

June 9, 2008

06-09-08 mtg The meeting of the County Commissioners was held in their meeting room at 9:00am. All members were present.

YTD Investment (1)
YTD Investment Earnings Report from the Treasurer's Office was \$118,688.50.

Min approved (2)
Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the minutes of their June 2, 2008 meeting. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

Budget (3)
The Board discussed a number of items including budget matters.

D Cummings-Parks & Rec (4)
D. Cummings discussed a request from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to authorize payment for meeting room rental as they rotate their meetings throughout the County. Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the request and pay for the space rental from the Park Fund. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

D Cummings-Federal funding (5)
D. Cummings discussed correspondence from Paul Pierce regarding legislation that will allow Secure Rural Schools funding to be paid at 67%. D. Cummings stated this is unfair if the Federal Government doesn't pay their total amount and he is against beginning negotiations, by agreeing to take a decrease.

S Sorby-G-2008-3 (6)
Weed Control Coordinator, Sharon Sorby, provided an Application for Federal Assistance for the Neighborhood Cooperative Title II funds. Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the Chairman signing the application. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

GRANT NO. 2008-3 VOL 28 PAGE 335-337 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

F Johnson-R-2008-34 (7)
Chief of Corrections, Fred Johnson, met with the Board and stated he received the transportation van title from Department of Corrections. He provided a resolution to have the vehicle maintained through ER&R. Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-34 VOL 28 PAGE 338 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

T Metzger-funding (8)
Prosecutor, Tom Metzger, met with the Board to discuss a number of items including the Secure Rural Schools funding from the Federal Government. D. Cummings gave the history of these funds beginning from 1905. Tom will look into the timber county funding for counties and schools.

EXE SES (9)
EXECUTIVE SESSION- L. Merrill advised the Board she needed to speak to them and Tom Metzger regarding the performance of a public employee as under RCW 42.30.110(g) for 15 minutes.

S Patton-C-2008-13 (10)
Counseling Services Director, Steve Patton, met with the Board and provided a contract amendment to Department of Social and Health Services' contract 0763-20333. Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the amendment. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

CONTRACT NO. 2008-13 VOL 28 PAGE 339-341 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

S Patton-brochures (11)
Steve Patton provided a memo and brochures in response to L. Merrill's request for information on how each department serves the public.

Lunch (12)
The Board recessed for lunch.

J Marthaller-OK to hire J Shelton (13)
Planning Director, Jim Marthaller, met with the Board. He spoke about Emery Little's request. He also noted they have completed the interviews for Geographic Information System/Planner and would like to hire Josh Shelton for that position. He noted they have set up training at Spokane County. Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the request to hire. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver. Jim also mentioned having Brad Stratton work on some of the mapping duties.

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County Engineer, Don Ramsey, met with the Board. He was asked about insurance for ATV special events and if there is a need for a pilot car. Don will look into that matter. Don mentioned the County will receive a refund from the Retro Pool because of low L&I claims. He suggested depositing it into the cash balance carried in the Insurance Fund and the Board agreed. Don also provided a claims update.

D Ramsey-ATV, Retro refund

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Public Works Director, Ron Curren, discussed the problems he is having in receiving the Aquatic Weed Harvester bids. He would like to create an addendum to accept bids by either fax or email and the Board agreed. It was noted the advertisement stated bids will be accepted until 3:00pm, Monday, June 10, 2008. It was clarified that bids will be accepted until 3:00pm, Tuesday, June 10, 2008.

R Curren-Harvester bids

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Ron Curren discussed Pend Oreille Park and that the County may be able to receive revenue from pulp when removing trees at the camp sites. Ron also discussed item 2.01 and 2.02 of the current Personnel Policy, advertising under unusual circumstances. Personnel Coordinator, Shelly Stafford, was also present.

R Curren-PO Park

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It was noted the L&I Retro Rating Pool refund check will be given to the Retro Pool members during the June 19, 2008 meeting.

