

June 23, 2008

- 06-23-08 The meeting of the County Commissioners was held in their meeting room at 9:00am. All members were present.
- YTD (1)
YTD Investment Earnings Report from the Treasurer's Office was \$131,401.64.
- Min (2)
Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the minutes of their June 16, 2008 meeting. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.
- Finance Committee (3)
Finance Committee-Those present were Charlotte Demlow, Marianne Nichols, Jill Shacklett and K. Oliver.
- Parks & Rec appointment (4)
The Board discussed the opening on the Parks and Recreation Board. Motion was made by D. Cummings to appoint Sam Nicholas. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.
- Update (5)
The Board discussed a number of issues including one member of the Board attending the next Northeast Washington Forestry Coalition meeting in August. K. Oliver provided an overview of the Washington State Association of Counties' meeting that he attended last week. He provided Sedgwick information with regards to the retro pool refund, Certified Public Official information, the projections of forest land and developed land in Eastern Washington State Report and the Report on Carbon Storage. K. Oliver also provided information on Designation-based Sales, the Streamline tax.
- K Oliver-Financial health (6)
K. Oliver discussed the Financial Health of Pend Oreille Study by the State Community Trade and Economic Development, noting Pend Oreille County is one of the 11 stressed counties and the 1995-2004 time period was the timeframe that the financial health was injured, according to the report. The Board discussed some suggestions within the report that they have already implemented such as looking at salaries to attract better qualified employees and keep the trained ones we have. The Board will discuss this further June 24, 2008 at 9:00am.
- Letter to R Brazell (7)
The Board discussed the letters to Rick Brazell, Forest Supervisor, from Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille Counties regarding the Colville National Forest Plan revision. Each county's letter was signed by all nine County Commissioners.
- Reviewed RFQ's (8)
The Board reviewed the four responses received to the Request for Qualifications for management consulting services.
- M Hemphill-request Computer, projector (9)
Guardian Ad Litem Program Director, Moira Hemphill, met with the Board and requested to purchase a computer. She also discussed her need for a projector for outside meetings and trainings. The funding would come from a request she has made to the State, but at this time the money could come from the salary line as there will be an overage there. The grant is from the Office of the Court Administrator. The computer would cost \$2,575.00 and the projector would cost \$439.00. L. Merrill explained the process for purchasing items that are not budgeted expenses and provided Moira with a form that would go before the Budget Committee. Moira stated she does not need the projector continuously. She also stated she has a Board set up and has had the first board meeting. They plan to try to increase revenues and volunteers. Moira also discussed the problems the GAL Department has had with attorneys blocking their unannounced visits and the desire to have paid attorneys instead of GAL volunteers.
- T Metzger-PILT, RFQ's, GAL request (10)
Prosecutor, Tom Metzger and the Board discussed a number of issues. They scheduled 9:00 am tomorrow to discuss the State Community Trade and Economic Development financial health analysis. Tom is working on the PILT funding and acquiring a portable building through the State Criminal Justice Training Center. The County would be responsible for transporting the building. They discussed the four Request for Qualifications received. Prothman has the most reasonable pricing and has worked with a number of government entities. They also discussed the need to appoint an Acting Assessor and Tom reviewed the RCW. They discussed the GAL request for a computer and projector. Tom may have a computer and projector that she could use for meetings and training. They also discussed a recent meeting about providing fiber within the County.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION- Counseling Service Director, Steve Patton, advised the Board he needed to speak to them regarding the performance of a public employee as under RCW 42.30.110(g) for 15 minutes. Tom Metzger was also present in the executive session.

EXE SES

(12)
Tom Metzger and the Board discussed a number of other items including the review of a lease agreement, land exchanges and fiber funding issues.

T Metzger-land exchanges,
Lease agreement

(13)
The Board recessed for lunch.

