

January 26, 2009

The meeting of the County Commissioners was held in their meeting room at 9:00am. All members were present. Dan Peterson, PUD Commissioner, observed the meeting.

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YTD Investment Earnings Report from the Treasurer's Office was \$9,591.31.

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Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the minutes of their January 20, 2009 meeting. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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Paul Machtolf with Ponderay Newsprint Company (PNC) met with the Board. He noted they have been working full-time since their down time last spring, but some of their partners have had down time. He expressed a concern to continue to have enough orders and is hopeful to see international newsprint sales increase. They are presently shipping east of the Rocky Mountains. They are looking at new technologies to conserve power. It would be a large investment, mostly in new equipment, not construction. They discussed the streamline tax and how the County benefits from equipment being delivered in the County. Also mentioned was the Rural Resources Workforce Development workshop and re-training opportunities for Teck employees, including on-line training.

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Prosecutor, Tom Metzger, met with the Board to discuss a number of items including the Open Public Meetings Act. The Board mentioned traveling together to meetings. Janelle Atyeo, with the Newport Miner, was present and when asked, she stated it is helpful to have notification to the newspaper. Tom discussed dog control issues, stating the City of Newport has a new Animal Control Officer beginning employment and Tom reviewed the agreement between the City and the County. Tom also mentioned Pictometry and the Planning Department using the same Request for Proposals as Clark County. Tom and the Board also spoke about different proposed legislation.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION-Tom Metzger advised the Board he needed to speak to them regarding potential litigation as under RCW 42.30.110(i) for 15 minutes; they returned at 11:20am.

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Counseling Services Director, Annabelle Payne, discussed State budget cuts, stating it appears the rural Regional Support Networks (RSN's) are having the largest budget cuts. There are rumors to remove the RSN system, which would not benefit small rural counties. She also discussed the reduction in beds. In discussing her budget, D. Wear spoke about unpaid leave days, placed next to a holiday. Some counties are having ten unpaid leave days per year, instead of having layoffs. They discussed having CASA/GAL be part of the Counseling Services Department. They also discussed using part of the First Street Counseling building to house another department.

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The Board recessed for lunch.

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Public Works Director, Ron Curren, and County Engineer, Don Ramsey met with the Board and clarified the traction sand policy, stating it is available for private use, for the public to shovel into their buckets or their pickup trucks, from the County site.

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Planning Director, Jim Marthaller, discussed the Planning Commission Herd District comments and provided the comments from John Krogh and Gaylan Warren.

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Don Ramsey discussed an engineering inspection report he received pertaining to the Sallyport roof at the Sheriff's Office, which included snow load recommendations and a repair that is needed. He also mentioned a letter from Sewell Engineering regarding Ashenfelter Bay Road. He will respond that they need to discuss this with the U. S. Forest Service. Other items discussed were the Boating Ordinance and Skookum Rendezvous. The Board requested Ron Curren begin a letter clarifying the road needs to meet current road standards.

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Ron Curren requested to accept Small Works Roster proposals for installing electrical services at the Deer Valley Solid Waste Recycling Facility. The Board approved his request and set the Bid Opening for 2:30pm, February 9, 2009.

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Ron Curren requested to purchase a Sprinter 150-M Electronic Level Package from Kuker-Ranken, Inc. through State contract, for the Survey Crew from the Road budget, for \$2,156.11. Motion was made by D. Wear to approve the purchase. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

(13)

J. Hankey provided an update for the Board of the recent Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

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Personnel Coordinator, Shelly Stafford, met with the Board and discussed the County Wellness Program and applying for the Washington Counties Insurance Fund grant. She mentioned the Log to Live and reimbursement for a portion of Weight Watchers and gym memberships. She mentioned some ideas to add to the Program and to have more employees involved. Motion was made by J. Hankey to continue the Wellness Program, including time off. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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Motion was made by J. Hankey to continue the meeting until January 27, 2009. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

January 27, 2009

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

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Maury Cain, Recruiting Assistant for the U. S. Census, met with the Board. He stated 6,600 employees will be hired in Eastern Washington for the upcoming census. These are temporary jobs, the lowest, paying \$11.75 per hour, plus mileage. It was suggested he also attend City Council Meetings to recruit.