Refund

(18)

Joe Onley and Lonnie Johnson, with the Economic Development Council (EDC) met with the Board. They mentioned meeting with the Board at least monthly to provide an update on the EDC. They discussed a recent meeting with Terry Knapton and John Halterman about creating a work plan. They also discussed having a neat, clean community.

J Onley, L Johnson-EDC

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Motion was made by L. Merrill to continue the meeting until June 10, 2008. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

Continue

June 10, 2008

The meeting of the County Commissioners was continued in their meeting room at 9:00am. All members were present.

06-10-08

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The Board discussed the next Department Head meeting and set it for July 29, 2008, 9:00am.

Dept Head mtg set

(21)

EXECUTIVE SESSION-Sheriff Jerry Weeks and Undersheriff Mike Cress advised the Board they needed to speak to them regarding the performance of a public employee as under RCW 42.30.110(g) for 30 minutes.

EXE SES

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Motion was made by L. Merrill that Jerry Weeks would begin looking for a portable building for temporary office space. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

J Weeks-portable bldg

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Emergency Management Director, JoAnn Boggs, provided a flood update which included the 2008 Flood Information report, river levels and a listing of who has been given sand and sandbags. JoAnn noted that she had a conference call this morning and Albeni Falls may begin closing gates at the dam. She suggested leaving the "No-Wake" signs up this weekend because the river level will most likely come up again. The Board agreed to leave the signs up.

J Boggs-Flood info

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Auditor, Marianne Nichols, met with the Board to request another credit card for the Counseling Services Department with a \$1,500.00 limit. Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the request. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

M Nichols-OK credit card

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Marianne Nichols discussed the recent Elections Audit Report, stating they are working on all of the items. She spoke about the problem with the precinct boundaries. They are in the process of setting up a Disability Board. She noted work with the Relay for Life and that they are looking for sponsors.

M Nichols-Elections Audit

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The Board received a conference call from Emery Little regarding appealing a Planning Commission decision. Senior Planner, Mike Lithgow, was present and stated the appeal fee is \$550.00. Mike and the Board discussed the two options available to Mr. Little, requesting a different variance to the Planning Commission or appeal the recent Planning Commission's decision to the County Commissioners.

E Little-appealing

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Space issues
Notice to Tri-Co Health

The Board discussed a continual problem, space issues and sending a letter to Northeast Tri-County Health District to end the lease agreement the County has with them. The lease agreement with the District calls for a year's notice. The Board will send a letter requesting lease termination.

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Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch.

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M Shelton, K Whitaker-
WCIF

Mike Shelton and Krista Whitaker with Washington Counties Insurance Fund, met with the Board and provided a financial overview, stating the Pool and Fund are doing well financially. They discussed funding of the wellness program. They are more apt to achieve rate stabilization when the members are as healthy as possible. Mike is going to recommend to the WCIF Board to fund a Wellness Coordinator. Mike also discussed providing an array of benefits on a voluntary basis, such as Long Term Care Insurance (LTCI). He noted they would need to have at least 10% of our insured employees enrolled in order to offer LTCI. Parents of employees can also buy the coverage at the same group rate. LEOFF-1 members can also be included. Presently the average cost for a LTC facility is approximately \$7,000.00 per month. They also discussed a Retiree Medical Program, a Medicare supplement and Short and Long Term Disability. They discussed the possibility of Northeast Tri-Co Health joining, stating they have made a presentation to Lincoln and Stevens County. WCIF is interested in writing NE Tri-Co Health as a separate entity. L. Merrill discussed the Pend Oreille County Wellness Program, stating the County adds to the WCIF program. Assistant Treasurer, Terri Miller, was present and stated the County Wellness Program now has 52 employees that participate. The County Insurance Committee is planning a Wellness Fair in the Fall. Terri brought up the co-pay to co-insurance issue, stating our insurance Committee is against this idea.

