

**Minutes**  
**Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**August 16, 2011**

**Call to Order**

Chair Lisa M. Marsyla called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners, on August 16, 2011, at 9:30 a.m. in the public meeting room of the Wahkiakum County Courthouse.

Present: Commissioner Lisa M. Marsyla, Commissioner Blair H. Brady, Commissioner Daniel L. Cothren, Clerk of the Board Marsha LaFarge, Chief Civil Deputy Joannie Bjorge, Building and Planning Department Manager Chuck Beyer, Public Works Director Pete Ringen, and Undersheriff Mark Howie.

Others Present: *Wahkiakum County Eagle* Publisher Rick Nelson, Michael Linn, Al & Nancy George, Frank Loomans, Jerry & Kathleen Hogan, Delvin Frederickson, Art Hyland, Ian Sinks, David Brittell, RA, Nick Nikkila, and Van Wilkinson.

**Flag Salute**

Chair Marsyla led the flag salute.

**Regular Meeting Agenda**

It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Cothren to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 16, 2011. Carried.

**Consent Agenda**

It was M/S by Commissioners Cothren and Brady to approve the Consent Agenda for August 16, 2011. Carried. The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

- A. Minutes of August 9, 2011
- B. Resolution No. 118-11. A resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the County Properties Cumulative Reserve fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$4,009.40
- C. Resolution No. 119-11. A resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Criminal Justice Cumulative Reserve fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$5,926.24
- D. Resolution No. 120-11. A resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the Electronic Communication Cumulative Reserve Fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$278.20
- E. Voucher Approval - \$701,847.71

**New Business**

911 Contract

Chief Civil Deputy Joannie Bjorge presented the contract for 911 reimbursements from the state. Bjorge explained because of budgetary reasons, state contracts have been changed to biennial

contracts and therefore the monetary value of this contract has doubled. The board will further review the contract and asked Bjorge to attend the next board meeting for possible action.

### **County Facilities**

Building and Planning Department Manager Chuck Beyer presented an architectural services proposal for the repairs and upgrades to the Grays River Valley Center and the roofing and siding replacement on the Family Health Center building prepared by the principal architect, David Brittell. Brittell explained his services will include preliminary design drawings and specific material lists for selected contractors. It was M/S by Commissioner Brady and Cothren authorizing Chuck Beyer to proceed with a service agreement with Brittell Architecture Inc. for drawings and construction plans for the needed repairs on the Gray River Valley Center and the Family Health Center. Carried.

### **Public Works**

#### Ferry Replacement Award

Public Works Director Pete Ringen announced the county received a \$2.8 million grant from the Federal Ferry Boat Discretionary Fund. Ringen estimates the total project cost for a new ferry at \$3.9 million. Ringen will review other sources of funds to help pay for the new ferry, including funds from the regional Surface Transportation Program (STP) along with funds from CRAB ferry capital fund. The new ferry will hold 23 vehicles, will be ADA accessible, and will meet modern Coast Guard standards.

#### Mill Road

Public Works Director Pete Ringen stated Columbia Land Trust has obtained all signatures of property owners adjacent to Mill Road per the board's request. CLT proposes to raise Mill Road in conjunction with their activity to breach a dike along Grays River and restore tidal wetlands. CLT confirmed they are unable to obtain a performance bond for this project. Both Public Works and CLT have agreed to the terms and conditions for the permit.

Brady expressed his concerns regarding CLT not fulfilling their commitments on this project and Ringen explained he has built in a fair amount of completion time and feels the county will be protected. Ringen stated he felt this project will benefit the people who reside on this segment of Mill Road as they will have more protection during a flood event.

It was M/S by Commissioners Cothren and Marsyla authorizing Pete Ringen to proceed with the Columbia Land Trust permit for Mill Road. The motion carried 2 to 1 with Commissioner Brady dissenting. Brady stated he was not willing to give preferential treatment to Columbia Land Trust by not requiring them to provide a performance bond.

### **Real Property Rights Advisory Board**

Art Hyland, Chairman of the Real Property Rights Advisory Board stated their August meeting had been cancelled and did not have a monthly report. He announced the September 8 meeting will be held at the Grays River Valley Center. Hyland noted their group would like to be involved in the proposal for any low income housing in the county.

## Other Business

### Maple Ridge Homeowners Association

Van Wilkinson asked for a follow-up regarding the homeowners association's complaint against Lynn Barnett and his property adjacent to SR 4. Wilkinson stated Barnett did repair his road approach, but did so without submitting any drawings or engineer's report to support the work done. Building and Planning Department Manager Chuck Beyer stated he inspected the work and it appears the approach to Maple Ridge Road has been repaired and confirmed Barnett did not submit plans to the county prior to having this work done. Pursuant to the prosecuting attorney's advice, Beyer wrote Barnett on August 11 requesting documentation regarding the work done. To date, Beyer has not heard from Barnett. Beyer will turn this matter over to the prosecuting attorney for further action if no response is received by the 17th. The board instructed the clerk to invite the prosecuting attorney to the next board meeting for an update regarding this matter. The board also encouraged Wilkinson to contact the prosecuting attorney directly.

## Unfinished Business

### Terms of Employment

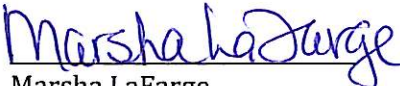
It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Cothren authorizing the chair's signature on Judy Bright's changes in her terms of employment as Director of Health and Human Services effective September 1, 2011. Carried.

### Board of Equalization

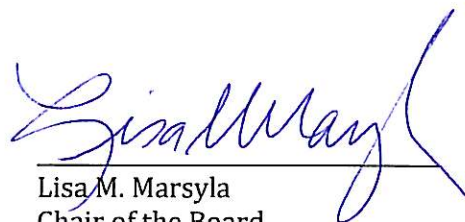
BOE Chair Nick Nikkila advised the board the BOE budget will have an estimated \$7,000 shortfall in their professional fee line item due to the re-evaluations performed on the island and anticipated appeals.

## Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chair Lisa M. Marsyla adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Attest:   
 Marsha LaFarge  
 Clerk of the Board

Approved:

  
 Lisa M. Marsyla  
 Chair of the Board