Lunch

(14)
Planning Director, Jim Marthaller, met with the Board and requested John Kopp be allowed to extend his building permit an additional year. After discussion, motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the request. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

J Marthaller-OK Kopp
extension

(15)
Jim Marthaller provided the County Space and Facility Needs Assessment and Capital Facilities Planning Request for Proposal for the Board's review. Jim also noted the Annex steps repair project will begin tomorrow. The Board asked Jim to reviewed herd districts, noting how many we have, their legal descriptions, and to include any maps and information he can find.

J Marthaller-Space & Facility
Needs Assessment

(16)
County Engineer, Don Ramsey, met with the Board and discussed a number of engineering meetings he attended at the Washington State Association of Counties including Day Labor issues and Bridge Replacement. The Board asked Don about installation of the Selkirk Loop signs. Don will look into this. They also asked him about the Sullivan Lake speed limit. He will collect engineering data and complete a report for the Board.

D Ramsey-Recent meetings,
Selkirk Loop Signs,
Sullivan lake sped limit

(17)
After discussion, motion was made by L. Merrill to contact Prothman regarding their Request for Qualifications. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

Contact Prothman

(18)
Public Works Director, Ron Curren, discussed the cleaning of Pend Oreille Park. He also provided a letter of commitment with Department of Natural Resources and Forest Capital, also known as Gallatin NE Washington, for culvert and road construction with regards to Beaver Creek. Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve Ron Curren signing the letter of intent. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

R Curren-PO Park, DNR letter
of intent

(19)
Steve Gibson, County Forester, provided a Request for Statements of Qualifications for Beaver Creek Culvert Installation. It will be on the County web site and an ad in the local newspaper. The Statements of Qualifications will be opened July 7, 2008 at 2:30pm.

S Gibson-Request for
Statements

(20)
Steve Gibson spoke about the danger trees throughout Pend Oreille Park. After discussion, motion was made by D. Cummings to begin the process to do salvage logging at the Park, including environmental permits. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver. D. Cummings and Steve Gibson set up a time for Steve and the Park Board to meet at the Park, Tuesday, July 1, 2008, 9:00am, to view and discuss the salvage logging proposal.

S Gibson-PO Park salvage
logging

(21)
Chief of Communications, Steve West, provided a lease agreement with Pend Oreille Valley Network to lease a 100 square foot area on Cooks Mountain from the County. Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the agreement. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

S West-A-2008-36

AGREEMENT NO. 2008-36 VOL 28 PAGE 380-386 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(22)
Steve West spoke about the Next Generation 911 Six-year Plan, stating JoAnn Boggs has suggested our county participate. Motion was made by L. Merrill to proceed. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

S West-Next Generation

(23)
Steve West spoke about having the ability to submit FBI reports and they are now being requested in a different format. Steve submitted a quote from Spillman Technologies for \$22,123.00 for the SNUG Group SIBRS Module. He has been told we would not qualify for federally funded grants without this module. The Board will look into this. Steve also stated that JoAnn Boggs wanted the Board to know Ken Maupin Logging and Construction is plowing the road to Calispel Peak.

S West-SIBRS Module

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HRG-Vacation

HEARING- Vacation of the Alley in Block 3 on the final plat of Tiger Townsite-The Notice was read and the Chairman opened the hearing. Those present were Mary Wallace and Don Ramsey. Don provided a report and stated his recommendation was to vacate the road and have no fee charged. No negative comments have been received.

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R-2008-35

Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the resolution to vacate the Alley in block 3 in the Tiger Townsite. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-35 VOL 28 PAGE 387-388 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(26)

R-2008-36

The Board reviewed the resolution, Distribution of 2007 PUD Privilege Taxes. Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-36 VOL 28 PAGE 389-393 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(27)

H/M vouchers approved

Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the following vouchers that were approved during the recent Hotel Motel Tax Advisory Board meeting: \$370.00 to the Festival Association for Selkirk Loop 2008 Travel maps, \$200.00 to Metalines Chamber of Commerce for brochure distribution and \$195.00 to Newport Oldtown Chamber of Commerce for brochure distribution. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

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Continue

Motion was made by L. Merrill to continue the meeting until June 24, 2008. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

June 24, 2008

06-24-08

The meeting of the County Commissioners was continued in their meeting room. All members were present.

