

MINUTES

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2013

VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY – COURTHOUSE CLOSED

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013

The Grant County Commissioners session began at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Consent Agenda (Items 1 through 3)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Swartz, to approve items 1 through 3 on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

1. Commissioners Office and Public Defense Vouchers. **(Approved)**
2. Commissioners October 28, 2013 Minutes for Approval. **(Approved)**

HUMAN RESOURCES

3. Personnel Action Request Recommendation regarding a Sheriff's Office request for an exception to the hiring freeze to hire 1-Deputy Sheriff due to an upcoming retirement. The Director recommends approval. **(Approved)**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. J Strickler, ASC Update and Budget Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartz, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve items 1 through 7 on the ASC Agenda as presented. Item 8 was not ready for signature. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Possible vouchers for Interfund Communications, insurance, and/or grant administration. **(Approved)**
2. Grant County Payment Request #15 to Washington State Department of Commerce on Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) No. 13-46107-008, administered through the Grant County Housing Authority, in the amount of \$3,779.91. **(Approved)**
3. Grant County's Request for Reimbursement #4-FY14 on Washington State Department of Commerce Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) Grant No. 11-46204-511, administered through the Grant County Housing Authority, in the amount of \$18,503.68. **(Approved)**

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4. Grant County Payment Request #22 to Washington State Department of Commerce on Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) No. 12-46108-10, administered through the Grant County Housing Authority, in the amount of \$16,274.99. **(Approved)**
5. Towing Services Agreement between Grant County, by and through Grant County Facilities and Maintenance, and Frederick M. Greenwalt and Stacie L. Greenwalt, doing business as DJ's Auto Wrecking. Term is November 12, 2013 through December 31, 2014. **(Approved)**
6. Towing Services Agreement between Grant County, by and through Grant County Facilities and Maintenance, and Houston's Services, Inc., doing business as Randy's Auto Parts. Term is November 12, 2013 through December 31, 2014. **(Approved)**
7. Contract between Grant County and Quality Paving, Inc. for preparation and paving of 19000 square feet of parking lot located near Division and "D" Street in Ephrata as proposed at the September 25, 2013 bid opening, in the amount of \$45,749.60 including tax. **(Approved)**
8. **Anticipating:** Agreement Regarding Use of County Property between Grant County and Image Mind Light, LLC for filming project/event at Grant County, Washington parcel numbers 170082000 and 170082001, commonly known as Grant County's portion of the Moses Lake Sand Dunes on November 4, 2013. **(Not ready for signature)**

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Facilities and Maintenance Budget Meeting
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	WSU Cooperative Extension Budget Meeting
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Grant Integrated Services (Mental Health, PARC, DCL, and New Hope) Budget Meeting
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Commissioners at Grant County Historical Society Annual Meeting (Ephrata American Legion Post)
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	J Tincher, Public Works Update
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Public Works Budget Meeting
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Prosecuting Attorney's Office Budget Meeting
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Building Department/Fire Marshal's Office/Code Enforcement Budget Meeting
3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Assessor's Office Budget Meeting
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	2014 Budget Discussion
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	FAIR ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (Fairgrounds)

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

As of this date, the Board, by a majority vote, does approve for payment those vouchers certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.090, in the amounts of \$3,841,788.98 and \$688,339.68, as recorded on a listing and made available to the Board.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2013

The session was continued to 9:00 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

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| 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Planning/GIS Budget Meeting |
| 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | R Stevens, Disability Board Meeting (Small Meeting Room) |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Noxious Weed Board Budget Meeting |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Auditor’s Office Budget Meeting |
| 11:05 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. | RFP Opening, Grant County Youth Services Detention Electronic Controls Replacement Project |

1 bid was received from Engineered Control Systems (ECS). The RFP was turned over to Juvenile Court and Youth Services for their review and recommendation.

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| 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | HEARINGS EXAMINER |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Superior Court Budget Meeting |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Human Resources Budget Meeting |
| 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | T Hechler, Human Resources Update |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | District Court Budget Meeting |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Commissioners Office/Tourism/Disability Board/Board of Equalization Budget Meeting |
| 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | 2014 Budget Discussion |
| 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | C Swartz and R Stevens at Health Board Meeting (Public Works Meeting Room) |

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The Commissioners rescinded their letter dated October 15, 2013 to the Columbia Basin Ground Water Management Area (GWMA) where they removed Grant County from the GWMA project. They look forward to working with the GWMA Board members to restructure the future direction of GWMA.

The Commissioners approved and signed the Grant County Payroll Authorization form for the November 8, 2013 payroll.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2013

The session was continued at 1:00 p.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

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| 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. | C Swartz w/ J Johnston, Grant County Economic Development Council
GC EDC Discussion (GC EDC Office, Moses Lake) |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | C Swartz at MACC Meeting (Armory Bldg, Moses Lake) |
| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Commissioners at MACC Digital Radio System Ribbon Cutting Event and
Luncheon (Armory Building, Moses Lake) |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Open Record Public Hearing, Ordinance Imposing a 6 month
Moratorium on the Establishment of Marijuana Production and Sales, as
Authorized by Initiative 502 |

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance imposing a six month moratorium on the establishment, location, permitting, licensing, or operation of marijuana production, processing, and retail to the extent authorized by Initiative 502 or applicable law.