(17)  
Emergency Management Director, JoAnn Boggs and Chief of Communications, Steve West, met with the Board. JoAnn mentioned listing property losses from the recent snow storm. She and Steve also spoke about their Uninterrupted Power Supply which has one of its modules going out. They estimate the cost to be approximately \$18,000.00. The State will pay the cost. They also spoke about the Hoo Doo radio sight, stating we may share the building costs with Bonner County.

(18)  
JoAnn Boggs and Steve West provided the Homeland Security contract, a planning grant which pays for the part-time Emergency Management Assistant and part of an IT Specialist's salary. 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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(19)  
Guardian Ad Litem Program Director, Moira Hemphill, met with the Board and noted she has a working computer the IT staff has set up for her. She also stated the WA State CASA has lost their funding and noted they presently provide approximately 15% of her budget and all of their training. The GAL/CASA Board has mentioned having fund raisers and they are partnering with a fire district to inform the community. The Board discussed recent conversations with Superior Court Judge, Rebecca Baker, and they are looking to bring CASA under the Counseling Services Department. It would give her more administrative support. Moira was given some ideas for her to review regarding working under Counseling. Moira noted that Ferry County CASA works under the Counseling umbrella and they feel it has been helpful. The Board also addressed Moira's comp time, stating with the new policy comp time will need to be used within 90 days or the employee will lose the time. Moira noted the GAL Advisory Board is meeting quarterly and monthly the volunteers have a brown bag meeting. The Commissioners were invited to attend.

(20)  
Steve West and IT Supervisor, Chad Goodhue, met with the Board. Chad provided a history of the IT department over the last few years. They discussed a number of items including dark fiber, the replace computer plan which will do away with the disparity between departments and standardize with HP, replacing the AS 400, having licenses for all software, noting Cindi Canavero is preparing training for Office 2007 and Windows Vista and will review the licenses at the time of training. They have gone out for Help Desk Software bids which will provide tractability for all information and public disclosure requests, along with building maintenance requests. They mentioned negotiating a purchase through HP for Deputy laps tops and thermal printers. They also mentioned Email retention and the ability to archive. They reviewed Survey Road Crew Equipment Connectivity, Cisco Unity voicemail server, Network switches, Spillman server, Positron (911 telephone and mapping system), server software, cleaning up the network, Network Security Appliance, Off-site backup server and POVN corporate accounts, along with a Blackberry Client Access Licenses Service Contract.

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The Board recessed for lunch.

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Bob Royer and Jeffrey Bell with Gallatin Public Affairs, along with Nancy Lotz, Selkirk School District Superintendent, met with the Board. Tom Metzger was also present. Bob provided a presentation. The Board expressed having a good partnership with Seattle City Light. They discussed continuing the relationship with Gallatin Public Affairs for 90 days at the same cost of \$5,000.00 per month. Nancy stated they receive approximately 12% of the total and would be willing to pay 12% of this contract amount. Tom provided a Letter of Agreement for the Board to consider. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the agreement. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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(23)

District Court Judge Phil Van de Veer and District Court Administrator, T. J. Keogh, met with the Board. They stated that 65 applications were received for their open Deputy Clerk position and they interviewed 9. They requested to hire Sheila Stierle effective January 29, 2009. Motion was made by D. Wear to approve the hiring contingent upon background checks. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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Tom Metzger suggested having a deep cleaning of the Superior Court Room, District Court Room and public areas at the Hall of Justice.

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The Board reviewed the Noxious Weed Board request to purchase a Brother 4070 high-speed printer from their Small Tools and Minor Equipment budget. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the expenditure. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

(26)

The Board discussed the upcoming conference call with Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers and points of interest to discuss.

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The Board reviewed the letters of interest for the Board of Equalization Alternate Member. Ted Shrum and Craig Jenkins will be set up for interviews.

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At the request of Executive Administrative Assistant, Dawn Taylor, the Chair signed the Annual Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification Affidavit.