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Call to Jan Anderson

The Board placed a conference call to Democratic Party Chairman, Jan Anderson, to discuss the open Assessor position. Prosecutor, Tom Metzger, was also present. She stated she will have names available for the Commissioners on June 30, 2008. She presently has two names and is working for a third. Tom asked Jan to make sure the candidates are available on Tuesday to meet with the Board.

(30)

T Metzger-County financial health

Tom Metzger and the Board reviewed the Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development County Financial Health and Governance Alternatives Report. The County is considered stressed and the Board has taken action in educating staff on how budgets work, having more involvement in the budget process, and with budgeting within our revenue to have a reserve.

(31)

HRG-B Langlais appeal

HEARING-Notice of Appeal from Brian Langlais, interior sprinkler system-The Notice was read and the Chairman opened the hearing. Those present were Leonard Pielli, Larry Eldridge, Brian Langlais, Mark Havener, Wes Bailey, Jim Marthaller and Mike Lithgow. Jim Marthaller read the Findings of Fact. Water pressure for the Diamond Lake Water and Sewer was discussed, the concern being if it is sufficient to run a sprinkler system. Mark Havener spoke that it was an access issue. He also suggested a dry pipe system. L. Merrill expressed the need to have Diamond Lake Water and Sewer District before the Planning Commission to set regulations.

(32)

Overturn Planning Comm decision

Motion was made by D. Cummings to overturn the Planning Commission's decision of requiring a residential sprinkler system with the following conditions: Ignition resistive materials must be used on the exterior of the structure and the homeowner will investigate the possibility of a dry standpipe system from Rockwood Road to the residence. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver. L. Merrill spoke about having the Planning Committee set regulations regarding this issue within the next six months.

(33)

M Nichols, J Marthaller-OK
Brad Stratton

County Auditor, Marianne Nichols, and Jim Marthaller met with the Board and provided a letter from Brad Stratton requesting to work in the Planning Department to assist with GIS mapping duties for approximately six months and then return to his present position. Jim and Marianne recommended approval of the request. It was noted Brad's salary would be paid from Growth Management. Motion was made by L. Merrill to approve the request. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

(34)

M Nichols-OK Julie Moore

Marianne Nichols requested to hire Julie Moore into Brad Stratton's position while Brad is not in the office, with her salary to be paid from the HAVA grant. Motion was made by D. Cummings to approve the request. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill and so ordered by K. Oliver.

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The Board reviewed the two letters of interest for the open position on the Planning Commission. After discussion, motion was made by L. Merrill to appoint Joe Cagianut. Motion was seconded by D. Cummings and so ordered by K. Oliver.

Planning Commission
appointment

(36)

Yesterday the Board asked the Assessor's Department staff to meet with them to discuss the vacancy in their office and today at 11:00am was set as the appointed time. Those present were Sonya Gamalielson, Fred Anderson, Jim McCroskey and Dara Thomas. They were told that Democratic Party Chairman, Jan Anderson, has stated that she will have names available Monday for the Commissioners to make an appointment. The Board expressed their appreciation to the Assessor's staff and they all agreed to continue to self-supervise as they have over the last six weeks.

Assessor's Staff-update

(37)

Commissioners Programs, Liz Braun, provided an update regarding First Aide and CPR class instructors, noting she has checked the other names that were given to her and the best price is Pathway Training Services. She also recommended Pathway Training Services because they have their own training room. The Board agreed to hire them for our First Aide and CPR training.