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P Van de Veer-
personnel

District Court Judge, Phil Van de Veer and Chief Deputy Clerk, T. J. Keogh, met with the Board and the Judge reviewed T. J.'s experience and requested he fill the open District Court Administrator position as of July 1, 2008, at step 4. This will be moving to a non-union position. After discussion, motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the request. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

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Judge Phil Van de Veer spoke about District Court Security and the need for improvements in the future. One step in that direction is to have the Bailiff, Rich Jennings, work in District Court every Wednesday during the criminal docket, effective July 2, 2008. Rich would be paid at the rate of \$100.00 per day as he is paid in Superior Court. The Board reviewed the District Court budget and motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the request. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

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Judge Phil Van de Veer discussed other personnel changes in his department. He requested Mia Harper fill T. J.'s open Chief Deputy Clerk position, move Tricia Shanholtzer to Mia's position and then advertise to fill the open Window Clerk Deputy Clerk at ½ to 3/5 time, but remain as a full-time position for budget purposes in case the position needs to be made full time in the future. Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the requests. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

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Bid Opening

BID OPENING-Aquatic Weed Harvester-Ron Curren was present. The Notice was read and the Chairman opened the hearing and the two bids received.

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Harvester

After reading the Aquatic Weed Harvester bids, motion was made by D. Cummings to accept the bid from Aquarius Systems for \$193,830.00, subject to Ron Curren working with Pat Buckley with PUD, to check that the bid is in order, including bonding documentation. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

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R Curren-amend Recycling
Bid opening

Ron Curren requested to move the Newport Solid Waste Recycling Building bid opening from 3:00pm June 23, 2008 to 3:00pm June 30, 2008. Ron also requested to purchase a Nitrogen Tank from the Facilities Maintenance budget for \$163.86. The Board approved both requests.

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R Curren-PO Park clean up

Ron Curren discussed his meeting with Brent Bronkhorst and the possibility of selling pulp from the Pend Oreille Park. There will be moderate clean up which the Jail crew can assist with. Motion was made by D. Cummings to begin removing the dead trees as soon as possible so the Park can be opened. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

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L Braun-CPR instructors

Commissioner Programs, Liz Braun, discussed the need for new CPR and First Aide instructors as the previous ones are no longer available. Liz listed the rates she has received from three instructors. K. Oliver mentioned a couple of instructors in the north end of the County. Liz will contact them.

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The Board approved the following payroll changes:

Payroll changes

SHERIFF

Dorothy Rennich-Kress, step 5 \$3,206, effective 07-01-08

Karen Beatty, step 5 \$3,206, effective 07-01-08

Steve James Beery, longevity \$25, effective 07-01-08

Jon Carman, step 3 \$4,672, effective 07-01-08

Tony Ingram, step 5 \$4,152, effective 07-01-08

Chad Goodhue, step 5 \$4,809, effective 07-01-08

Steve West, \$5,290, effective 07-01-08

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The Board sent the following correspondence:

Corr sent

Cory Rosen-Appointment to the Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters, Plan 1, Board

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Correspondence:

