

February 25, 2008

- The meeting of the County Commissioners was held in their meeting room at 9:00am. L. Merrill was not present. 02-25-08 mtg
- (1)
YTD Investment Earnings Report from the Treasurer's Office was \$51,359.46. YTD
- (2)
Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the minutes of their February 19, 2008 meeting. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver. Motion carried. Minutes
- (3)
The Board discussed numerous issues including the Title II prioritized list. Title II
- (4)
Motion was made by D. Cummings to re-appoint Margie Fedderly and Don Wilson to the Board of Equalization. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver. Motion carried. BOE re-appointment
- (5)
The Board reviewed the amended Development Regulations for Recreational Vehicle Parks and Resorts Resolution. The Board signed the amended resolution. They noted the motion had been made last week to approve the resolution. RV Resolution
- (6)
The Board discussed a number of items including the wolf being removed from the Endangered Species List. They also discussed the Clean Water Act and other legislative issues including OHV funds, HB 2819 and HB 6822. Correspondence and legislative review
- (7)
A call was placed to Forester, Steve Gibson, regarding Horseshoe Lake Timber Sale. Steve noted the Flying Goose sale is finished. He is checking on the Horseshoe Lake sale and in light of the price of timber will let the Board know when he suggests making that sale. Horseshoe Lake Timber Sale

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Sheila Stalp-Usk Bridge

Sheila Stalp with Cathy McMorris Rodgers' Office met with the Board to be brought up-to-date on certain County issues. Public Works Director, Ron Curren, was also present. It was noted the most recent bids for the Usk Bridge is \$37 million. The State Department of Transportation is now looking at doing major maintenance instead of rebuilding the bridge. That would include replacing the wood portion half of the bridge with steel. It was noted the bridge has an 80,000 pound limit which is a sufficiency rating of HS-15. The needs of today are a HS-25, when logging trucks can weigh 105,000 pounds each. Maintenance is less money, but not sufficient. This bridge is considered a "life line" for the County. They discussed the impact to the Reservation. D. Cummings stated the Federal Government is not paying their share when they own 60% of the County. The Board and Ron Curren went on to explain the problems with Public Law 106, Title II funding. Ron explained the State Bridge Engineer will put together what is needed for a major maintenance program, thus part of the bridge will be brought up to HS-25, but 2/3 of the bridge would remain at HS-15 capacity rating.

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S Stalp-OHV

Sheila Stalp was interested in the Off Highway Vehicles issues. The Board explained what our County has done so far towards Forest Management, including recreation and travel. The Board explained concept meetings with the Forest Service and the need for funding of trails, education and enforcement. The Board stated there has been very little opposition to OHV's from those meetings. All of the towns have voted to allow OHV's, except Newport.

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S Stalp-Milfoil

Sheila Stalp requested an update on the Milfoil issue. The Board explained the Corp of Engineers spent \$8 million for chemicals to use in Pend Oreille Lake. They also explained the Corp of Engineers' pilot program, noting they used our Weed Board as the lead entity. They had three test sites. Two were marginally successful and one was not successful because the water moves too fast and the chemical did not have enough time on the plant. The Board expressed their concern in the use of chemicals. At one time the Corp stated they would pay for half of the aquamog and then they had a policy change and denied the funding. The Corp is totally in favor of chemicals now. The County and PUD have weekly aquamog meetings and are pursuing the purchase of a harvester.

(11)

S Stalp-Legal Notice, WIRA

During Sheila Stalp's conversation with the Board they discussed a meeting with Senator Bob Morton who is working with our Prosecuting Attorney regarding putting the State of Washington on notice of what has been done by the County and if the bridge goes down, the County has done everything possible. The Prosecutor is looking to see who in the State should receive the Notice. They also discussed WIRA 55/57 issues, including the denial of municipal wells, which stops the growth of the City of Newport. They also discussed the possibility of a wildlife designation corridor from the Yukon, Canada to Yellowstone. The Board noted Senator Bob Morton and Representative Joel Kretz are familiar with this issue.

(12)

M Nichols-Precincts

Auditor Marianne Nichols and Elections Deputy, Liz Krizenesky, met with the Board to discuss decreasing the number of voting precincts from 27 to 17. She outlined the savings to the County. This will not change the Commissioner or Hospital Districts. Marianne has some HAVA funds available to help make this change and Spokane County has offered to help. She would like to make this change this year. It will cut the number of Precinct Committee Officer Positions. Marianne mentioned having a public hearing for comments and a final hearing. The Board thought it is a good idea. Marianne and Liz will move forward.

(13)

M Nichols-Credit cards

Marianne Nichols discussed a request from the Public Works Department to increase the limit of their credit cards as they share three credit cards in the Department. Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the amounts from \$2,000.00 to \$3,500.00. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver. Motion carried.

(14)

S Patton-update

Counseling Services Director, Steve Patton, met with the Board to provide an update.

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Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch.

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J Marthaller-update

Planning Director, Jim Marthaller, met with the Board to discuss a number of issues. He provided options in enlarging the Elections Office. Jim provided a Monthly Budget Report created from Win Cams software. He also noted he is working with the Assessor's Office regarding the GIS program. He is also working on the Willow Cove issue.

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Horseshoe Timber Sale

The Board learned from the Treasurer's Office that \$197, 755.00 from the Flying Goose Timber Sale has been received.

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D Ramsey-Agreement

County Engineer, Don Ramsey, met with the Board. The Board asked Ron Curren to be present to discuss the agreement with the State of Washington and Priest Lake Forest Service. Ron discussed grooming trails. K. Oliver placed a call to Nan Burger with the local Forest Service Office when he was unable to reach the parties listed in the Agreement. The Board questioned the County carrying insurance on the groomers. Nan felt normally the insurance is covered by the groomers. Ron Curren suggested not signing the agreement, stating the insurance section is not acceptable.