(29)

The Board reviewed the Resolution approving an agreement with the Town of Metaline Falls and providing for the Coordination of Local Planning and Permitting Services. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the resolution. Motion was seconded by L. Merrill. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-8 VOL 29 PAGE 116-118 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(30)

The Board approved the following Payroll Changes:  
Michael Kirkwood, Longevity \$60/month, effective 01-01-09

Kathleen Hill, Longevity, \$35/month, effective 01-01-09

(31)

The Board sent the following correspondence:

Margie Ferdderly-Appointment to Noxious Weed Board

Bill Newsome-Thank you for your service

Steve Kiss-Thank you for your service

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Correspondence:

1.128 Liz Krizenesky-Canvass Board Schedule for 2009

1.129 Steve Gibson-Annual Timber Report

1.130 John Halterman-AmeriCorps Evaluation of Tourism & Recreation

1.131 Moira Hemphill-CASA Advisory Board Meeting

1.132 International Selkirk Loop-Signage Meeting

1.133 Angela Cain-Revised Career Exploration Schedule

1.134 Pat Baxter, DOR-Property Tax Valuation Guidelines

1.135 Blake McAnerin-Info Request

1.136 Renee Andrako-Info Request

1.137 Dave Rochford-Info Request

1.138 Legacy Bonner-Info Request

1.139 Zavier Guiland-Info Request

1.140 Kevin Wright-Info Request

1.141 Brad Banks-WSAC Legislative Bulletin

1.142 Grant Station-*Insider*

1.143 Brad Banks-Legislative Steering Committee Meeting

1.144 Tri-County Health Dist-Jan 29 meeting, Newport

1.145 Eric Johnson-Rural Issues Subcommittee

1.146 NFCSC-Vote yes on American Recovery and Investment Act

1.147 NACo-e-news

1.148 Karen Van Soest, TEDD-Acess-wa-leaders Grants

1.149 JoAnn Boggs-Cancel 02-04-09 LEPC meeting

1.150 Sara Bright, WSAC-Feb 5-6, 2009 Legislative Rally

1.151 Stan McNutt-Preparations

1.152 Eric Johnson, WSAC-Legislative Rally & meeting with legislators

1.153 Robert Weidner-Senate confirms new Secretaries

1.154 Dan Peterson-Watershed Links

1.155 Chad Goodhue to Jim McCroskey-Website

1.156 Shelly Stafford-Open Board Positions

1.157 Mary Pat DiLeva, Seattle-Materials for WQ IRA Meeting

1.158 Karen Dodson, Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers' Office-Request topics for conference call

1.159 Susan Hobbs-Interest in Planning Commission

1.160 Municipal Research & Services Center-*In Focus*

1.161 Jo Benham-Emergency Food and Shelter Program meeting

1.162 NE WA Regional Transportation Planning Organization-meeting

1.163 Gaylan Warren-Herd Districts

1.164 Susan Hobbs-interest in Planning Commission

1.165 Nat'l Watershed Coalition-Newsletter

- 1.166 David Saavedra, Dept of Revenue to Jim McCroskey-Countywide appraisals
- 1.167 Randy Hoisington, Sewell & Associates-Ashton Bay Estates
- 1.168 Carolyn Russell-River Commission Jan 22, 2009
- 1.169 NCWRSN to HRSA/DSHS/Mental Health Division
- 1.170 NE Tri-County Health District-2009 Schedule of Meetings
- 1.171 Susan Hobbs-Permitting Recommendations
- 1.172 Eric Johnson-Open Public Meeting Act Article
- 1.173 Carol Mack-Pend Oreille River Water Trail Jan 15 minutes
- 1.174 Brian Egland, Tammy Scribner to Safety Committee-Surplus Truck
- 1.175 Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers-Newsletter
- 1.176 John Keogh-Herd District comments
- 1.177 Gaylan Warren-Herd District comments
- 1.178 David Gruver-Interest in Parks and Recreation Board
- 1.179 Gallatin Public Affairs-Presentation

(33)  
 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			35,615.63	900445
Arts, Tourism & Recreation			4,183.62	
Counseling Services			4,315.41	
Fair			1,137.92	
Law Library			34.81	
Park			5,170.83	
Park/Weed (Milfoil) Control			42.14	
Road			32,344.14	
Veteran's Assistance			300.00	
Treasurer's O&M			447.30	
Drug Enforcement			30.00	
Extension Education			5,060.00	
Capital Projects			1,768.60	
Solid Waste			11,938.76	
Equipment R&R			42,023.44	
Sheriff's Trust			162.00	900626

(34)  
 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