

MINUTES

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

President's Day Holiday, Courthouse Closed

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

The Grant County Commissioners session began at 8:45 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Potts and Associates, Legislative Session Update

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. K Eslinger, Human Resources Update

Calendar Items

02/22/21 – ULP Settlement Mediation

Discussion Items

1. COVID Situation Update
 - a. Federal COVID-Related Leave
 - b. HR Staffing Structure
 - c. Board Instruction re COVID
2. Raise the Wage Act

Authorization Requests

3. PAR – Darci Armstrong
4. PMA – Manager – Quality & Compliance
5. PAR – Nicole Davidson Stipend
6. PMA – Debra Thompson

Compensation, Benefits, & Payroll

7. HWC Update:
 - a. Reports
 - b. Recommendations
 - c. HWC Leadership Updates
8. BOCC Staff Stipend

Employee & Department Issues

9. Public Works

Labor Relations/ Legal Actions

10. Labor & Legal Report Review
11. State Auditor Complaint

HR Overview & Process

Employee Relations

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11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. J Gingrich, Deputy Clerk of the Board

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Open Record Public Hearing, Building Code Update

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider amendments to the Grant County Code, Chapter 14 “Buildings and Construction”.

Damien Hooper, Director of Development Services stated this a perfunctory action amending our building code to incorporate the newly released 2018 international codes. This would repeal and replace Ch. 14 of the GCC and adopt the international code by reference. When there is a new effective date, they would not have to have a public hearing each time.

The amendment also eliminated the Code Enforcement section as it is now under the Sheriff’s Office. There were a few other clean up items. Development Services recommends approval of this code amendment and ordinance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to close the public comment portion of the hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Stone moved to approve the proposed changes to Chapter 14 of the Grant County Code as presented by Development Services hereby adopting the 2018 International Codes and subsequent versions moving forward automatically. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned. **(Ordinance No. 21-012-CC)**

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. G Dano, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office Update

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. S Castro, Public Works Update (Items 1 through 6)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve items 1, 2, 3 and 6 on the agenda as presented. Items 4 and 5 were withdrawn. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Authorization to call for Bids for the 2021 Road Stabilization project. Bid opening date to take place March 9, 2021 at 11:00 am at Grant County Public Works. **(Approved)**
2. Recommendation to award the 2021 Crushing and Stockpiling Contract to Seubert Excavators, Inc. for a total amount of \$497,100.00. **(Approved)**
3. Recommendation to award the 2021 Asphalt Materials Contract to: **(Approved)**
 - a. Ergon Asphalt & Emulsions Inc. to furnish up to 5,000 tons of HFE 150 Liquid Asphalt at the unit bid price of \$330 per ton in the amount of \$1,796,850.00 including sales tax. To furnish up to 500 tons of HFE 90 Liquid Asphalt at the unit bid price of \$330 per ton in the amount of \$179,685.00 including sales tax.
 - b. Central Manufacturing, Inc. to furnish up to 8,000 tons of HMA Class ½” PG 64-28 at the unit bid price is \$52 per ton in the amount of \$450,112 including sales tax. And/or to furnish up to 8,000 ton of HMA Class 3/8” PG 64-28 at the unit bid price of \$54 per ton in the amount of \$467,424.00 including sales tax.

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4. Request to purchase equipment not on the 2020 Equipment Expense Program through State Contracts. For the Sheriff's Office: two (2) each 2021 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit AWD SUV's in the amount of 96,007.20 including sales tax from Northsound Dwayne Lane through WA state contract #05916. **(Withdrawn)**
Seven (7) each 2021 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit AWD SUV's for the Sheriff's Office Patrol in the amount of 338,144.63 including sales tax from Northsound Dwayne Lane through WA state contract #05916.
5. Request to purchase equipment not on the 2020 Equipment Expense Program through State Contracts: one (1) each 2021 Dodge Durango Police Pursuit AWD SUV's for the Sheriff's Office Sergeants in the amount of \$48,306.38 including sales tax from Northsound Dwayne Lane through WA state contract #05916. **(Withdrawn)**
6. Request to the County Road Department for reimbursable work between Grant County and the Town of Wilson Creek. Grant County to complete Seal Coat Railroad Ave from City Limits to Fourth Street no later than October 31, 2021 for a maximum payment of \$96,025.00. **(Approved)**