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BID OPENING-Asphalt Materials 2008-The Notice was read and the Chairman opened the bid opening and the one bid received from SemMaterials, LP. Motion was made by. D. Cummings to accept the bid. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver. Motion carried.

Bid Opening-Asphalt

(20)
Don Ramsey and Ron Curren discussed a number of Road issues and Title II funding.

D Ramsey, R Curren-Title II

(21)
Ron Curren provided an amendment to the agreement with Regional Disposal Company regarding Transfer Station Operations and Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Services, amending the time frame to three years. Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the agreement. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver. Motion carried.

R Curren-A-2008-10

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(22)
Chris Evers with the Hotel Motel Tax Advisory Board met with the Board and discussed the distribution of these funds. The Hotel Motel Board thought the Towns in the County would receive funds at the beginning of the year, but they actually will not until mid or end of this year. She requested \$8,000.00 be made available by the end of the second quarter to distribute to the Towns. She noted this will not affect the \$10,000.00 cushion that they keep in the fund. Marianne Nichols and Jill Shacklett were present and discussed having a supplemental appropriation hearing in the future.

C Evers-Hotel Motel funds

(23)
Ron Curren stated he has left a message with Donna Nemeth regarding Title II funding. Ron also discussed the request to increase the three credit card limits in the Public Works Department to \$5,000.00 each. After discussion, motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the request. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver. Motion carried.

R Curren-Title II

(24)
The Board approved the following payroll change notice:
SHERIFF
Elaine M. Webb, Civil Deputy, step 1 \$2,334, effective 03-03-08

Payroll changes

(25)
The Board sent the following correspondence:
Margie Fedderly- Re-appointment to Board of Equalization
Don Wilson- “

Corr sent

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Correspondence:
2.138 TEDD-RTPO Mtg 02-27-08
2.139 Sandra Dotts, DFW-Emergency TAG/CAG Meeting
2.140 Law Seminars-Washington Water Law 2008
2.141 MRSC-In Focus
2.142 Chris Evers-Hotel Motel Tax Bd mtg 02-29-08
2.143 Shelly Stafford-Management & Supervisory Training
2.144 Ernest and Elaine Brennecke-RV Regulations comments
2.145 Susan Harris to Chris Evers-Hotel Motel Tax Board
2.146 Jon Knechtel-Request support for adding Pacific NW Trail to National Scenic Trail System
2.147 Bob Briggs-Hotel Motel Tax Board Meeting
2.148 Chris Evers-Hotel Motel Draft Minutes
2.149 Tom Buckley-News Release, Interior Dept removed Northern Rocky Mt. Wolves from Endangered Species List
2.150 M P DiLeva, Seattle-Boundary Relicensing
2.151 Sen. Bob Morton-Usk Bridge Funding
2.152 Sen. Bob Morton-Columbia River Initiative Bill
2.153 Julie Borders-Info Request
2.154 Moses Timofeyev-Info Request
2.155 Nationwide-Federal Legislative & Regulatory Report
2.156 Lonnie Johnson-Directors Report
2.157 Anthony Jones-Grant Proposal Workshop
2.158 Karen Averitt-RV Regulations comments
2.159 Barbara Warden-Jail Managers Database
2.160 National Forest Counties & Schools Coalition-April conference
2.161 Mike Blankenship-Fire and Safety regarding OHV
2.162 Rashi Gupta-Rural Issues Sub-Committee Agenda
2.163 Brad Banks-WSAC Legislative Steering Committee
2.164 Steven Craig-New Book, Emergency Preparedness
2.165 Sylvia Urhausen-RV Regulations comments
2.166 Carol Graham-Tuesday Board Meeting

Corr

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- 2.167 Carolyn Russell-Parks & Rec Mtg
- 2.168 Shelly Stafford-Personnel Policy Mtg
- 2.169 Jim and Lisa Norfolk-RV Regulations comments
- 2.170 NACo- e-News
- 2.171 Ginni Peppert-SRS, PILT
- 2.172 NRCS-Meeting 03-05-08
- 2.173 Dept of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration-Rate case to revise power rates
- 2.174 Bill Vogler-Retirement celebration
- 2.175 RTPO-Agenda
- 2.176 Forest Practices Board-Board meeting
- 2.177 Milliman-Salary Survey
- 2.178 Mike Blankenship-Roadless
- 2.179 Carolyn Russell-Parks & Rec Feb Minutes
- 2.180 M P DiLeva-Boundary Relicensing
- 2.181 Wireless Internet Institute-W2i Report
- 2.182 Donna Nemeth, Colville Nat'l Forest-Oriole Mine News Release

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Vouchers

As of this date the Board approved for payment the following vouchers as listed and made available by the Auditor's Office:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Salary Fund Amt.</u>	<u>Salary Warrant #</u>	<u>Claim Fund Amt.</u>	<u>Claim Warrant #</u>
Current Expense			21,748.60	
Counseling Services			14,209.16	
Fair			513.33	
Road			13,836.05	
Veteran's Assistance			465.76	
Timber Sales			1,315.96	
Emergency 911 Communication			20,353.63	
Solid Waste			41,361.88	
County Insurance Fund			5,147.75	
Equipment R&R			34,187.49	
Unemployment Compensation			1,593.91	
Computer Equipment/IT Fund			1,177.13	800950

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Adjourn

Motion was made by D. Cummings to adjourn. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver. Motion carried.

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Clerk of the Board Chairman of the Board