

# MINUTES

## GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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### MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018

The Grant County Commissioners session began at 9:00 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.                    K Jones, Sheriff's Office – Corrections Transport Van Update

9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.                    B Vasquez, Clerk of the Board Update

- WSAC Regional and Legislative Meeting
- PUD "Fill the Bucket Food Drive"
- Review of County Leash Law (Grant County Code 9.06, Stubington)
- Health District / Ecology – Conference Call re: algae
- BOCC Schedule for Christmas and New Year weeks
- Surplus of County Property

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)**

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.                    Association of Grant County Cities and Towns – Cryptocurrency Discussion

John Williams, Moses Lake City Manager, discussed the Grant County cities and Port of Moses Lake's concerns regarding cryptocurrency and the businesses that are running this. Moses Lake has a moratorium on those businesses. The request from the cities is to make sure the counties and cities are on the same page. The PUD is almost at their maximum in certain areas and won't provide more power until they have confirmation of developers in those areas.

Commissioner Taylor stated he wished the PUD would do more. Is there a cap on residential use? These cryptocurrency businesses are taking the power from larger business/developments. It is taking economic development away from the county.

Gil Alvarado, Deputy Manager of the City of Moses Lake, stated the PUD has a way to monitor usage in residential areas.

Damien Hooper, Director of Development Services stated that 2 businesses are currently permitted in the county. Power boxes in residential areas are not capable of handling the cryptocurrency business AND area homes. Warehouse Industrial Use – cryptocurrency. They are allowed in the county.

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The City of Moses Lake is concerned that because of their moratorium, these businesses are leaving the city and moving to the county. PUD has implemented a new rate structure that will go into effect 01/01/2019 to address this concern.

Homelessness in Moses Lake and recording fees charged (HB 2160). Currently funding goes to Housing Authority and New Hope and the city is interested to see if any of those funds can go to the cities.

1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Grant Integrated Services Update

- Insurance changes that impacts law enforcement and mental health services
- City View update
- Financials
- Change Plan
- HR Update

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Washington Association of Counties (WSAC) Regional Legislative Meeting (Grant/Kittitas/Lincoln Counties)

The group discussed the following topics:

- Indigent Defense
- Public Health Services
- Fish Passage Barrier
- Unfunded Mandates

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Commissioners approved and signed the Public Works County Payroll Salary Fund for their October 12, 2018 payroll.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018**

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

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. J McKiernan, Fairgrounds Update

Staffing

- Discussion about priorities
- Change in hours
- FMLA
- Seasonal staff done November 6

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Security

- Discussion with security company

Campground GIS Mapping

- Damian's group is helping us out with a goal of having online reservations in 2019
- New payment box installed to prevent theft
- Updated rates materials in place
- New envelope payment process

Fair

- WSFA this week
- FAC meetings – discussion on entertainment
- Sponsor materials went out this week
- Premium checks went out this week

Facilities

- Rodeo installation of new fencing in the arena
- Possibly move North pen fence to free up more camping
- Grounds cleanup – daily input into facility dude

Defining the goal for the Fairgrounds

- To be financially sound and a facility that county residents recognize as unique and valuable.
- Basically I want to have the grounds break even (Non-capital) in five years.
- Getting buy in from the staff

Jim status

- Working on documenting processes
- Identifying maintenance items
- Working on 2019 forms
- Up to speed on the website and social media

11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. J Hammond, ASC Update and Misc. BOCC Action (Items 1 and 2)

1. Possible vouchers for insurance, legal services, grant administration, etc. **(Approved)**
2. Request for release of funds on SIP 2016-11, City of George, Industrial Park No. 5 Water System Improvements (Phase 4) in the amount of \$50,000 (Loan) to the City of George and \$3,750 to the Grant County Economic Development Council for its 2.5% Admin Fee. The SIP grant award approved was in the amount of \$100,000 (Grant) and \$50,000 (Loan), the grant amount of \$100,000 was paid to the City as Installment No. 1 on January 8, 2018). **(Approved)**