1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles (WATV) on County Roads – Discussion

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Consent Agenda (Items 1 through 17)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve items 1 through 17 on the agenda, **amending item 6a to be a grant only**. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

1. Commissioners Office and Public Defense Vouchers for approval. **(Approved)**
2. New liquor license application for Moses Lake Distillery, Moses Lake, WA, from the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. **(Approved)**
3. Multi Agency Communications Center (MACC) Claims Payment Request for Batch 09-11 in the amount of \$41,098.01. **(Approved)**
4. December 2020 reimbursement #7, Subrecipient Grant County Health District – Request #5 on the Washington State Department of Commerce COVID-19 Outbreak Emergency Housing Grant, Contract No. 316-46108-10 in the amount of \$147.50. **(Approved)**
5. Request for reimbursement #1 on Amendment A of the Washington State Department of Commerce Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Public Services Grant (PSG) No. 19-62210-005, to the Grant County Health District Request #1, in the amount of \$145,270.00. **(Approved)**
6. Recommendation from the Strategic Infrastructure Program (SIP) Advisory Committee to approve the following project funding: **(Resolution No. 21-013-CC)**
 - a. SIP #2021-01 Grant County Hospital #4 – McKay Healthcare, McKay Phase 1 Capital Improvement Plan: \$300,000.00 grant and \$50,000.00 loan **(The commissioners moved to amend the recommendation and approve the entire \$350,000 as a grant)**
 - b. SIP #2021-02 Grant County Hospital #1 – Samaritan Healthcare, Infrastructure Support for construction of new hospital: \$50,000.00 grant **(Approved)**

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7. *Held from the December 8, 2020 Consent Agenda:* Recommendation from the Finance Committee to reduce the Quincy Valley Medical Center / Hospital District #2 registered warrant cap from \$4.5 million to \$3.5 million. **(The Board approved a registered warrant cap at \$4 million. QVMC is required to run an additional levy and will be required to reduce the debt by \$500,000 per year until paid in full)**

AUDITOR'S OFFICE

8. 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 \$549,114.82)**

NEW HOPE / KIDS HOPE

9. Professional Services Agreement between Grant County, dba New Hope and Pam Dugan to provide trauma informed therapy services to clients. Term is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. **(Approved)**
10. Professional Services Agreement between Grant County, dba New Hope and Grant Integrated Services to provide trauma informed therapy services to clients. Term is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. **(Approved)**
11. Professional Services Agreement between Grant County, dba New Hope and Stepping Stones, LLC to provide trauma informed therapy services to clients. Term is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. **(Approved)**
12. Professional Services Agreement between Grant County, dba New Hope and Nicole Prentice to provide forensic interviews, individual therapy sessions and coordination of holistic healing providers for New Hope / Kids Hope. Term is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. **(Approved)**
13. Professional Services Agreement between Grant County, dba New Hope and Laura Meyer / ArtGarden Pottery to provide alternative holistic healing services to clients. Term is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022. **(Approved)**

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

14. *Held from the February 9, 2021 Consent Agenda:* Proclamation retiring Grant County Sheriff Call Number GT-33 for Deputy Jon Melvin that lost his life in the line of duty on December 11, 2020. **(Approved)**

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

15. Appointment and Oath of Office of Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Leslie Nellermoe of Nossaman, LLP to perform and render legal assistance and advice relative to environmental, Superfund Site and Landfill matters. Oath expires December 31, 2021. **(Approved)**

