

# MINUTES

## GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

The Grant County Commissioners session was called to order 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. – 9:20 a.m.                      J Strickler, ASC Update and Misc BOCC Action

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Swartz, to approve items 1 through 4 on the ASC Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Possible vouchers for Interfund Communications, insurance, legal services, grant administration, etc. **(Approved)**
2. Washington Rural Counties Insurance Program WRCIP 2015 – 2016 Renewal Application. **(Approved)**
3. County Program Agreement #1563-47065 between the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services and Grant County, by and through Grant Integrated Services' PARC, for the Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP) in the amount of \$526,464.00. Term is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. **(Approved)**
4. Contract Agreement #15MHBG1805 for Mental Health Services, Mental Health Block Grant, between Spokane County, by and between Spokane County Regional Support Network (SCRSN), a division of Spokane County Community Services, Housing, and Community Development Department (CSHCD). Funding is for \$170,699.00 with a term of July 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. **(Approved)**

9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.                      T Gaines, Juvenile Court and Youth Services – Building Update

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.                      Citizen Public Comment Period

Birdie Hensley came in today to discuss the Grand Coulee Manor apartment complex which was a Senior Living facility but has since been changed to a senior/low income housing project. She's not sure how it changed but would like to see it go back to Senior housing only. She stated she believes the Housing Authority of Grant County owns/manages it. She is asking the Commissioners to help get this complex turned back to senior housing only. The Commissioners will discuss this with the Moses Lake office of the Housing Authority and see what the options are.

Glen Stockwell came in today to update the Commissioners on the Grant County Bipartisan Regional Convention that he is working on putting together. He also brought a flash drive for each of the Commissioners that will show what he has done so far (this is being held in the Clerk of the Board's desk). He has had many meetings with state Senator's and Representative's.

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He asked Commissioner Stevens if he had a chance to find out if a “Non-Revocable Trust Account” at the County level could be created to hold the Columbia Basin Project monies for the future construction phases of the CBP? Commissioner Stevens stated he didn’t recall that request but will talk to the Accounting Department and find out.

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Commissioners at Road Supervisor Meeting (Public Works)

1:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. M McKnight, Assessor’s Office Update

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. K Eslinger, Human Resources Update

Items discussed were: Health Insurance Committee Update; Shared Leave Donation Request (Public Works); Employment Connections Coordinator; Medical Records Technician; Facility and Safety Coordinator- reclassify to Manager; Parent Child Advocate- Reclassify to Case Manager; PARC Medical Records Technician; Payroll Analyst- Reclassify to Administrator; 2016 Bargaining Plan Update; PERC Mediation- Uvalle; Deputy Sheriffs 2015 Mediation; Potential Sheriff’s Office Grievance; Additional Step Increases for Senior Positions; Comp Audit of Sheriff’s Support Unit; Contract Renewals for APS Healthcare/Mercer/Menke Jackson; Menke Jackson invoice process; Covering CDL expense in medical plan; Human Resources PC rotation.

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. C Carter at Chelan/Douglas County RSN Governing Board Meeting (RSN Office, Wenatchee)

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Open Record Public Hearing, 2015 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Amendments as presented by Tyler Lawrence, Associate Planner, Grant County Planning Department. Mr. Lawrence gave a background on the Comprehensive Plan process. They completed SEPA review for all 3 proposed amendments and Grant County issued an addendum to the Environmental Impact Statement and issued a Determination of Non-Significance.

**Hintz Land LLC, File #15-6064**

The subject site is comprised of a portion of a parcel totaling approximately 3.2 acres. The current Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designation of the parcel is “Commercial, Urban”. The applicant has submitted a Site Specific Land Use Re-designation application requesting the subject portion of the property be re-designated to “Residential, Suburban” along with an application for a rezone from “Urban Commercial 2” to “Urban Residential 1”. The parcel is located within the City of George Urban Growth Area.

The subject site is located at the intersection of Beverly Burke Rd. NW and Baseline Rd. W., on the east side of Beverly Burke Rd. NW. Located in the NW ¼ of Section 6, Township 18 North, Range 24 East, W.M., Grant County, WA. Portion of Parcel #20-1541-000. The Planning Commissioner forwards their recommendation of approval for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change.

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Sterling Knudsen of Knudsen Land Surveying, representing the applicant, said he was here to answer any questions the Board may have.

Commissioner Swartz moved to close the public comment portion of the hearing, Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Swartz moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendment as presented, Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Swartz moved to approve the Zone Change as presented, Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

**Lewis Neilson, File #15-6066**

The proposal is comprised of one parcel totaling two (2) acres. The current designation of the parcel is "Industrial, Rural." The applicant has submitted a Site Specific Land Use Re-designation application requesting the property be re-designated to "Irrigated" along with a zone change application from "Rural Light Industrial" to "Agriculture."

The subject site is located on Road U SE approximately three (3) miles south of Warden (on the west side of Rd. U). Located in a portion of the SE ¼ of Section 33, Township 17 N, Range 30 E, W.M., Grant County, WA. Parcel #18-1117-001. The Planning Commissioner forwards their recommendation of approval for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change.

