

January 5, 2009

The meeting of the County Commissioners, Laura Merrill, Diane Wear and John Hankey, was held in their meeting room at 8:45am. All members were present. PUD Commissioner, Dan Peterson, was present to observe all day.

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YTD Investment Earnings Report from the Treasurer's Office was \$193,694.20 for 2008.

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Motion was made by D. Wear to designate L. Merrill as Chair. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill. Motion was made by J. Hankey to designate D. Wear as Vice-Chair. D. Wear abstained. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2008 meeting. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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The Board reviewed the updated Office Manager/4-H Program Assistant job description. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the updated job description. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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Prosecutor, Tom Metzger, met with the Board to discuss a number of items including having a policy for filling Board appointed positions. He also spoke about purchasing computers and donating them back to the County. The computers will be considered County equipment and have a County inventory sticker. Tom and the Board reviewed conversations from last week's meeting regarding Skookum Rendezvous roads which are not yet up to County Road standards. Tom related some history and recent discussions with the State Auditor regarding the Commissioners' salary increases. Tom noted they are set to increase 3% each year and this can not be waived. The Board noted the Auditor has been working to form a Salary Commission. Tom also stated the medical cap for Commissioners can not be increased as it has to remain the same as the first year of their term.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION-Tom Metzger 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.

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Counseling Services Director, Annabelle Payne, met with the Board and discussed a Client Services Contract with Department of Social and Health Services. Motion was made by D. Wear to approve the contract. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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Annabelle Payne provided a weekly report and reviewed it with the Board. She noted a recent letter from Sacred Heart Hospital and the bed shortage issue.

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The Board recessed for lunch.

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Planning Director, Jim Marthaller, met with the Board and provided a building permit summary. He also provided a McGraw Hill Construction Update, showing the national down turn over the last three years. The Board noted that with the hearing last week, they approved the Cusick Urban Growth Area extension and provided information to Jim that brought about this approval. They also discussed a letter regarding bringing certain roads located in Skookum Rendezvous up to County road standards and there has been no written response from Swank and McPoland.

(11)

County Engineer, Don Ramsey, met with the Board and detailed projects he is submitting for funding. Don discussed adding Tacoma Creek to the Six-Year Transportation Program. The Board set a hearing at 2:00pm, January 20, 2009 to amend the Program.

(12)

Public Works Director, Ron Curren, discussed Mr. Dawson's overburden at the Ione shop. The Board asked Ron to clarify the size of the pit and the time frame he will have overburden on County. Ron requested to purchase a skid steer blade, off the State bid, from Rowan Machinery for \$4,250.00 from the Solid Waste budget. Ron provided information regarding the Solid Waste funds and projected projects. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill. Ron also discussed Brent Bronkhurst's bill for Pend Oreille Park clean up logging and recommended delivering the wood to the Road Shops.

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Ron Curren requested to purchase a Pitney Bowes Imagistics DI 460 copy machine from Office Tech, Incorporated from ER&R funds for \$10,817.03, including tax, which is a State bid. The maintenance is .0062 per copy. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the purchase. D. Wear abstained. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill. Motion carried. Ron provided his weekly report which included removing snow from the Hall of Justice roof.

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Emergency Management Director, JoAnn Boggs, met with the Board to provide an update and noted a weather briefing with the National Weather Service was just completed. They are expecting more snow Tuesday then rain Wednesday and Thursday. She reviewed a Situation Report which includes situations throughout the State. She mentioned screening volunteer workers who are removing snow, taking people to the doctor and delivering food.

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PUD General Manager, Bob Geddes, met with the Board. They discussed continuing to work together with regards to operating the new harvester for the milfoil program. Bob mentioned the Sullivan Creek process and power and fiber outages. He complimented the PUD crews for more aggressive tree trimming and the County Road crews regarding snow removal. He mentioned thief at some of the PUD locations, purchasing locally to keep local businesses and the closure of Pend Oreille Mine.

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Motion was made by D. Wear to continue the meeting until January 6, 2009. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

January 6, 2009

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

(17)
The Board discussed the request from Moira Hemphill to extend her vacation over the limited 30 days. The Board agreed she will have 90 days to use the extra vacation.

(18)
HEARING-Request to Designate as a Private Road and Gating the Road Serving Mountain View Terrace Short Plat-David Proctor spoke and requested a gate at Amber Lane and Willms Road to create a gated community of four five-acre parcels. Duane Becker requested Becker Road not be gated. Don Ramsey provided a department report and stated if the gate is approved Amber Lane needs to be designed a private road.

(19)
After the hearing, motion was made by J. Hankey to grant the request for Amber Lane to be designed a private road and to approve the gating, based upon the recommendations of the County Engineer in his report dated January 5, 2009. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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Personnel Coordinator, Shelly Stafford, met with the Board and provided a spreadsheet listing employees that have over 30 days of vacation, through November, 2008. She noted some union contracts allow more than 30 days and some employees may have used vacation during December. Shelly provided requests from Karen Beatty, Steve West and Darlin Sanchez for more time to use their vacation. Shelly will contact the employees that are over the limit and ask them to make a written request if they would like to keep those vacation hours.

(21)
Stan McNutt met with the Board regarding administrative services coordination. They discussed the recommendations made by Prothman, performance auditing under Initiative 900 and an Effective Government Seminar that he can provide. He discussed having good policies to continue from board to board.

