

# MINUTES

## GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Public meetings were held by the Grant County Commissioners via WEBEX Conference Call or Video only.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The Grant County Commissioners session began at 10:00 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Grant County COVID-19 Healthcare and Public Health Briefing (ZOOM Meeting)

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. C Carter, Public Works Management Team Meeting

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Commissioners Office Staff Meeting

10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. T Gaines, Central Services Update

- Technology Services: Current SitRep
- Interfund Communications: Current SitRep
- Facilities and Maintenance: Project Updates
- Fairgrounds: Project Updates
- Central Services: Current SitRep

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. WSAC Virtual Assembly

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Saddle Mountain Discussion

The Commissioners met with Mike and Gary Maughn, Curtis Bryan- Bureau of Land Management, Jerry Wise, Jef Galaci, Johnny Buck, Fire District 8, Clyde Lay - Bureau of Reclamation, Rachel Crowley – Senator Murray’s Office, Congressman New House Office, Tom Jones and Ryan Rectenwald – Sheriff’s Office.

- Trespassing and theft of petrified wood is rampant on Maughan lands which are all in a checkerboard pattern with BLM and BOR lands making it near impossible for law enforcement to protect private land owners rights on the 5 miles by 18 mile ranch.
- Maughans have built a fence to contain the public use but it doesn't mitigate the risk, it just contains the theft and trespassing to less Maughan property.
- BLM historical practice on Saddle Mountain has shown that they do not monitor activity or implement controls sufficient to prevent misuse.
- Motorbiking trails are not marked and go everywhere, roads are being destroyed and the burned up area from the Powerline fire has not been allowed to recover.
- Fire District No. 8 can no longer get their emergency response vehicles up the roads in the BLM OHV recreation area and would have to hike in to recover someone.

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- Because the lands have not been allowed to recover there has been a lot of sand and dust that blows and fills adjoining orchards, vineyards and the South Slope canal. The sand in the South Slope canal is now filling up farmer's ponds and downstream canals. Some adjacent farmers to these BLM managed lands have not been able to harvest their crops because of the sand and dust.
- BLM is supposed to manage BOR lands on the ranch as part of the grazing lease agreement. BOR lands are to be conservation lands that prohibit motorcycle use and other recreation activities. There is rampant motorcycle use on BOR lands and there is also a squatter living in a trailer on the BOR lands.

The Board will schedule a follow-up meeting for November.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

The 2020 Budget Call and Preparation Review Areas was emailed out to all Grant County Offices and Departments in preparation of the upcoming 2021 budget adoption.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

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

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

**Discussion Items**

1. COVID Situation Update
  - a. COVID Leave Summary
  - b. SharedWork Report
  - c. Instruction to EO/DH
  - d. Update to COVID Policy Resolution
  - e. HR COVID Plan
  - f. Board Instruction re COVID
2. Deputy Fire Marshall
3. Temporary Hire – June Strickler

**Authorization Requests**

4. PAR – John Antosz
5. PAR – David Estudillo
6. PAR – John Knodell
7. PAR – Brian Barlow
8. PAR – Tyson Hill
9. PAR – Janis Whitener-Moberg

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10. PARs for Positions Tied to Judges  
(July Cycle)
11. PAR – June Strickler
12. PMA – Development Services File  
Clerk
13. MOU – Payment of Promised  
Bench Pay
14. MOU – SPORT Program  
Participation
15. Nationwide - Election of CARES Act  
Provisions

**Priority Items**

16. Processing of Documents from  
Update Meetings
17. Audit & Payment of Deputy  
2019/2020 Wages
18. Audit & Payment of Corrections  
2019/2020 Wages
19. Audit & Payment of Support  
2019/2020 Wages
20. Policy Updates
21. Comp Review Projects
22. Menke Jackson Billing Review
23. Health Benefits Budget Review
24. EEO Plan Review

**Employee & Department Issues**

25. GrIS
26. Public Works
27. Public Works
28. Public Works
29. Commissioners

**Recruitment / Civil Service**

30. Exceptions to Hiring Freeze:
  - a. Development Services File  
Clerk (1)

**Labor Relations/ Legal Actions**

31. Tort Claim
32. Labor & Legal Report Review

Personnel Action Request (PAR) for the salary, wage and/or position changes for: John Antosz, John Knodell, David Estudillo – Superior Court; Janis Whitener-Moberg, Tyson Hill, Brian Barlow – District Court; June Strickler – Commissioners Office.

