

March 9, 2009

The meeting of the County Commissioners was held in their meeting room at 9:00am. All members were present. Administrative Services Manager, Stan McNutt, was present at times to observe the meeting.

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YTD Investment Earnings Report from the Treasurer's Office was \$21,929.88.

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Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the minutes of their March 2, 2009 meeting. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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Conference Call: Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers and her staff. They spoke about the economy and stimulus package. There is a web site listing the State designations, www.recovery.wa.gov. They also spoke about transportation funding, Sullivan Creek, budget and the Seattle City Light impact and negotiations, along with a Stonegarden grant update.

(4)
The Board reviewed the letter from David Gruver which expressed an interest in the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board opening. This is the only letter of interest the Board has received. J. Hankey noted Mr. Gruver has been attending every Parks and Recreation meeting that he has attended. Motion was made by J. Hankey to appoint Mr. Gruver. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

(5)
Jack McLaughlin with D. A. Davidson and Company met with the Board. He provided and reviewed a number of documents regarding the Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$1,210,000.00. Mike Ormsby and Laura Macklin with K & L Preston Gates Ellis, LLP, reviewed the bond resolution. Motion was made by D. Wear to approve the resolution which includes the authorization for the bond purchase agreement. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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(6)
Emergency Management Director, JoAnn Boggs and Chief of Communications, Steve West, met with the Board to provide an update. They provided a list of 911 equipment purchases and informed the Board they may need funds for the purchases that will be 100% reimbursed by the State. It was noted these items were included in a contract and already approved by the Board. It will cover computers, monitors, phones and a server, which is an upgrade of old equipment. They mentioned they will have applicant briefings next Wednesday for the Presidential Declaration for Winter Storms 2008 funds. JoAnn has set up spotter classes with the National Weather Service to retain more accurate records of snow levels. Also the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan is due for an update. There are Plan Update grants available and JoAnn is applying for a grant to hire a consultant.

(7)
Personnel Coordinator, Shelly Stafford, met with the Board and provided a letter from Tammy Scribner requesting the Board extend the vacation overage extension. D. Wear mentioned points that were discussed in a meeting she recently attended which included recommending adoption of the bargaining agreement, budget and

Personnel Policy each year. Stan McNutt mentioned having an evaluation system where the department head will monitor the use of vacation time.

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The Board recessed for lunch.

(9)

Stan McNutt, Teamsters Union Representative, Steve Bruchman, Chief of Communications, Steve West, Information Technologies Supervisor, Chad Goodhue, and IT Specialists, Karen Betty and Dorothy Rennich-Kress, met with the Board. Public Works Director, Ron Curren, Planning Director, Jim Marthaller and County Engineer, Don Ramsey, were also present. Stan discussed establishing an Information Technology Department and he and Chad reviewed an organizational chart for the department. Motion was made by D. Wear to administratively move forward and prepare documentation to create a separate IT Department under statutory authority of the Board. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

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BID OPENING-Asphalt Materials 2009-The Notice was read. Two letters were received stating they were not placing bids at this time.

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Jim Marthaller, met with the Board. Josh Shelton, GIS/Planner, and Mike Lithgow, Senior Planner, were also present and provided three competitive bids for an ArcGIS Server.

(12)

Don Ramsey and Ron Curren, discussed the Counseling Services van, stating it would be too costly to repair. Don Ramsey provided a Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement with Nicholls Engineering, adding \$6,000.00, which brings the total agreement to \$41,469.00 for the West Branch Bridge #3 Replacement project. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the agreement. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

AGREEMENT NO. 2009-10 VOL 29 PAGE 223-224 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(13)

Don Ramsey provided a Checklist of Reclamation Standards from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources regarding the permitting of the Pend Oreille County District One Sand Pit. Motion was made by D. Wear to authorize the Chair to sign. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

(14)

Ron Curren mentioned the Stimulus funds for the Deer Valley project in the amount of \$471,000.00. He also provided the Solid Waste Advisory Committee agenda for their first meeting, along with his weekly report. He stated electrical service has been installed at the recycle building.

(15)

EXECUTIVE SESSION-The Board advised Ron Curren they needed to speak to him regarding the performance of a public employee as under RCW 42.30.110(g) for 10 minutes. They returned at 2:52pm.

(16)

Bob Geddes, PUD General Manager, met with the Board and they discussed a number of items including the Sullivan Lake project and Box Canyon project, including the bidding process for an office building remodeling project. The PUD is beginning to look at their financial forecast. They also discussed the milfoil program and the Seattle City Light negotiations.

(17)
Stan McNutt, Steve Bruchman and Chad Goodhue met with the Board to continue the conversation of establishing an IT Department. They reviewed the resolution establishing the IT Department. Stan discussed the current addressing ordinance and the need to show their street address.