Chris Montgomery stated he was here representing the proponent and will answer any questions the Board may have. There were none.

Commissioner Swartz moved to close the public comment portion of the hearing, Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Swartz moved to approve the Comprehensive Plan Amendment as presented, Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Swartz moved to approve the Zone Change as presented, recognizing the 10 Findings of Fact, Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

**Moses Lake School District / L Brothers LLC, File #15-6065**

The Moses Lake School District (MLSD) has submitted a Site Specific Land Use Re-designation application requesting an expansion of the Urban Growth Area (UGA) associated with Moses Lake. The proposal includes four (4) parcels totaling approximately 314 acres with multiple property owners (applicants listed above). The current Comprehensive Plan Land Use Designations of the parcels are "Rural Residential 1" and "Rural Residential 2".

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The MLSD requests that their site be re-designated to "Public Facility" and the L Brothers site to be re-designated "Residential, Suburban."

Four parcels located at the intersection of Harris Rd. NE and Stratford Rd. NE. The L Brothers LLC properties are located in the NW corner of the intersection; the School District properties are located in the NE corner of the intersection. The site is located in a portion of Section 3, Township 19 N, Range 28 E and Section 2, Township 19 N, Range 28 E, W.M., Grant County, WA. (Parcel #s 19-0340-000, 19-0343-000, 31-3338-000, & 31-3339-000).

Tyler Lawrence stated they received numerous public comments and 2 agency comments: 1 from the Bureau of Rec and 1 from the Department of Commerce-Growth Management Services Division.

Commerce expressed concern over the lack of justification regarding the need for extra land within the City of Moses Lake Urban Growth Area. There were numerous members of the public speak in opposition to this proposal at the Planning Commission hearing. The Planning Commissioner forwards their recommendation to deny the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Zone Change.

Commissioner Stevens asked if the recommendation to deny came from the Commerce recommendation letter. Mr. Lawrence stated it was from the Planning Department staff report, public comments, and the Commerce letter.

Commissioner Swartz asked if their concerns had something to do with the location or the enlargement of the UGA. Mr. Lawrence stated it was more to do with the enlargement of the UGA. Planning Commission agreed with Staff's analysis that the Urban Growth Area of Moses Lake is already quite substantial and there quite an amount of undeveloped land available and it's a clinical analysis of whether the UGA have open and available land or not?

It was determined that there is open and available land and the application did not sufficiently justify the expansion of the UGA.

Commissioner Swartz asked if it's a requirement for a school to be in a UGA. Mr. Tyler believed all zoning districts that allow school districts are Urban Zoning Districts.

Michele Price, Superintendent of the Moses Lake School District, read into the record a letter in favor of the proposal. Ms. Price discussed the county population growth and that the school district has had to purchase portable classrooms; they have had to modify the High School's master schedule to use the facility for more hours of the day (7am-5pm); had to rent office space and churches; and repurposed an existing building to increase students served in grades 6-8. They have immediate facility needs: by the year 2018 they will need 3 elementary schools; by 2020 they will need 1 high school; and by 2023 they will need 1 middle school.

Ms. Price stated that school districts need flexibility to build new schools serving residential neighborhoods and rural areas where students are located.

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They are committed to working with cities and counties to locate schools in the areas that are best situated to meet enrollment growth for city and county services.

Eric Johnson, Director of Business and Operations passed out a map of the current UGA and stated their property is surrounded by the UGA. One of the issues surrounding the application is traffic. They had a traffic study done earlier this year and know they would need to improve the traffic patterns and infrastructure in that area.

Commissioner Swartz asked if they had done an analysis of where the town is growing, as far as where students located in Moses Lake. Ms. Price stated yes, and the north side of Moses Lake is the growing area. They had 200 new students enroll this year and they added 5 new teachers. They also invested in GIS software to document where students are living and where they would attend school. They monitor building permits and where new houses are being built.

Commissioner Swartz stated it appears the opposition is primarily about the expansion of the UGA. Have they thought about filling the available parcels available and filling them up with schools? Do they want to put all of the schools on the 160 acres? Ms. Price stated they have property available for the elementary schools (10 acre requirements for each); they are having difficulty with the 40 acre requirement for the High School.

Commissioner Swartz recognizes that there is a problem with needing new schools and fulfilling the initiatives passed recently by the public.

Jerry Richardson, lives on Harris Road, south of the proposed area. He is against the proposal and discussed his concerns.

Rex Chamberlain, has a dairy ranch on Stratford Road by the proposed area, spoke against the proposal.

Commissioner Swartz asked if the School District looked into a land swap type of purchase of land.

Eric Johnson stated there has not been this type of discussion.

Commissioner Swartz moved to close the public comment portion of the hearing, Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Swartz asked Staff if decisions that were made today, can they be changed at a later date.

Damien Hooper, Planning Director, stated this is a final decision by the board but can be appealed. Mr. Hooper stated they could also resubmit their application next year.

Commissioner Swartz moved to approve the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department and deny this Comprehensive Plan Amendment as presented.