L Braun-OK Pathway Training

(38)

The Board approved the following payroll changes:

Payroll changes

PUBLIC WORKS

Kevin Wicklund-Maintenance Technician/Truck Driver, Road District #2, \$18.77/hr, effective 07-01-08

Steve Craig-Maintenance Technician/Truck Driver, Road District 1 \$18.77/hr, effective 07-14-08

Jim Miller-resignation, effective 06-30-08

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The Board sent the following correspondence:

Corr sent

John Andrews-Support State Fish and Game acquiring the remaining 1700 acres known as Rustler's Gulch

Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House-P.L. 106-393

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Correspondence:

Corr

6.104 Robert Weidner-Light Bulb – Congress Struggles

6.105 Law Seminars-Land Use

6.106 Rod Helm-Grant writing

6.107 Mary Pat DiLeva-Boundary Relicensing

6.108 Meg Decker-Resignation from Parks and Recreation Board

6.109 Jennifer Watts, International Selkirk Loop-Minutes

6.110 Brad Banks-WSAC Legislative Steering Committee materials

6.111 Kitty Bottemiller-WCRP Open House

6.112 Susan Harris-PORTA Website

6.113 Marianne Nichols-Relay for Life Reminders

6.114 Carolyn Russell-Park Board mtg

6.115 Forestco-Secure School Funding

6.116 Eric Johnson, WSAC-Secure School Funding

6.117 Grant Station-Insider

6.118 Tom Robinson, WSAC-Geothermal Energy Development

6.119 Tom Robinson, WSAC-Secure School Funding

6.120 Karen Van Soest, TEDD-All Weather Roads Roundtable Agenda

6.121 Mary Pat DiLeva, Seattle-Relicensing

6.122 Bill Newsome-Parks Board minutes

6.123 Western Counties Alliance-Newsletter

6.124 Carol Graham, International Selkirk Loop-Tourism information

6.125 Ron Curren-Solid Waste Specs

6.126 Law Seminars-Incentive Zoning Workshop

6.127 Jim Marthaller to Dave Clark-Diamond Lake Properties Boundary Line Adjustment

6.128 Elizabeth Braun to Jim Mathis, County Fair Manager-2008 Inspection Results

6.129 WSAC-Retro Refund

6.130 Bonneville Power Administration-Draft Financial Plan

6.131 Secretary of Interior-PILT payment

6.132 Janea Eddy, TED-CDBG 2008 Income Limits

6.133 Karen Van Soest, TEDD-RTPO Meeting

6.134 Robert Weidner-HR2642 Supplemental Appropriations Bill

6.135 Christine Renner, DSHS-Joint Meeting

6.136 Metaline Town Council-Council Minutes

6.137 Forestco-Legislative Update

6.138 Law Seminars-Renewable Energy

6.139 Tri-County Economic Development District-Thank you for continued support

6.140 Bill Newsome-Parks Board Minutes

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- 6.141 Rette Bidstrup, DNR-NEWICC Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- 6.142 Jane Leche, Forest Service-Wildfire press release
- 6.143 County Training Institute-Certified Public Official Program
- 6.144 WSAC-2008 Legislative Report
- 6.145 Sam Reed, Secretary of State-Questions regarding Top Two Primary
- 6.146 Joe Cagianut-Interest in Planning Commission
- 6.147 Sam Nicholas-Interest in Parks and Recreation Board
- 6.148 Stevens, Ferry Counties-letter to Rick Brazell-Colville National Forest Plan Revision
- 6.149 CTED-County Financial Health and Governance Alternatives

Vouchers approved

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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			24,678.33	802921
Counseling Services			8,164.37	
Park			119.97	
Milfoil Equipment Reserve			96,915.00	
Park/Weed (Milfoil) Control			42.85	
Clerk's Collections			88.32	
Drug Enforcement			374.90	
Emergency 911 Communications			3,103.03	
Solid Waste			62,622.57	
Computer Equipment/IT fund			680.93	
Sheriff's Trust			90.00	803030

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Adjourned

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

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