

# MINUTES

## GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017

The Grant County Commissioners session began at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners Stevens and Taylor in attendance. Commissioner Carter was out and excused.

- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.            C Carter, Out
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.            Elected Official Roundtable Meeting
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.            J Strickler, ASC Update and Misc BOCC Action (Items 1 through 6)

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve items 3-7 on the agenda as presented. Item 2 was not ready for signature. The motion passed with 2 Commissioners in attendance.

1. Possible vouchers for insurance, legal services, grant administration, etc.
2. **Anticipating [Note: Name of the agreement and details yet to be determined].** Regarding the City of Quincy agreeing with Grant County for payment of a portion of the Quincy Valley Medical Center debt (registered warrants for hospital). **(Item not ready for signature)**
3. Grant County Vendor Agreement between Grant County, by and through Grant Integrated Services' Development Disabilities, and Service Alternatives for Individual Supported Employment and Community Access. Term is October 16, 2017 through June 30, 2019. **(Approved)**
4. Grant County Vendor Agreement between Grant County, by and through Grant Integrated Services' Development Disabilities, and First Choice Services for Individual Supported Employment. Term is October 16, 2017 through June 30, 2019. **(Approved)**
5. 2018 Recording Fee Surcharge Distribution Agreement between Grant County and the Housing Authority of Grant County and New Hope Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services for the purpose of distributing funds obtained by the County pursuant to RCW 36.22.178. The period of performance is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Approved)**
6. 2018 Recording Fee Surcharge Distribution Agreement between Grant County and the Housing Authority of Grant County and New Hope Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services for the purpose of distributing funds obtained by the County pursuant to RCW 36.22.179 and 1791. The period of performance is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. **(Approved)**
7. Request for release of funds on SIP #2016-07, Port of Quincy, *Industrial Park No. 5 Road Improvements*, in the amount of \$160,000 (which comprises the \$100,000 grant and \$60,000 loan award) to the Port and \$4,000 to the Grant County Economic Development Council for its 2.5% Admin Fee on the project. **(Approved)**

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.            Commissioners Office Safety Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.            Citizen Public Comment Period **(No public in attendance)**

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11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. Budget and Finance Update

1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. Grant Integrated Services Update

- Change Directions in Community Living Administrator to Missy Lopez, letter to DSHS
- New policies and procedures for Advance Travel – process to get approval to continue our department process as it is.
- Mobile Outreach Team carrying Naloxone
- New Hires
- Process for County Designation Mental Health Professionals
- MCO Contracts
- Ephrata Space
- GrIS System Update

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Open Record Public Hearing, Technology Services Request to Declare Certain County Owned Computer Equipment Surplus

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider a request from Grant County Technology Services to declare surplus certain county owned computer equipment and have it disposed of via TruRecycle.

Joe Carter, Assistant Director, discussed their request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to close the public comment portion of this hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the surplus of the computer equipment as presented. Commissioner Taylor seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned. **(Resolution No. 17-092-CC)**

3:00 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. D Hooper, Planning Department Update

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

The Chair of the Board was authorized to sign the Scott Teuber (Teuber Short Plat) File #17-0367, Final Plat Submission and Review.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017**

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

9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. K Eslinger, Human Resources Update

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Fire District Annexation Discussion

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- 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. W Swanson, Juvenile Court and Youth Services Update
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Commissioners at Grant County PUD Commissioner Lunch (PUD Office, Ephrata)
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. J Tincher, Public Works Update (Items 1 through 5)

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve items 1 through 5 on the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Request to purchase 735 Tons of Road Salt Category 8B Standard Gradation in the amount of \$87,800 excluding sales tax from LTI, Inc. of Lynden, WA through the Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Contract No. 02714. **(Approved)**
2. Execution of Easement and Right of Way Electric Distribution Line(s) and Communication Facilities at the Mattawa Shop Site located in S 2, T 14, R 23 (Parcel No. 15-0050-000) with the Public Utility District No. 2 of Grant County. **(Approved)**
3. Execution of Interlocal Agreement with Washington School Information Processing Cooperative (WSIPC) to authorize the acquisition of goods and services under contracts where a price is extended by bidders to other governmental agencies. **(Approved)**
4. Resolution authorizing execution of Interlocal Agreement with the Washington School Information Processing Cooperative (Item #3, above). **(Approved, Resolution No. 17-090-CC).**
5. Resolution/Notice of Hearing for the vacation of a portion of A.5 NW with hearing scheduled to be held on November 28, 2017 at 1:45 pm. **(Approved, Resolution No. 17-091-CC).**

