

MINUTES

GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Public meetings were held via WEBEX Conference Call or Video (info below) AND "in-person", with a room capacity of 18 individuals.

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

The Grant County Commissioners session began at 9:30 a.m. with all Commissioners in attendance.

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| 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | D Stone, Grant County COVID-19 Healthcare and Public Health Briefing (ZOOM Meeting) |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | R Jones, Public Works Management Team Meeting – Conference Call |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | J Flynn, Administrative Services Coordinator Update |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Commissioner’s Roundtable – Miscellaneous Discussion |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grant County Weed District No. 51 Discussion• Use of Video in BOCC Meetings |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Open Record Public Hearing, Sheriff’s Office and Central Services Budget Extensions |

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider the following budget extension requests:

- Sheriff’s Office Fund #001, Department #114 the amount of \$22,558.21 to cover the difference in the yearly cost between a Support Specialist position and an Emergency Management Specialist position. They were approved in the 2021 budget for the Support position but feel the need for an EM Specialist is greater.
- Central Services Fund #001, Department #112 the amount of \$78,000.00 to hire a Maintenance III position to work at the Fairgrounds This position was approved in the 2020 budget but was not hired and not carried over into the 2021 budget.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones to close the public comment portion of the hearing. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Jones moved to approve the budget extensions as presented. Commissioner Stone seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The hearing adjourned. **(Resolution No. 21-031-CC)**

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| 11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | T Gaines, Capital Purchases Discussion |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | WSAC Virtual Assembly |

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1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. M McKnight, Assessor’s Office Update

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Grant County Building Permit Process Discussion

The Commissioners held a meeting with the Health District, Public Works, and the Planning Department to discuss the building permit process. It was discussed bringing an employee from the Health District to Ephrata for more of a “one stop” process. The use of SmartGov between all entities was suggested.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Chair of the Board was authorized to sign the Janett and Associates LLC c/o Craig Janett (Janett Water Delivery Unit 134 Short Plat) File # P 21-0110 (preliminary P 21-0026); and the Peach Fuzz LLC (Peach Fuzz Short Plat) File # P 21-0064 (preliminary P 20-0314) Final Plat Submission and Reviews.

Commissioner Stone was authorized to sign the Grant County Health District voucher listing in the amount of \$296,663.09.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

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

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. K Eslinger, Human Resources Update

Calendar Items

04/14/21 – Association Negotiations

04/16/21 – 04/19/21 – Vacation

Authorization Requests

1. PAR – Brittany Lutz
2. PAR – Cathy Carranco
3. PAR – Evelyn Zepeda
4. PMA – Maintenance 3

Compensation, Benefits, & Payroll

5. HWC Update:
 - a. Reports
 - b. Recommendations
 - c. HWC Leadership Updates
6. COBRA Disability Extension

Employee & Department Issues

7. Fairgrounds
 8. Grant Integrated Services
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Labor Relations/ Legal Actions

9. Labor & Legal Report Review

Non-Represented

Issue: EEOC/HRC

Association – CH; DC; PW; SW; YS

Negotiation: ASC 2021

Grievance ASC20210408

Other: MOU – Payment of Interim Wages

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. T Gaines, Central Services Update

GCTS

- Courts / updates on room kits
- Budget update

Interfund Comm.

- Misc. update
- Budget update

Facilities

- Project updates
- Budget Update

Fairgrounds

- Personnel updates

Central Services

- Purchasing
- ERP Update
- Jail / LJB
- Web page
- Fairgrounds
- Budget update

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

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Commissioner Carter called an Executive Session to order at 1:13 p.m. to go until 1:33 p.m. regarding litigation. In attendance were Commissioners Carter, Stone and Jones, Garth Dano, Prosecuting Attorney and Kevin McCrae, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Commissioner Carter closed the session at 1:33 p.m.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. S Castro, Public Works Update (Items 1 through 4)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve items 1 through 4 on the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Washington State Department of Transportation Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Nicholls Kovich Engineering PLLC for on-call bridge engineering support in the new maximum payable amount of \$20,000.00. **(Approved)**.