(18)
Motion was made by D. Wear to continue the meeting until March 10, 2009. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

March 10, 2009

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

(19)
The Board reviewed a resolution with Washington Counties Risk Pool naming and confirming the appointment or designation of contact persons. Motion was made by J. Hankey to approve the resolution naming Diane Wear as Director and Laura Merrill as Alternate Director, Don Ramsey as Risk Manager, Liz Braun as Safety Officer and Tom Metzger as Claims Administrator. Motion was seconded by D. Wear and so ordered by L. Merrill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-19 VOL 29 PAGE 225-231 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(20)
Board discussed the need to appoint a Board member as a liaison for the IT Department, Public Works Department and Planning Department. The Board discussed oversight, length of term and the eventual need for a resolution. Also discussed was a need for a liaison for Counseling, Extension and possibly for Weeds. J. Hankey asked if economic development would be a component of Planning.

(21)
EXECUTIVE SESSION-Stan McNutt requested to speak with them regarding the performance of a public employee as under RCW 42.30.110(g) for 20 minutes. They returned at 9:55am.

(22)
The Board and Stan McNutt had further discussion regarding the appointment of a Board liaison for IT, Public Works and Planning. They also discussed the need for a liaison for Counseling Services, Extension and Personnel. It was noted the Weed Department reports to the Weed Board. Motion was made by D. Wear to appoint specific liaisons as follows: L. Merrill for IT Department and Personnel, D. Wear for Planning and Counseling Services and J. Hankey for Public Works and Extension. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

(23)

Wayne Antcliff and Jason Reese, with Concept Cable TV, met with the Board to discuss Concept Cable's proposal for televising the Board of County Commissioners' meetings. Wayne noted the cost to Concept Cable would be approximately \$5,000 to \$6,000 with the County providing the recording/audio equipment at a cost of approximately \$4,000 to \$6,000. Also discussed were live internet and/or recorded streaming and the broadcast quality audio component. The Board asked Wayne Antcliff to provide information on vendors.

(24)

Marianne Nichols, Auditor, presented an Interlocal Agreement between Pend Oreille County and Douglas County which will provide a cooperative purchasing agreement to cover the purchase of a document recording system. Marianne noted that she discussed this agreement form with Douglas County's legal counsel. After review and discussion, motion was made by D. Wear to sign the Interlocal Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Douglas County for the purchase of recording software. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

AGREEMENT NO. 2009-11 VOL 29 PAGE 232-233 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(25)

Marianne Nichols informed the Board of the receipt of a HAVA grant which will enable recording of candidate statements and will be made available to the public through the County's website.

(26)

Robert Eugene Holmes met with the Board to inform the Board of the filing of a legal notice with the Auditor. Mr. Holmes stated he originally filed this with the Department of Licensing and the Sheriff's Office and he is recording the document again due to missing documents in the original filing. Mr. Holmes discussed property taxes and his request for information and authority. Mr. Holmes informed the Board he had filed and published a Declaration of Independence.

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The Board recessed for lunch.

(28)

John Buehler, Colville National Forest, Forest Service Ranger, provided an update on a variety of projects, including Economic Stimulus Recovery Plan, South End Motorized Use, Environmental Analysis and Harvey Creek Road Snowmobile Closure. Ron Curren was also present. Mr. Buehler discussed Economic Stimulus projects and requests for funding which have been submitted in the areas of hazardous fuels reduction, infrastructure (road reconstruction, bridgework, gravel), and timber stand improvement. Mr. Buehler stated if these requests are funded it would mean the creation of jobs for contracting, stewardship projects and general contractors to oversee the projects. Mr. Buehler provided updates on the timber program and the status of various timber sales, pilot projects which would stabilize projects for ten years, noting the Proof of Concept Plan would be worked into the pilot project. Mr. Buehler also noted they are working on a Forest Plan revision and they are trying to develop a sustainable recreation strategy. J. Hankey asked about the interchangeability of the admissions fee for the various lakes. Mr. Buehler will look into this. Ron Curren discussed various Title II projects. Also discussed was the Harvey Creek Pit closure and Fish and Wildlife's part in this closure regarding recreational vehicles.

(29)

Stan McNutt met with the Board to discuss administrative procedures regarding Board agenda procedures, formal meetings rules of procedure and order of legislative business.

