissioner Swartz seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Swartz moved to approve the franchise as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned. **(Approved and signed the order granting the franchise)**

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. D Lee, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Update

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Commissioner Carter called an Executive Session to order at 2:38 p.m. to go until 2:43 p.m. regarding the REC Litigation. In attendance were Commissioners Carter and Swartz, and Lee Pence, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Commissioner Carter closed the session at 2:43 p.m.

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Consent Agenda (Items 1 through 4)

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE**

1. Commissioners Office and Public Defense Vouchers. **(Approved)**
2. Commissioners March 18, 2013 Minutes for approval. **(Approved)**

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

3. Out of state travel request for Elisabeth Lauver (GIS) to attend the ESRI International User Conference from July 8-12, 2013 in San Diego, CA. **(Approved)**

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**HUMAN RESOURCES**

4. Personnel Action Request Recommendation regarding a request from Facilities and Maintenance for an exception to the hiring freeze to hire 1-Regular "Other" Classification Maintenance I Position (On-call) to assist with coverage when regular full and part time employees are scheduled for accrued leave. The Director recommends approval.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.                      Open Public Meeting to take Public Comment on the Phase Out of the County Drop Box System

The Commissioners held an Open Public Meeting to take comments on the recommendation of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) the phase out of the county drop box system.

Kathy Bohnet, Mayor Wilson Creek discussed the need for a drop box site in in Wilson Creek. Maybe go down to 1 day of week instead of 2. She believes this is a responsibility of the County to keep the drop boxes open. Cut costs by cutting hours.

Commissioner Carter stated that Consolidated does have curbside county-wide and Lakeside also provides this service.

George Astler, Desert Aire, states that Consolidated will be costly. If these stations are closed littering will be a problem. He believes going down to 1 day a week would be appropriate.

Rick Heiberg, Mayor, Coulee City read a letter to the Board of Commissioners from the Coulee City, City Council and Mayor not in favor of the drop box closure. Commissioner Stevens stated the County would continue to support the cities with dumpsters for their community cleanup days. He wants to know if Consolidated will recycle. He doesn't think so. He thinks more recycling at the drop box centers could off-set the cost.

Commissioner Swartz talked about Coulee City selling of tires to a Company in Montana.

George Astler asked the Commissioners to think of when the County closes all the drop boxes... what does the County have planned for the garbage?

Commissioner Stevens stated the drop boxes were only supposed to "bridge" the citizen with the landfill.

Commissioner Swartz stated the citizens will need to get involved and plan for the the possible closure.

David Williams, Desert Aire, didn't think the county was in the business to make money. The Communities want to keep the drop boxes open and the Commissioners should spend the county tax payer's money wisely. Private services are always more costly. He believes all tax payers should pay for these services. His thought is a surcharge on garbage to subsidize the drop boxes.

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Larry Couch, President of the Desert Aire Homeowners Association, brought forth a petition from the Association to keep the drop box open.

Cheryl Wolff, Desert Aire, wanted to confirm the hourly rate of \$64.00 per hour to pick up large items. She believes this is cost prohibitive. She does not believe that illegal dumping is going on at their drop box so she does not why the drop box tonnage went up so high from 2011-2012. She wonders if Waste Management would come and man the drop boxes and asks the Commissioners to do so.

Mark Wash, Ephrata, works for Consolidated Disposal and is a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC). They will pick up anything and everything that the landfill will take except contractor's items. They are regulated to provide this service but there are fees attached. He also knows of some recycling firms throughout the county that will pick up washer/dryers free of charge. He says there is no hourly fee if the truck will already be in the area.

Kathy Bohnet – What does the county receive from franchise fees from the outside dump agencies to dump in the county? Commissioner Stevens stated the county receives nothing.

Derek Pohle stated the franchise fees and taxes are paid to the state and these are granted by the State of Washington.

David Fast – Eagle Springs Ranch, Wilson Creek – lives 15 miles down a dirt county road, and another 5 miles on private drive—who will come and get their garbage? Where will they put their garbage? Commissioner Carter stated CDSI would have to pick up their garbage, they are required by law to.

Dale “Bob” Correia – works at the Hwy 28 drop box and agrees it would be beneficial to close on Mondays and be open on Saturdays to be able to keep the drop box open. He asked if the drop boxes were in “the red” because of the moving of the landfill front entrance and the new scales. Derek Pohle stated no.

Donna McClung-Blackman – Wilson Creek Machine –She speaks on behalf of her and her husband and as small business owners they support the dump site and take metal there. More cost effective than driving down to the landfill in Ephrata.

Mayor Rick Heiberg – Coulee City – Asked of Derek Pohle, if we close, what will be cost of cleaning up the roads because of closing the drop box. Derek Pohle responded stated the closing of previous drop boxes has no statistical data of an increase in dumping along the sides of the road.

Commissioner Swartz stated this would be a “phased” process if it is approved. This will not happen overnight.

Kathy Bohnet – during the town cleanup the citizens receive 3 certificates - it would be more effective if the coupons could be spread out over the year, not just used in 1 month.

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Cheryl Wolff – does the county make a profit on the free dump days?  
Commissioner Carter – No, no profit, it is subsidized by the rate payers.

The meeting adjourned.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.                    C Swartz at Moses Lake Trail Planning Team **(Unable to attend)**

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.                    C Carter at Emergency Management Mitigation Plan Review Meeting  
(Quincy Fire #3) **(Unable to attend)**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.                    C Swartz at GC EDC Board Meeting (ATEC, BBCC)

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.                    R Stevens, WRCIP Fiscal Committee Conference Call **(Moved to April 24,  
2013)**

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.                    TOURISM BOARD MEETING

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.                    Mercer Insurance Meeting

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.                    Fairgrounds Facility Advisory Committee Meeting (Fairgrounds)

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.                    C Carter and R Stevens at Sheriff's Office Community Meeting (Sheriff's  
Office Substation, Moses Lake)

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.                    C Swartz at Legislative Steering Committee Meeting (WSAC Office,  
Olympia)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013**

C Carter, Out

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.                    C Swartz at Legislative Steering Committee Meeting (John A Cherberg  
Bldg, Conference Room A/B/C, Olympia)

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.                    C Swartz at Grant Transit Authority Board Meeting (Moses Lake Facility  
Office)

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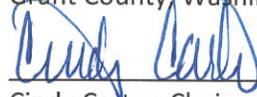
**FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013**

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

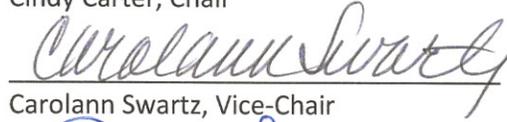
C Carter at Washington State Community Hispanic Affairs (Mattawa)

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.

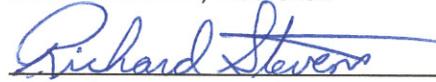
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Cindy Carter, Chair

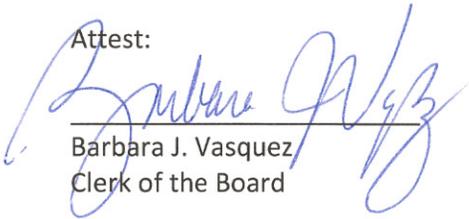


Carolann Swartz, Vice-Chair



Richard Stevens, Member

Attest:



Barbara J. Vasquez  
Clerk of the Board