11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. J Gingrich, Deputy Clerk of the Board Update

Board of Equalization (BOE):

- Open Appeal Time

Tourism Commission:

- Vacancy, District 1
- Budget

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Veteran Services:

- Monthly Update
- Exception Requests
- Transfer of surplus VA equipment to Okanogan County for Stand-Down
- Homeless Concern from VAB

1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. G Dano, Prosecuting Attorney's Office Update

1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m. J Tincher, Public Works Update (Items 1 and 2)

A motion was made by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Taylor, to approved items 1 and 2 on the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Agreement No. LA 9394 Supplement No. 1 for Centerline and Shoulder Rumble Strips on various county roads. **(Approved)**
2. Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Agreement No. LA 9395 Supplement No. 1 for Horizontal Curve Signs Phase 3, county wide. **(Approved)**

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. Consent Agenda (Items 1 through 8)

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Carter, to approved items 1 through 8 on the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE**

1. Commissioner's Office and Public Defense Vouchers. **(Approved)**
2. Commissioners September 10, 17, 24, and October 1, 2018 Minutes for approval. **(Approved)**
3. Multi-Agency Communications Center MACC Bond Claims Payment Request (Batch 01-81) in the amount of \$25,378.40. **(Approved)**

**AUDITOR'S OFFICE – ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT**

4. Payment of 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, as recorded on a listing and made available to the Board. **(Approved in the amounts of \$42.79 and \$1,084,166.78)**

**FAIRGROUNDS**

5. Property Transaction Form to surplus an Epson ER-A440 Cash Register (Asset ID# 101399). This item will be taken to the landfill for disposal. **(Approved)**
6. Request for out of state travel for Jim McKiernan to attend the Western Fairs Association Convention from January 20-23, 2019 in Reno, NV. **(Approved)**

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**TREASURER'S OFFICE**

7. Request to begin the process to increase the assessment rate for the Hillcrest Lighting District from \$16.00 per parcel to \$19.00 per parcel, in 2019. If approved, a public hearing will be scheduled. **(Approved, the public hearing has been scheduled for November 13, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.)**
8. Request to begin the process to increase the assessment rate for the Turnkey Lighting District from \$24.00 per parcel to \$19.00 per parcel, in 2019. If approved, a public hearing will be scheduled. **(Approved, the public hearing has been scheduled for November 13, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.)**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

The Commissioners signed a 27 Year Dedicated Service Award for Bruce Griffith of Public Works.

The Commissioners approved and signed the Public Works County Payroll Salary Fund for their October 12, 2018 payroll.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018**

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| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.   | T Taylor at Grant County Economic Development Council – Board Meeting (ATEC, BBCC)           |
| 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  | TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING   |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | R Stevens at WRCIP Board of Directors – Conference Call / Final Budget (Clear Risk, Ephrata) |

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018**

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| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | C Carter at Columbia Basin Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Consortium Meeting (Samaritan Hospital, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Moses Lake) |
| 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.   | R Stevens at Grant Transit Authority Board Meeting (Moses Lake Office)   |

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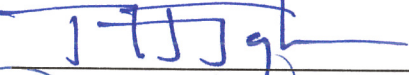
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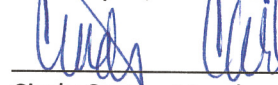
Signed this 30th day of Oct, 2018.

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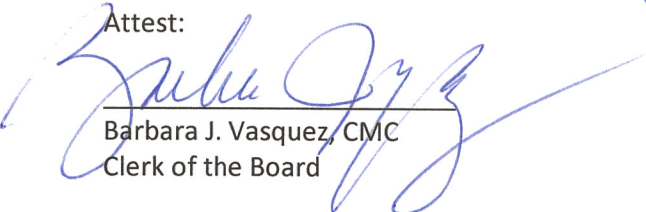
  
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Tom Taylor, Vice-Chair

  
Cindy Carter, Member

Attest:

  
Barbara J. Vasquez, CMC  
Clerk of the Board