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Memorandum of Understanding – SPORT Program Participation and Stipend Approval between Grant County, Teamsters Local No. 760 representing the recognized employees of the Administrative Unit and Clinical Unit at Grant Integrated Services for the SPORT Prevention plus Wellness intervention for adolescents.

Memorandum of Understanding – Payment of Promised Bench Pay between Grant County, Teamsters Local No. 760 representing the recognized employee of the Administrative Unit and Clinical Unit at Grant Integrated Services, Darray Becker Smoger.

Nationwide Retirement Solutions, Plan Sponsor Election of CARES Act Provisions for Coronavirus-Related Distributions.

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.            A Williams, City of Moses Lake – COVID-19 Housing Grant Amendment Discussion

Discussion was held relating to the City of Moses Lake’s request to receive a percentage of the surcharges assessed under RCW 36.22.179 in order to operate its own Homeless Shelter. This would be a portion of the Recording Fee Surcharge Agreement currently being utilized by the Housing Authority and New Hope. It was decided that this should begin in 2021 and a contract will need to be drafted for signature. Darryl Pheasant, Treasurer, also stated that a formula will need to be agreed upon.

11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.            J Gingrich, Deputy Clerk of the Board Update

- BOCC Update:
- Board of Equalization (BOE) Update:
  - BOE Hearings Examiner – BOE Input
- Tourism Commission:
  - RFP for Marketing Director
  - 1-Year Contract
- Disability Board:
  - Virtual board meeting
- Veteran Services:
  - Monthly Update

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.            C Carter, Workforce Development Grant/Adams Committee Meeting (ZOOM)

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

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1:30 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.                      Public Works Update (1 Item)

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

1. Execution of contracts for the 3-NE Road Phase 2 Reconstruction Project (CRP 19-08) with Wheeler Excavation, LLC in the amount of \$1,129,992.80. **(Approved)**

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.                      Open Record Public Hearing, Vacation of Rd 23-NE with Unbuilt ROW on Finney Road (Bruner Petition)

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider the vacation for Road 23-NE Right of Way Finney Rd / Bruner Petition.

Keith Elefson, County Engineer, read into the record his engineers report:

*The Board of County Commissioners of Grant County Washington has received a petition to vacate that portion of County Road being all that portion of County Road 23-NE, Road Log Number 52330, from Mile Post 0.41 to Mile Post 0.76, the end of the County road, together with unbuilt rights known as Old County Road 872, Finney Road lying in Section 9 of Township 22 North, Range 30 East W.M., all in Grant County, Washington, as highlighted on the attached Exhibit A.*

*The Board of County Commissioners determined that consideration should be given to the petition and directed the County Road Engineer to prepare a report on the proposed vacation and abandonment for a public hearing to be held at 1:30 PM, September 15, 2019.*

*The Notice of Hearing was published in the County Official Newspaper and the Notice of Hearing was posted at each termini in compliance with RCWs 36.87.050.*

*The proponents of the petition own the majority of the frontage along the petitioned County Road. Road 23-NE is on the active County Road System. All affected parcels are owned by the proponents.*

*I find that, this section of County Road 23-NE and the unbuilt rights through Bruner lands are not necessary and useful to the public and the public would be benefitted by the vacation and abandonment.*

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Stevens to close the public comment portion of the hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Stevens moved to approve the vacation as presented. Commissioner Taylor seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned. **(Resolution No. 20-078-CC)**

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2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

Consent Agenda (Items 1 through 13)

A motion was made by Commissioner Taylor, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve items 1 through 13 on the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE**