Damien Hooper, Planning Director, discussed the WA State Liquor Control Board (LCB) ruling and the process the County must go through to change the Comprehensive Plan. He stated the Liquor Control Board adopted their rules mid-October. The 6 month moratorium will allow the Planning Department to address issues within the zoning code and get the recommendation to the Planning Commission.

Chris Brown, Nahcotta, WA asked questions of the Commissioners and spoke in favor of I-502 and against the moratorium. He stated the people have implemented this law and the Commissioners have no right to interfere. The application process begins November 18, 2013 for the LCB to issue licenses; there is a 30 day window for the completion of this process. Mr. Brown provided the Commissioners copies of his speech and a letter from the Department of Justice.

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Amy Dalluge, Grant County, spoke in favor of I-502 and against the moratorium and asked what we can do to move forward with this new law. She stated the law will create jobs and revenue for the County. She believes if the County implements this moratorium they can expect a lawsuit. The County should have made this more of a priority.

Stuart Chisholm, Goldendale, WA spoke in favor of I-502 and against the moratorium. He states that I-502 is a great investment opportunity for everyone in the state of WA. It will create many jobs. This was passed a year ago and there has been plenty of time to go over the rules.

Commissioner Stevens stated the County wants to use the 6 month moratorium to get the regulations ciphered through our County Code. If a person came in to get an application right now you wouldn't be able to get a permit because we don't have this in our codes. To get this through our codes we have to bring this before the Planning Commission. The County is not talking about stopping this, just setting up for it. Carolann Swartz stated the County wants to get the rules right the first time and not have to go back and make many changes. Mr. Chisholm stated the people interested in the application must have a permanent address to put on the LCB application.

Ted Holbert (?), Bonney Lake, is in Grant County to lease land to establish a tier 3 grow operation. He spoke in favor of I-502 and against the moratorium. He stated that January 2015, the state plans to close all medical marijuana dispensary's, grows, and processing facilities. He discussed an article in the Seattle times about a 5 year old boy whose family uses medical marijuana to ease his son's seizures (he presented this article to the BOCC).

Nick Wallace, Attorney, representing many of the agriculture citizens in Grant County. He states his clients are wondering how to get involved into this market. His understanding that the moratorium is being proposed so that the Grant County Code could be updated. He stated it appears that this is a vehicle for delaying this based on the personal preferences of the County Commissioners. He read from an article published on iFiber news where it states "Grant County officials are looking for a way to avoid allowing marijuana retailers to set up shop". He believes this moratorium will put his clients at a disadvantage. He thinks a shorter moratorium, if any, would be better. Discussion ensued. Commissioner Swartz stated she will be meeting with other County Commissioners from across the state at the WSAC conference next week and there will be much discussion on this issue. Mr. Wallace stated that many people read the iFiber article that stated Grant County will not be a marijuana friendly county. Commissioner Carter stated it was she that made the quotes, not the other commissioners. Commissioner Stevens stated that Grant County and the East side of the state turned down I-502.

Joel Martin, Ephrata, spoke in favor of I-502 and against the moratorium. He stated all governmental entities have had 30 days since the final adoption of I-502 and that should have been enough time to get this together. He believes that most of the grow operations will be indoor operations because of the risk of pesticides being sprayed on the marijuana. He questions that if the County puts a 6 month moratorium in place, what's to stop them from extending that?

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Commissioner Stevens moved to close the public comment portion of the hearing. Commissioner Swartz seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Stevens moved to continue the hearing to November 26, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. Commissioner Swartz seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 2014 Budget Discussion

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Personnel Action Request (PAR) for the salary, wage, and/or position changes for Thomas Gaines, Facilities and Maintenance.

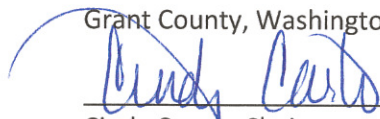
The Commissioners approved and signed the Grant Public Works County Payroll Salary Fund for the November 15, 2013 payroll.

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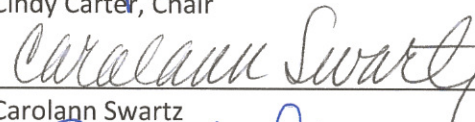
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 2013 GRANT COUNTY FORECLOSURE SALE

Signed this 25th day of Nov, 2013.


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Grant County, Washington



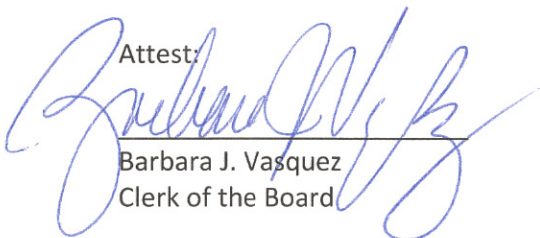
Cindy Carter, Chair



Carolann Swartz



Richard Stevens

Attest:


Barbara J. Vasquez
Clerk of the Board