(30)

The Board reviewed and discussed a resolution regarding Pend Oreille Tourism Alliance (PORTA) and the establishment of Pend Oreille County Visitors Bureau. Motion was made by D. Wear to sign a resolution designating Pend Oreille Tourism Alliance as the operating entity in establishing the Pend Oreille County Visitors Bureau. Motion was seconded by J. Hankey and so ordered by L. Merrill.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-20 VOL 29 PAGE 234-235 COMMISSIONERS RECORDING

(31)

The Board approved the following payroll changes:

SHERIFF

Donald Davidson, Step 4 \$2,714, Longevity \$25, effective 04-01-09

COUNSELING SERVICES

James Chermak, Step 3 \$14.74/hr, effective 03-01-09

Tonya Stern, Step 4 \$5,550, effective 03-01-09

Claralee Johnson, Retirement, effective 04-30-09

(32)

The Board approved the following application for advance travel expense:

Glenn Blakeslee, 03-22-09, \$360.00

(33)

The Board sent the following correspondence:

David Gruver-Appointment to Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Ken Jacobsen-SB 5127

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Correspondence:

2.138 Patricia Lacy-Animal running loose, possibly emaciated

2.139 Fair Board-Agenda

2.140 Senator Bob Morton to Senator Margarita Prentice-Usk Bridge

2.141 NE WA Regional Transportation Planning Org-Meetings

2.142 Liz Braun to Ron Curren-Request status of Safety Inspection

2.143 Co. Rd. Administration Board-2008 Annual Report

2.144 Steve Wilson-Support Susan Hobbs for Planning Commission

2.145 City of Newport-Council Agenda

2.146 Bob Gero-Info request

2.147 Richard Hansen-Info request

2.148 Cheyne Rossbach, BLM-Seasonal Road Closure

2.149 Vyrle Hill, WCRP-Spring Conference

2.150 Foster Pepper-2009 Civil Service Conference

2.151 Gretchen Robinson, DNR-Northern Spotted Owl, Fixed Width Riparian

2.152 Kerry Burkey, Employment Security-Trade Act Denial for Teck Cominco

2.153 Grant Station-Insider

2.154 Moira Hemphill-Desire to speak to the Board about meeting with Paula Halter-Mehren

2.155 Beth Dubey-Flag Lowering

2.156 WSAC-Legislative Bulletin

- 2.157 Tammy Redmon-CTI Leadership Training
- 2.158 WSAC-2009 Legislative Alert
- 2.159 Mary Pat DiLeva, Seattle-Boundary relicensing
- 2.160 Linda Weyl, CTED-Feb 2009 Planning Directors Newsletter
- 2.161 Vyrle Hill, WCRP-Appointees/Designees
- 2.162 Robert Weidner-Article
- 2.163 Tom McCaffrey-Road Restrictions
- 2.164 Dan Peterson-River Commission Meeting Cancelled
- 2.165 Foster Pepper-Legal News Bulletin
- 2.166 Alliance of Forest Workers and Harvesters-News
- 2.167 Beth Dubey-Flag Lowering
- 2.168 Matt Hobbs-River Commission Meeting
- 2.169 WA Counties Risk Pool-Helpline
- 2.170 Cathy McMorris Rodgers-Newsletter
- 2.171 Brenda Vincent , CTED-Growth Mgmt Services Customer Survey
- 2.172 Robert Weidner-Murkowski Polar Bear
- 2.173 Cliff Snow-Application #V-09-001
- 2.174 Julie Beeck, Rural Resources-E WA Partnership Strategic Plan
- 2.175 WA Counties-LEOFF-1 Questions
- 2.176 WA Counties-Public Hearings
- 2.177 WA Counties-Use of Courthouse Property
- 2.178 WA Counties-Division of Commissioners' Responsibilities
- 2.179 MRSC-News
- 2.180 APS Publications-Healthcare Newsletter
- 2.181 Spokane Transit-Vans to be auctioned
- 2.182 Bob Geddes, PUD to USDA Telecommunications Programs and U. S. Dept. of Commerce-Broadband funding for public utilities
- 2.183 Emme Pickard-Info Request
- 2.184 Office of Financial Management-Federal Recovery Package
- 2.185 Newport Oldtown Chamber-Newsletter
- 2.186 U. S. Dept. of Commerce-2010 Census
- 2.187 Charlotte Demlow-Clark County Request for Proposals
- 2.188 James McCroskey-Clark County Request for Proposals
- 2.189 Kalispel Nat'l Resources, WSU Extension-Diggings Newsletter
- 2.190 Sen. Bob Morton-Major Disaster Declaration
- 2.191 Joe Onley, PUD to NTIA and USDA-Broadband stimulus grant and loan funding
- 2.192 WSAC-Legislative Bulletin
- 2.193 Aging & Long Term Care of Eastern WA to Laura Merrill-Certification of Appreciation
- 2.194 Kerry Burkey, Employment Security-Trade Act Denial for Teck Cominco
- 2.195 Alan Botzheim-Press Release
- 2.196 JoAnn Boggs-Major Disaster Declaration
- 2.197 Janet Carrillo-Info request
- 2.198 Rachel Lovrovich-Info request
- 2.199 Sen. Bob Morton-Biomass Plants
- 2.200 Randy Miller-Work on Fertile Valley property
- 2.201 Nick Anderson-Fish info for PORTA
- 2.202 Grant Station-Insider
- 2.203 John Buehler-Request to meet with Board for Colville Forest update

