

Minutes
Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners
Regular Meeting
September 13, 2011

Call to Order

Chair Lisa M. Marsyla called the regular meeting of the Board of Wahkiakum County Commissioners, on September 13, 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, Clerk of the Board Marsha LaFarge, Sheriff Jon Dearmore, Undersheriff Mark Howie, Chief Civil Deputy Joannie Bjorge, Public Works Director Pete Ringen, Building and Planning Department Manager Chuck Beyer, Prosecuting Attorney Dan Bigelow, District Court Judge Bill Faubion, HHS Manager Chris Holmes and Chemical Dependency Counselor Tammy Johnson. Commissioner Daniel L. Cothren was excused.

Others Present: *Wahkiakum County Eagle* Publisher Rick Nelson, Carol Ervest, Cascade Software Systems President Aad Alkemade, Crystal Stanley, Michael Linn, Jerry & Kathleen Hogan, Art Hyland, and Van Wilkensen.

Flag Salute

Chair Marsyla led the flag salute.

Regular Meeting Agenda

It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Marsyla to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 13, 2011. Carried.

Consent Agenda

It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Marsyla to approve the Consent Agenda for September 13, 2011. Carried. The Consent Agenda contained the following items:

- A. Minutes of September 6, 2011
- B. Resolution No. 128-11. A resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the emergency medical services cumulative reserve fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$2,896.00.
- C. Resolution No. 129-11. A resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds from the electronic communications cumulative reserve fund for the payment of vouchers properly chargeable to said fund in the amount of \$163.33.
- D. Resolution No. 130-11. 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 \$34,362.96.
- E. Resolution No. 131-11. A resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$2,428.36 from the contingent liabilities cumulative reserve fund for the payment of Washington State Department of Retirement Systems.
- F. Voucher Approval - \$572,418.63
- G. Transfer Voucher Approval - \$2,500.00

New Business

Liquor Permit Application

Chair Marsyla announced Theodore Torppa has applied for a liquor license for the Oasis Tavern in Skamokawa. The board had no objections to the application.

Closure of Grays River Covered Bridge

Carol Ervest, representing the Friends of Extension, requested the closure of the Grays River Covered Bridge on October 1, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for a special fundraiser dinner. It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Marsyla approving Resolution No. 132-11 closing the Covered Bridge County Road from milepost 0.11 to milepost 0.15 on October 1, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Columbia River Country Days dinner event. Carried.

Sheriff's Department

CRESA Grant

Sheriff Jon Dearmore informed the board his office will be seeking the Region IV Clark Regional Emergency Services Agency (CRESA) grant in the amount of \$37,500. In 2008 when the county eliminated the Department of Emergency Management Coordinator position, the Town of Cathlamet picked up the grant and has been using it for emergency services. Dearmore will be attending a town council meeting to see if they have any objections to the county applying for the CRESA grant and taking over the emergency management responsibilities for the county which would also include the Town. Dearmore does not expect to receive any objections from the Town Council. Dearmore will use these funds along with funds from the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant to hire a full-time emergency management coordinator.

Emergency Management Preparedness Grant

Dearmore stated this grant has been offered to the county in the past, but his office found the required deliverables were very significant and they could not fulfill them. Dearmore further stated the State has dropped some of those deliverable requirements so his office has re-applied and received \$11,652 for 2011. This grant will be retroactive and will cover deliverables that have been accomplished by Ron Kimmel. Undersheriff Mark Howie stated the county will be applying for grant funds in 2012 and he expects to receive a larger amount, but is uncertain at this time of the exact figure. It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Marsyla authorizing Undersheriff Mark Howie to sign on behalf of the county, the Emergency Management Performance Grant No. E12-113. Carried.

Public Works

Lodestone Engineering Agreement

Public Works Director Pete Ringen reported the county is the recipient of a \$900,000 grant for road safety improvements in Wahkiakum County. Ringen would like to enter into an agreement with Lodestone Engineering to provide services in preparing plans, specifications and estimates for guardrail installation at various locations in the county. Additionally, uses of the grant funds will include sign reflectivity projects. It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Marsyla authorizing the chair's signature on the consultant agreement with Lodestone Engineering, LLC, for a maximum amount payable of \$48,110.70. Carried.

WinCAMS Software

Ringen presented the proposal from Cascade Software for a cost accounting and project management system that will interface with the New World financial software the county has purchased. Ringen stated the cost of the package is \$27,050 and, in addition, Public Works will pay use tax on components of this package to the Department of Revenue in the amount of \$964.40. Ringen stated additional costs will include: More Power in the amount of \$8,344.21 for the SQL server support required to run the software and a \$15 a month cost for service; in 2012 there will be an approximate cost of \$2,590 for the required annual maintenance agreement for installing upgrades and software maintenance; and use tax associated with the annual maintenance agreement in the amount of \$196.84. The total impact to the road fund will be \$39,325.65. Ringen anticipates there will be sufficient funds in the county road fund to complete this purchase. Chair Marsyla reviewed the conditions of the agreement and reviewed her concerns with Aad Alkemade, President of Cascade Software Systems. It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Marsyla authorizing the chair's signature on the agreement with Cascade Software for the purchase of the WinCAMS software. Carried. Marsyla stated she would meet with Alkemade after the meeting to further review the contract and to address her concerns.