1. Commissioners Office and Public Defense Vouchers for approval. **(Approved)**
2. Reimbursement No. 14 on Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) CARES Act Grant for Grant County Health District for the period August 1, 2020 through August 15, 2020, with the Department of Commerce in the amount of \$103,424.00. **(Approved)**
3. Reimbursement No. 15 on Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) CARES Act Grant for Grant County Noxious Weed Board for the period August 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020, with the Department of Commerce in the amount of \$2,602.00. **(Approved)**
4. Multi-Agency Communications Center (MACC) Bond Claims Payment Request (Batch 1-95) in the amount of \$756.59. **(Approved)**

**AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

5. 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 amount of \$1,287,062.73)**

**CENTRAL SERVICES**

6. Contracts with Convergent Technologies for the Lenel OnGuard Security Project - Keyless Entry System for the Courthouse Complex and the Development Services Building. They will be utilizing an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Seattle No. 4488. Total amount of the project is \$210,537.69 using CARES Act funding. **(Approved)**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

7. Request to purchase a 23" Top "Life Proof Boat" Hull #097 in the amount of \$158,456.94 from Inventech Marine Solutions. This purchase was approved in their Capital Expenditure Budget using Law and Justice funds for the amount of \$141,456.94. There is a \$17,000.00 deficit and they intend to use Sheriff Surplus funds (140.000) to make up this balance. **(Approved)**

**NEW HOPE**

8. Amendment A to Washington State Department of Commerce Grant No. F19-31103-047 from the Community Services and Housing Division, Office of Crime Victims Advocacy for the FFY 2019 STOP Violence against Women Formula Grant Program. This amendment extends the grant date to December 31, 2021. **(Approved)**

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**FAIRGROUNDS**

9. Request to purchase additional panels for the Ardell Pavilion in the amount of \$13,525.00 from Best of Barrels. This was approved in their Capital Expenditure budget using REET funds (126.168). **(Approved)**

**FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE**

10. Request to purchase Merv 13 filters for the HVAC systems at the Courthouse Complex from Paramount Supply for the amount of \$7,879.59. **(Approved)**

**GRANT INTEGRATED SERVICES**

11. Interagency Agreement between Grant County (GrIS) and the Grant County Health District to coordinate the Youth Marijuana Prevention and Education Program as funded by the State Department of Health. Term is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and is in the amount of \$10,000.00. **(Approved)**
12. Washington Department of Children Youth Families (DCYF) and County Agreement No. 2083-90515 – Agreement on General Terms and Conditions. Term is July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. **(Approved)**
13. Amendment #8 to Beacon Facility Agreement entered into by and between Beacon Health Options, Inc. and Grant County (GrIS) which modifies Exhibits A and B. **(Approved)**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

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| 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.  | T Taylor, Grant County Economic Development Council Board Meeting<br><b>(Did not attend)</b> |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  | R Stevens, WRCIP Fiscal Committee Conference Call  |
| 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING   |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  | C Carter, Grant County Suicide Prevention Taskforce Meeting <b>(Did not attend)</b>          |

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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Grant County COVID-19 Healthcare and Public Health Briefing  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARINGS  
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. T Taylor, Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) Zoom Meeting  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. C Carter, Grant Transit Authority (GTA) Board Meeting


**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2020**

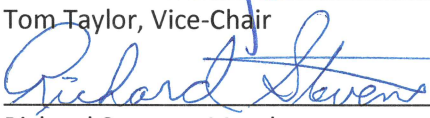
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. BOARD OF EQUALIZATION HEARINGS  
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. R Stevens, WRCIP Conference Call

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 2020.

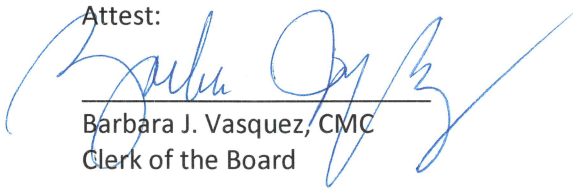
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
Grant County, Washington

  
Cindy Carter, Chair

  
Tom Taylor, Vice-Chair

  
Richard Stevens, Member

Attest:

  
Barbara J. Vasquez, CMC  
Clerk of the Board