- 2.204 Polly Coleman, Stevens County-Requests letter regarding SB 5127
- 2.205 Brad Banks, WSAC-Legislative Steering Committee materials
- 2.206 NACo-e-news
- 2.207 Marci Patterson, Lincoln Co-Requests Budget Book
- 2.208 Dave Livingston, Newport Oldtown Chamber of Commerce-Radio sponsorship
- 2.209 National Forest Counties & School Coalition-2009 Annual Conference
- 2.210 Pat Baxter, DOR-Property Tax Rule Updates
- 2.211 PORTA-Trout Rearing Projects
- 2.212 Alan Botzheim-Ione Law Enforcement Statistics
- 2.213 Shelly Stafford-APS Monthly Tips
- 2.214 Stan McNutt-IT Services Department material
- 2.215 Julie Beeck, Rural Resources-Draft Strategic Plan
- 2.216 Fred Aronow-Proposed CASA Shift
- 2.217 Annie Haley, K L Gates-Draft Bond Resolution
- 2.218 Idaho Forest Group-2009 Contractor's Meeting
- 2.219 JoAnn Boggs-Request for Public Assistance Briefing, Forms
- 2.220 Janea Eddy, CTED-Recovery Grants
- 2.221 Beth Gillespie-2009 Recycling Update
- 2.222 Barbara Sandahl, DOL-Closure of Newport office
- 2.223 WSAC-Legislative Steering Committee Agenda
- 2.224 Brad Banks-Rural Issue Subcommittee Agenda
- 2.225 Dave Livingston-Used Book Sale
- 2.226 Susan Harris, PORTA-NFCT News: Gearing Up for the Paddling Season
- 2.227 Steven Harris, DNR-FW: Forest Improvement Projects – Colville National Forest
- 2.228 Gaylen Warren-Planning Commission Herd District marathon
- 2.229 Gambling Commission-Issuance of Gambling License
- 2.230 Guy Coss, Public Employee Relations Commission-Mediation Meeting 03-13-09, 10:00am
- 2.231 Jim Marthaller-Copy of letter to Richard & Carole Johnson
- 2.232 WSU-Water & Land Use in the Pacific NW: Integrating Communities & Watersheds – conference announcement
- 2.233 Alan Botzheim-Cusick Law Enforcement Stats for February 2009
- 2.234 Alan Botzheim-Metaline Falls Law Enforcement Stats for February 2009
- 2.235 Western Counties Alliance-Update on SRS
- 2.236 Ronda Harbolt, DNR-Water Type Training
- 2.237 Barbara Warden, WA Counties-Courthouse Journal Issue 8
- 2.238 WSAC-Legislative Bulletin
- 2.239 Nathan Olson-Yellow Ribbon Highway Resolution
- 2.240 Joe Maroney-TAG/CAG Meeting dates
- 2.241 Congresswoman McMorris Rodgers' Office-Applicant Briefing Schedules for Disaster Relief
- 2.242 Grant Station-Insider
- 2.243 Susan Harris-PORTA Resolution
- 2.244 Wayne Antcliff, Concept Communication Corp-Proposal

(35)
 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 # |
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| Current Expense | 392,538.37 | 90456 | 36,490.57 | 901246 |
| Arts, Tourism & Recreation | | | 400.00 | |
| Law Library | | | 192.46 | |
| Road | 128,599.67 | | 15,623.26 | |
| Veteran's Assistance | | | 221.33 | |
| Timber Sales | | | 23.44 | |
| Auditor's O&M | | | 7.28 | |
| Election Reserve | | | 3.38 | |
| Crime Victims Compensation | 713.20 | | | |
| Park | 116.85 | | 905.70 | |
| Park/Weed (Milfoil) Control | 7,210.10 | | 83.37 | |
| Clerk's Collections | 1,350.90 | | 17.31 | |
| Enhanced 911 System | 16,864.35 | | | |
| Growth Management | 5,066.05 | | 40.16 | |
| Low Income Housing | | | 17.07 | |
| Homeless Program | | | 17.07 | |
| Solid Waste | 5,259.50 | | 8,851.99 | |
| Co Insurance Fund | | | 18.87 | |
| Equipment R&R | | | 56,392.51 | |
| Sheriff's Trust | | | 726.00 | |
| Drug Enforcement | 6,210.90 | | 40.16 | |
| Extension Education | | | 860.15 | |
| Mental Health | 88,964.03 | 90544 | 7,039.63 | 901411 |

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

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