Building and Planning Department

Building and Planning Department Manager Chuck Beyer gave a report on his activities as the building inspector and facilities manager. Beyer also reported he has been reviewing a shoreline permit for the expansion of Georgia Pacific mooring facility adjacent to Coffee Pot Island.

Real Property Rights Advisory Board

Art Hyland reported the advisory board has been discussing the low income housing project proposed by the Continuity of Care Housing Group. Hyland asked the board to keep the advisory board informed and to discuss it with them prior to signing off on any project. Chair Marsyla stated the county will be holding public hearings before any housing project is developed. Hyland also reported the advisory board has been discussing the issue of private timberland owners who receive a tax benefit and should they have the right to restrict public recreation and/or hunting on their land. Commissioner Brady informed Hyland this matter is now before the state legislature.

Clinic

Crystal Stanley announced the county has \$31,624 in the clinic fund. However, after an audit by the State Health Care Authority regarding the managed care reconciliation that covers enhancement payments made to the clinic in 2009, the county will need to refund to the state \$26,553. Stanley filed an informal dispute, but to no avail. Stanley also announced there is only a small amount of funds coming in from collection agencies and expects to finish up with collections by the end of the year. The board had no objections to Stanley working until the end of the year.

Unfinished Business

Lynn Barnett SEPA Matter

Prosecuting Attorney Dan Bigelow reported now that he has finished the memorandum of points and authorities for the summary judgment hearing on September 30 on the biosolids suit, he has time to start working on the Lynn Barnett matter. Neither Bigelow nor Beyer has heard from Barnett since Beyer sent his certified letter requesting engineer designs for his work performed on his property at

Maple Ridge. Chair Marsyla asked that this matter be placed on the September 27, 2011 agenda for further follow up.

Trial Court Improvement Fund

It was M/S by Commissioners Marsyla and Brady approving Resolution No. 133-11, a resolution directing automatic transfer of certain court collections to trial court improvement fund for courtroom security. Carried.

Health and Human Services

Chemical Dependency Counselor Tammy Johnson announced every year the federal government, through substance abuse and mental health administration, promotes recovery with proclaiming September as Recovery Month. This is aimed at educating the public around issues related to recovery from substance abuse, addiction and mental illness. Johnson presented the board with a proclamation asking the board to publicly support their efforts to assist community members in recovery. It was M/S by Commissioners Brady and Marsyla proclaiming September as recovery month and supporting the "Sober-bration" event on September 22, 2011 to acknowledge individual family and community efforts in recovery from substance use disorders. Carried. Chair Marsyla read the proclamation as follows:

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Wahkiakum County values the health and safety of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, freedom from the physical, emotional, and spiritual devastation caused by addition is an integral part of an individual's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse and dependence are damaging not only to the individual, but to their families and the community; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse and dependence are particularly damaging to one of our most valuable resources, our children, and a contributing factor in the three leading causes of death for teenagers - accidents, homicides, and suicides; and

WHEREAS, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover from substance abuse and dependence; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to involve families, schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies and service organizations in all aspects of this campaign in order to establish an atmosphere that supports awareness, education, and ongoing initiatives to prevent illegal drug use, and provide assistance to those who suffer with addictive disorders; and

WHEREAS, Wahkiakum County promotes family and individual responsibilities for living healthy, drug-free lifestyles without the use of illegal drugs or abuse of legal drugs; and

WHEREAS, the "SOBER-BRATION" event to be held on September 22, 2011, sponsored by Wahkiakum Health and Human Services, offers those involved in recovery from substance use disorders an opportunity to educate the public, community organizations, public officials, and civic leaders about the impact of alcohol and other drugs in our community and the hope of recovery; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, The Wahkiakum County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September as Recovery Month and support the "SOBER-BRATION" event on September 22, 2011 to acknowledge individual, family, and community efforts in recovery from substance use disorders.

/s/ Lisa M. Marsyla, Chairman of the Board, District 1

Daniel L. Cothren, County Commissioner, District 2 (absent)

/s/ Blair H. Brady, County Commissioner, District 3

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Chair Lisa M. Marsyla adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Attest: Marsha LaFarge
Marsha LaFarge
Clerk of the Board

Approved: Lisa M. Marsyla
Lisa M. Marsyla
Chair of the Board