- 2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. G Dano, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Update
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Consent Agenda (Items 1 through 6)

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE**

A motion was made by Commissioner Stevens, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approve items 1 through 6 on the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Commissioners Office and Public Defense Vouchers. **(Approved)**
2. Commissioners October 2, 2017 Minutes for approval. **(Approved)**
3. New liquor license application for Big Wally's, 9944 Highway 2 E., Coulee City, WA 99115, from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. **(Approved)**
4. Letters of appointment for Goldye Moyer to the Grant County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee AND the Grant County Tourism Commission. **(Approved)**
5. Letters of re-appointment for the following, to the Grant County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee: Kevin Danby, Marilyn Meseberg, Debbie Doran-Martinez, and Beverly Shuford. **(Approved)**

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**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

6. Request for emergency repair of the ceiling in a jail cell, damaged by an inmate. Stan's Construction and Son, LLC can perform the work for the amount of \$2,778.84. A budget extension is also being requested as they do not have the funds in their current budget for this expense. **(Approved, hearing set for November 20, 2017 at 8:45 a.m.)**

3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m. M Webb, Fairgrounds Update

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. T Taylor at Moses Lake City Council Meeting (Moses Lake Council Chambers)

**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 amount of \$590,599.92, as recorded on a listing and made available to the Board.

The Commissioners approved the request from the Sheriff's Office for emergency repair less than \$5,000/budget extension for funding (3,550.00 to replace evaporator coil as well as funding for replacement. **(Approved, hearing set for November 20, 2017 at 8:45 a.m.)**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017**

The session was continued at 9:30 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. T Taylor, Central Safety Committee Meeting

9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. B Hill, Public Defense Update

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. K Allen, Clerk's Office Update **(Cancelled)**

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. T Jones, Sheriff's Office Update

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. J Bishop, Port of Moses Lake – Wastewater and Joint Municipal Utility Special Authority Discussion

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Open Public Meeting to take Public Comment on Juvenile Detention in Grant County

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Commissioner Carter opened the meeting stating the Commissioners are taking public comment on a presentation made by Martin Hall to move the GC Detention Juvenile facilities to Martin Hall. Scott Hutsell, Lincoln County Commissioner and sits on the Martin Hall board, is here to answer questions. Lincoln County is 1 of 9 counties that are in the Martin Hall consortium. Commissioner Carter stated that the Board has not made any decision as of yet and discussed the Juvenile budget that was passed out at the meeting. The anticipated saving of the move is over \$1,000,000.00 between salaries and benefits and the hardest part would be the terminating of employees. The average cost at Martin Hall per juvenile is \$200.00 a day. We expect an average of 8 juveniles a year which totals \$584,000.00 which would be a savings of approximately \$484,000.00 if the detention moved to Martin Hall.

Jodi Froebe with Ephrata Plumbing, spoke against the move.

Penny Quist spoke against the move. She asked about travel to and from truancy court. Commissioner Carter stated that Martin Hall provides the transport and it's in their daily rate. One of the concerns was that college students were being employed and not trained.

Joe Good asked about the affects this will have on foster children.

Ryann Leonard spoke against the move.

Tom Wolfstone spoke against the move and wants to know if Martin Hall is accredited and meets state guidelines. Asked why Spokane County pulled out of Martin Hall.

Scott Hutsell answered that Spokane County is still a consortium member but uses them as an overflow facility. The consortium county members are: Spokane, Douglas, Ferry, Stevens, Pend, Lincoln, Adams, Whitman and Adams. He did not know if Martin Hall was accredited.

Commissioner Taylor asked Juvenile Staff if there is a state wide accreditation process. Yes, there is. Commissioner Taylor asked if Grant County Juvenile is one. No, they are not.

Skip Bennett, Pastor from Moses Lake, spoke against the proposal.

Jim Mitchell stated that a County Wide vote is not necessary. It's a commissioner decision.

Tom Middleton spoke against the move.