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The Board recessed for lunch.

(23)
Auditor, Marianne Nichols, met with the Board regarding establishing the Salary Commission, stating the need for two members from each Commissioner District. She has sent out two different batches of letters and has received only one back stating they are willing to participate on the Commission. She noted the Commission will be only looking at Commissioners' salaries. They discussed sending 100 requests at one time then draw randomly from those that say yes, out of the 100. Marianne will continue in that manner. Marianne also discussed the request from Annabelle Payne for a second County credit card for Counseling Services in the name of Rusty Squires. After discussion, motion was made by D. Wear to approve the request. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

(24)

Mark Havener, Wes Bailey and Leonard Pielli met with the Board to discuss having an agreement with the County regarding snow removal at the fire districts' parking lots, stating they are willing to look at an agreement that would work for both parties.

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The Board approved the following payroll changes:

ASSESSOR

Bruce McDonald, Appraiser II, step 3 \$3,003, effective 01-07-09

SHERIFF

Wayne Brigante, termination, effective 12-31-08

PUBLIC WORKS

Kyle Carroll, Temporary Extra Help, Snow Removal, \$9.29/hr, effective 12-30-08

Gerald Mylar, Temporary Extra Help, Snow Removal, \$9.29/hr, effective 12-30-08

Nolan Brooks, Temporary Extra Help, Snow Removal, \$9.29/hr, effective 12-30-08

Joshua Mills, Temporary Extra Help, Snow Removal, \$9.29/hr, effective 01-05-09

DISTRICT COURT

Leslie Graff, Resignation, effective 01-09-09

TREASURER

Vickie Miles, Full-time, step 1 \$2,191, effective 01-01-09

EXTENSION

Lisa Hemphill, Office Manager/4-H Program Asst, Full-time, step 1 \$2,294, effective 01-01-09

COMMISSIONERS

Dean Cummings, End of Term, effective 12-31-08

Kenneth Oliver, End of Term, effective 12-31-08

Diane Wear, Commissioner, \$4,300, effective 01-01-09

John Hankey, Commissioner, \$4,300, effective 01-01-09

(26)

The Board sent the following correspondence:

Richard Prange-requesting assistance with obtaining federal funding

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Correspondence:

12.165 Sandy Clavell-Apply for position on committee reviewing office space availability

12.166 Leslie Jones-2009 Tri-County Economic Development District Representation

12.167 Warren Weber-Interest in committees reviewing salaries and office space

12.168 Futurewise-Comments on the Pend Oreille County Comprehensive Plan Update for 2008

12.169 Carol Irion, ALTCEW-ALTCEW Governing Board Special Ballot

12.170 Eric Johnson, WSAC- NACo Question on Foreclosures

12.171 JoAnn Boggs-Situation Report from the State Emergency Management Operations Center

12.172 Patricia Anderson, DNR-January 2009 Meeting notice (Olympia)

12.173 M. Nichols-2009 Approved County Budget

12.174 Mary Lou Peterson-Budget Information

12.175 Mary Pat DiLeva-Boundary TDG Physical Model Tour on January 20, 2009-Confirmation

12.176 Evelyn Bell-Conference Call meeting

12.177 Carol Irion-FW: Weather Emergency-Office Closure

- 12.178 Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers-In Case You Missed It: Earmark Reform
- 12.179 April Silva-2009 Travel Voucher forms
- 12.180 Jon Kinne, NCWRSN-FW: FYI: 12-26-08 Washington Post-States forced to cut back Medicaid coverage
- 12.181 Susan Hobbs-Agenda
- 12.182 Jon Kinne-NCWRSN-Complimentary copy of report about Medicaid policy and managed behavioral health care
- 12.183 Jon Kinne, NCWRSN-Seattle Times Article on WSH
- 12.184 Carol Mack-Water Trail Planning meeting January 15, 2009, Kalispel Tribe Camas Wellness Center
- 12.185 Julie Beeck, Rural Resources-POC Representative on the Workforce Development Council
- 12.186 Tom Trulove, CERB-2008 CERB legislative report
- 12.187 POC Fair Board-December 2, 2008 Minutes; January 6, 2009 Agenda
- 12.188 FERC-Order Granting Extension of Time re PUD Project No. 2042-143
- 12.189 Dean Cummings-Janet Lambarth re: your interest in a riverboat
- 12.190 Lenford O'Garro, Dept. of Health-Public Comment Draft re Lake Roosevelt Non-Tribal Beach Sediment Exposure Health Consultation
- 12.191 Eric Johnson, Washington Counties-FW: Clark Fletcher, IRS re Proposed Regulations, IRC Section 3402(t)
- 12.192 Susan Hobbs-Minutes

(28)
 As of this date the Board approved for payment the following vouchers as listed and made available by the Auditor's Office:

Fund	Salary Fund Amt.	Salary Warrant #	Claim Fund Amt.	Claim Warrant #
Current Expense			33,260.00	900000
Arts, Tourism & Recreation			2,275.00	
Counseling Services			3,828.26	
Veteran's Assistance			106.15	
Timber Sales			269.50	
Drug Enforcement			247.43	
Extension Education			50.00	
Growth Management			11,573.64	
Sheriff's Trust			381.00	900090

(29)
 Motion was made by D. Wear to adjourn. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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