Corr

- 6.1 Scott Jungblom, PUD-Request exception to No-Wake restriction
- 6.2 Joel Nania, Inland Empire Bass Club-Request exception to No-Wake restriction
- 6.3 Newport City Council-Agenda
- 6.4 WSAC-Early Bird registration 2008 WSAC Joint District Mtg
- 6.5 Susan Harris-International Trade Administration
- 6.6 Grant Station-Insider
- 6.7 Doug Theil-Certified Security Classes
- 6.8 Newt Gingrich-Newsletter
- 6.9 Tom Robinson-Agenda June 18 meeting
- 6.10 Jim Marthaller-Advanced Hydrologic Prediction
- 6.11 Law Seminars-Renewable Energy
- 6.12 Polly Coleman, Stevens Co-LR Mitigations Funds
- 6.13 Eric Johnson-County Payments
- 6.14 Barbara Warden-Request for war memorials
- 6.15 Robert Weidner-SRS, PILT Update
- 6.16 Robert Beeler-Info request
- 6.17 Jennifer Watts, International Selkirk Loop-May minutes
- 6.18 Michelle Griffin, USDA-RC&D minutes
- 6.19 Carolyn Russell-Parks & Rec minutes
- 6.20 Pat Baxter, DOR-Property Tax Rules
- 6.21 M P DiLeva, Seattle-Boundary Relicensing
- 6.22 Ginni Peppert-Flag lowering
- 6.23 Karen Van Soest, TEDD-STIP Development
- 6.24 Steve Graham-Request OHV Ordinance
- 6.25 Terri Miller-Insurance Committee minutes
- 6.26 American Land Rights Assoc-Kelo Eminent Domain Land Grabs
- 6.27 M P DiLeva, Seattle-May 22 draft model demo summary
- 6.28 Carolyn Russell, Parks & Rec-Request County pay meeting room rentals
- 6.29 Shelly Stafford-WCIF Newsletter
- 6.30 American Land Rights Assoc-Gregoire, Ecology, Eminent Domain
- 6.31 Terri Miller-Will Preparation Program
- 6.32 Jennifer Watts, International Selkirk Loop-Mtg 06-13-08
- 6.33 Karen Van Soest, TEDD-ADA Proposed Changes
- 6.34 Ginni Peppert-Heritage Park Celebration
- 6.35 Polly Coleman, Stevens Co-Letter to Forest Service
- 6.36 Smantha Duncan, Secretary of State office-Review of Elections Department
- 6.37 Bonneville Power Administration-Newsletter
- 6.38 Cathy McMorris Rodgers-Family Workplace Act, HR 6025
- 6.39 Trish Fairbairn, Selkirk School Teacher-Thank you for approving Road Crew's visit
- 6.40 Katie Parker-Interested in Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- 6.41 U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission-Order granting rehearing re PUD
- 6.42 Newport Oldtown Chamber of Commerce-Newsletter
- 6.43 Eastern WA University-Graduate Program
- 6.44 Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern WA-Public Hearing
- 6.45 Arlen Baker-Duties for Summer Temporary Employees
- 6.46 Mike Blankenship-Proposed Recreation Rules
- 6.47 Eric Johnson-WSAC Business Mtg
- 6.48 Anthony Jones-Grant Writing Workshop
- 6.49 Western Counties Alliance-Newsletter
- 6.50 Robert Weidner-SRS PILT House Vote
- 6.51 Bill Hardy-RSN P&P's
- 6.52 Alden Boetsch, Sustainable NW-Partnership Mtg Summary Report

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- 6.53 Eric Johnson, WSAC-Co Payments Update
- 6.54 Marianne Nichols-May Budget Status Report
- 6.55 Kitty Bottemiller, WCRP-Summer Session July 30-August 1, 2008
- 6.56 Mary Lou Peterson, Okanogan-NE WA Counties
- 6.57 Steve Patton-Department services

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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 | | | 64,067.41 | 802600 |
| Counseling Services | | | 5,495.26 | |
| Fair | | | 3,160.79 | |
| Park | | | 192.02 | |
| Park/Weed (Milfoil) Control | | | 1,333.73 | |
| Road | | | 100,725.46 | |
| Veteran's Assistance | | | 166.15 | |
| Clerk's Collections | | | 30.97 | |
| Drug Enforcement | | | 260.69 | |
| Emergency 911 Communications | | | 7,714.84 | |
| Solid Waste | | | 14,032.01 | |
| County Insurance Fund | | | 115.45 | |
| Computer Equipment/IT Fund | | | 32,002.18 | |
| Sheriff's Trust | | | 225.00 | 802730 |

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Adjourned Motion was made by L. Merrill to adjourn. Motion was seconded by K. Oliver and so ordered by D. Cummings.

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