Amber Reeves, Detention Monitor at Grant County Juvenile, asked how the youth will be able to connect with PARC, Wise, ART, to help them reestablish a new way of life and rehabilitate them.

Corey Stephens, Chelan County Detention Facility, spoke against the move. Says if the move should occur, the Commissioners should consider a facility that is closet, like Chelan County.

Joe Harris, Mattawa Police Chief, spoke against the move. Would like to see an outside evaluation done on this issue. Keep our tax dollars local.

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Tom Jones, Grant County Sheriff, discussed his frustration with the Juvenile facility in Grant County. There are restrictions that only felonies and domestic violence will be arrested and booked. His concern as law enforcement is that they can't get kids intake'd into Juvenile. They have over 20 detention monitors for 7 ½ beds and the Sheriff has 40 corrections officers for a 200 bed facility. He believes some changes need to be made to the detention portion of the facility.

Richard Cole, asked about the driving force behind the meeting. What is the Commissioners main concern?

Commissioner Taylor responded that the Board has made no decision. There is no driving force behind any decision. Many things must be considered: exposure of liability, budget concerns, and ongoing cost of programs.

Richard Cole stated the numbers of juveniles in the facility are lowering. He wants the Commissioners to be good stewards of our money.

Jon Melvin discussed juveniles that have failed drug tests and aren't being held accountable. Consequences need to be upheld and probation elements need to be tightened up. If a juvenile is under active supervision and they are found violating misdemeanors/gross misdemeanors, they will now be booked.

Garth Kofoed stated it is a "case by case basis".

Tom Taylor discussed the iFiber recent article where staff were interviewed.

Garth Kofoed, Juvenile Detention Manager, discussed services provided by Grant County and that their evidence based programming that is provided in their facility by their treatment councilors that are not provided at Martin Hall. It would be missed.

Tammy Roloff spoke against the move. (The recording didn't pick up most of Ms. Roloff statements)

Commissioner Taylor asked about the recidivism rate at Grant County Juvenile.

Warren Swanson discussed the referrals from courts. It used to be approximately 600. They probably won't receive 200 this year. He said that after the Sheriff's comment on which juvenile's they do or don't take, is working for the system. They participate in an evidence based system that is working. They have one of the highest rates of completion in the state for their ART program – Aggression Replacement Training system. He does not have an individual rate of recidivism. The numbers reducing are a positive thing for our community.

Commissioner Taylor asked Mr. Swanson to address the Sheriff's earlier concerns previously mentioned. Mr. Swanson mentioned that the Prosecuting Attorney's office determines if it's a detainable offense. Also, it's their point of view that detention is not the answer for everything and can create a bigger problem. Exposing the juvenile to other inmates, can increase their chance of reoffending.

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Commissioner Taylor then asked about not detaining a juvenile and releasing them back to their parents with no consequences, and able to reoffend.

Mr. Swanson stated that the juvenile is sited and prosecuted, just not the immediacy of arrest. The focus is to keep kids out of detention.

Joleen Kellams, Probation Counselor of Grant County Juvenile, asked about who will be sitting with the juvenile once they are dropped off? Law Enforcement? The Commissioners stated no, it will be the usual staff. Ms. Kellams also commented that it would be helpful if there was a centralized computer system between law enforcement and juvenile staff so better information could be available to law enforcement.

Commissioner Stevens moved to leave public comment open and close the meeting. Commissioner Taylor seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.                      T Taylor at Court Security Committee Meeting (Multi-Purpose Room)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017**

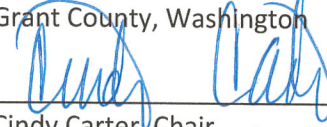
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.                      R Stevens at WRCIP Board of Directors Sit Down Meeting for Final Budget (Clear Risk Solutions, Ephrata)

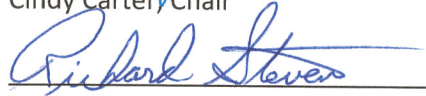
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.                      T Taylor with K Liebrecht to discuss Conservation District (Moses Lake Council Chambers)


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Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2017.

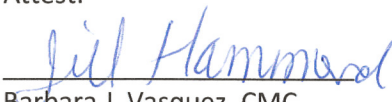
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