Commissioner Stevens seconded. For discussion: Commissioner Swartz stated she has empathy for this situation and is 100% for education. She is concerned about road issues and all of traffic that would be going through the area.

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They must be sympathetic for those who currently live in the area. Commissioner Stevens stated the application does not meet the criteria as currently presented, as far as the UGA growth and expansion. He is also concerned about the dairy across the street which is agriculture. He wouldn't know how long the dairy would survive if there was a school across the street. Commissioner Stevens called for the question. Commissioner Swartz added the 10 Findings of Fact. The motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Swartz moved to deny the Zone Change recognizing the 10 Findings of Fact as presented. Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

Commissioner Stevens reopened the first hearing and Commissioner Swartz moved to amend the motion to recognize the 9 Findings of Fact for the Comprehensive Plan Amendment and the Zone Change. Commissioner Stevens seconded and the motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance. **(Resolution No. 15-058-CC for all 3 applications)**

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

The Commissioners approved and signed a request from Grant Integrated Services for approval and signature of a Cerner Sales Order for Behavioral Health Custom Consulting Services (Solution Designer and Strategist) in the amount of \$19,040.00.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015**

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

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Commissioners at Grant Conservation Districts – Projects Tour
11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	G Goodwin, Discussion on Chelan/Douglas/Grant County Behavioral Health Organization – Conference Call
1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	J Tincher, Public Works Update

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve item 2 on the Public Works Agenda as presented. The motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

1. Notice of Hearing Resolution: Vacation of Pat-chee Road hearing set for October 13, 2015 at 2:00 pm **(Item withdrawn)**
2. Quote Award Recommendation Memo: Purchase and Crush Scrap Metal – Requests for Quotes were sent out on August 24, 2015. Three (3) quotes were received back and after examining the Quotes it is Public Works recommendation to award to Bill York Crushing and Salvage, Inc. of Sagle, Idaho to purchase and crush scrap metal at the Ephrata Landfill in the amount of \$42.00 per ton and Mattawa/Coulee City Drop Boxes in the amount of \$35.00 per ton. **(Approved)**

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2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. C Carter at Aging and Adult Care of Central Washington – State Auditor’s Exit Conference (E Wenatchee Office)

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. G Dano, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office Update

Items discussed were: NWJP Update; Dalluge Letters; Felony Statistics; and Outside Counsel Adjustments.

3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Consent Agenda (Items 1 through 5)

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve items 1 through 5 on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE**

1. Commissioners Office and Public Defense Vouchers for approval. **(Approved)**
2. Commissioners August 31, 2015 Minutes for approval. **(Approved)**
3. Multi-Agency Communications Center MACC Bond Claims Payment Request (Batch 01-64) in the amount of \$12,642.91. **(Approved)**
4. Request from the Port of Moses Lake for a letter of support to the Federal Aviation Administration to protect and keep open the Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility at the Grant County International Airport. **(Approved)**

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE**

5. Request to amend the current Grant County Burn Ban to allow recreational fires in approved devices upon Grant County and Fish and Wildlife lands at the Moses Lake Sand Dunes. **(Approved)**

3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. J Gingrich, Fairgrounds Update

Items discussed were: Calendar and Accounting Updates; ongoing projects: L&I Coding for Fairgrounds, Gun Club Status, Rodeo Association, and Septic; Fair Updates: Fair “By the numbers”; Legislative Day at WSFA Convention.

**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 \$469,504.85, as recorded on a listing and made available to the Board.

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. C Swartz at Grant County Economic Development Council Meeting (ATEC, BBCC)
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. R Stevens, WRCIP Fiscal Committee Conference Call
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. FAIRGROUNDS FACILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (Fairgrounds)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

R Stevens, Out

- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. C Carter at QUADCO Meeting (Public Works Meeting Room)
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. C Carter at Retired Public Employees of Grant County Luncheon (Don's Restaurant, Soap Lake)
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. C Swartz at Legislative Steering Committee – Legislature Regional Meeting (Kittitas County Courthouse, Ellensburg)
- 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. C Swartz at Grant Transit Authority (GTA) Board Meeting (Moses Lake Facility Office)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2015**

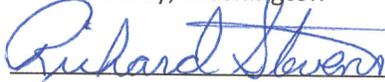
R Stevens, Out

- 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. C Swartz at WSAC Board of Directors Meeting (Ellensburg)
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. C Swartz at Grand Opening – Boys and Girls Club at Park Orchard Elementary School (Moses Lake) **(Did not attend)**

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Signed this 6th day of Oct, 2015.

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Richard Stevens, Chair

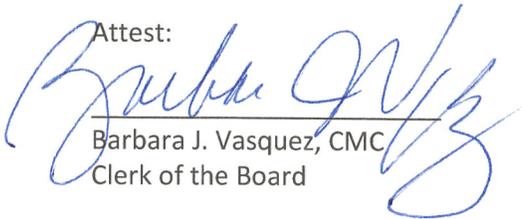
  
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Cindy Carter, Vice-Chair

  
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Carolann Swartz, Member

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Barbara J. Vasquez, CMC  
Clerk of the Board