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GRANT INTEGRATED SERVICES

16. Reimbursement Request (A-19) for contract work performed by Grant Integrated Services, during January 2021 in the amount of \$457.50 on Washington State Department of Corrections (DOSA) contract. **(Approved)**
17. Commercial Lease between Grant County, dba Grant Integrated Services, and Moore Furniture, Inc. for the lease of office space located at 124 3rd Ave. SW, Ephrata, WA. Lease expires March 31, 2023. **(Approved)**

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. C Carter, Laptop Fielding

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. J McKiernan, Fairgrounds Update

Planned equestrian events

- State approved plan

Staffing status

- Filling the Events Coordinator Position - timing
- Holding back on seasonals
- Office staff going off of furlough the first week in March

Additional events for 2021

I think we need to be conservative in launching new events in 2021

But for later in the year or next year

- Discussions about a tribute band festival in the Fall
- Dia de los Muertos
- Movie Nights – These were a break-even or even slight loss proposition
- Car show – But will it make money?
- Central Washington Brewfest?
- Horse clinic planned for September of this year

Fair Planning

- More musical acts, less grounds entertainment
- Conservative on spending
- Example, holding back \$30k in the entertainment budget
- Reducing rental equipment where possible
- Waiting for word on premium funding from the State

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. D Stone, Grand Coulee – City Council Meeting (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

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

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7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. R Jones, Grant County Economic Development Council Board Meeting

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. R Jones, Grant County Industrial Alliance (GCI) Introduction

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. C Carter, WRCIP Fiscal Committee Conference Call **(Added in error)**

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Tourism Commission – Yearly Presentation to County Commissioners

- Introductions
- Grant County Tourism Update:
 - Finances / Rate Payers
 - Maps, Visitors Guides, Promotion, Communication
 - Advertising Grants (LTAC)
 - Operation Rentals & Leases
 - Kiosks & Historical Signs
 - Healthy Lakes & Blue/Green Algae
- Tourism Advertising
- Wild Horses Monument
- Advertising
- Questions
- Good of the Order

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. R Jones, Out

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. C Carter at New Hope - Sexual Assault Program Orientation for Board Members (Moses Lake) **(Cancelled)**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. D Stone at New Hope - Sexual Assault Program Orientation for Board Members (Moses Lake) **(Cancelled)**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. R Jones at - Sexual Assault Program Orientation for Board Members (Moses Lake) **(Cancelled)**

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. R Jones at Boys and Girls Club - Introduction Meeting (Moses Lake)

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. C Carter, Grant Transit Authority (GTA) Board Meeting

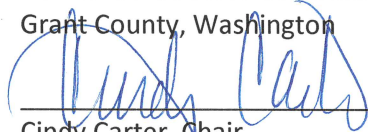
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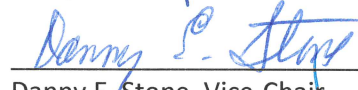
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	R Jones, North Central Region COVID call with Leadership
11:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	D Stone, Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) Meeting
12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	R Jones at Rocket Engine Introduction Meeting (Port of Moses Lake)
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	C Carter at Canvassing Board Certification of Election (Elections Department)
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	R Jones w/ J Meeks, Moses Lake School District Land Sale/Purchase Discussion
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	D Stone, SkillSource – Commissioner’s Forum Meeting

Signed this 18th day of May, 2021.

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Grant County, Washington



Cindy Carter, Chair

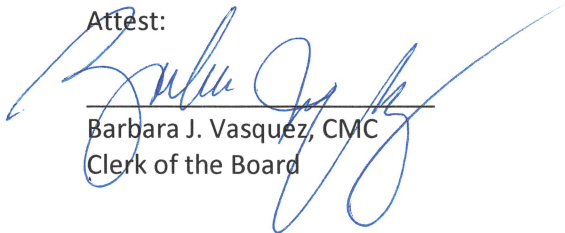


Danny E. Stone, Vice-Chair



Rob Jones, Member

Attest:



Barbara J. Vasquez, CMC
Clerk of the Board