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2. Request to the County Road Department for reimbursable work between Grant County and City of Warden to provide chip seal and traffic counter for the maximum amount of \$20,000.00. **(Approved).**
3. Request to the County Road Department for reimbursable work between Grant County and Franklin County to provide chip spreader and operator to chip seal approximately 45 miles for the maximum amount of \$35,000.00. **(Approved).**
4. Request to purchase stock items (dump truck tires) for their Central Shop from the Tire Factory off the Omnia contract number #2019209 in the amount of \$5,632.45. **(Approved).**

1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Open Record Public Hearing, Vacation application for Stratford Town Plat (*continued from March 30, 2021*)

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider the vacation of the Stratford Town Plat Roads and rights-of-ways. Commissioner Carter stated that the public comment was closed at the previous hearing. Commissioner Stone moved to re-open the public comment portion of this hearing, limiting it to 2 min each. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Carter asked the Road Engineer to explain what happens to the road if they are vacated.

Keith Elefson, County Engineer, described the vacation being presented stating it would be private road easement with public access.

Barb O'Neill, Road Information Services Tech for Public Works, discussed the alley ways being vacated.

Members of the public spoke for and against the vacation.

Engineer's Report reads as follows:

The Board of County Commissioners of Grant County Washington has received a petition to vacate portions of right-of-way being a portion of the Stratford Town Plat roads lying in Section 10, Township 22 N, Range 28 East W.M., all in Grant County, Washington, as shown 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, Tuesday, the 30th Day of March, 2021. The Notice of Hearing was published in the County Official Newspaper and the Notice of Hearing was posted at each termini in compliance with RCW 36.87.050.

The proponents of the petition own the majority of the frontage along the petitioned County Surplus Right-of-way; these roads are not active on the County Road System. The affected parcels are owned by the proponent.

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Grant County Public Works, with consultation of the Prosecuting Attorney's office, had determined that the Stratford Town Plat roads are unbuilt rights and the dedication is to the Public not the County. No fee title is involved, nor any equitable land rights. Public Works has not made any improvements upon nor maintained any portion of the plat other than Logan Avenue, AKA Old Stratford Road, which was renamed to I.7 NE in 2018 when Stratford Road was relocated to the west; and 22.7 NE which is shown as Railroad Avenue.-

I find that this section of public right-of-way is not dedicated to the County for road purposes, and is not necessary and useful to the public and the public would be benefitted by its vacation and abandonment as a reduction in liability and maintenance, with the exception of a 30 foot private road easement for a 20 foot drivable surface that will continued to be maintained by the residents; via RCW 58.17.212.

Kevin McCrae, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney stated that he has not been able to review the vacation and believes more time is needed for review. Commissioner Carter stated that if the hearing notice was done wrong, we would need to re-notify everyone involved. And to clarify if it is a plat alteration or just a road vacation.

Commissioner Stone moved to continue this hearing to May 4, 2021 at 1:30 pm to allow for notification and review. Commissioner Jones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Consent Agenda AND Misc. ASC Action Items (Items 1 through 15)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to approve items 1 through 11 and 14 and 15 on the agenda as presented. Item 12 was denied/withdrawn, and item 13 was held for further review. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

1. Commissioners Office and Public Defense Vouchers for approval. **(Approved)**.
2. Grant County Economic Development Council 2021 Municipal Services Agreement with Grant County, Washington. Term expires December 31, 2021 with compensation in the amount of \$40,000.00 per year for Building Prosperity and \$20,000.00 per year for the administration and coordination of the Strategic Infrastructure Program (SIP). **(Approved)**.
3. **Resolution No. 21-032-CC** authorizing execution of Intergovernmental Cooperative Use of Facilities and Resources Agreement with Ferry County, executed by Grant County on June 30,2020. **(Approved)**.
4. **Resolution No. 21-033-CC** authorizing execution of Intergovernmental Cooperative Use of Facilities and Resources Agreement with Grant County Fire Protection No. 12, executed by Grant County on March 30, 2021. **(Approved)**.
5. Reimbursement Request #21 for March 2021 on Washington State Department of Commerce for the Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) No. 20-461 08-10, administered through the Grant County Housing Authority, in the amount of \$44,542.06. **(Approved)**.
6. Letter of support for the Port of Quincy -Transportation Infrastructure funding of the Port of Quincy Rail Infrastructure Expansion project. **(Approved)**.

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7. Letter of support for the City of Rock Island's application and submittal of their Infrastructure Priority Solicitation Form to Senator Murray's Office for SR-28 Highway Expansion. **(Approved)**.

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 \$922,135.16)**.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

9. Out of state travel request for Grant County Fire Marshal Nathan Poplawski and the Chief Deputy Fire Marshal (soon to be hired) to attend the NFPA 921 Fire Investigator and Certified Fire Investigator training to be held July 16 – 29, 2021 in Salt Lake City, UT. **(Approved)**.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

10. Purchase Order No. 356 in the amount of \$9,374.00 to Lexipol for the Sheriff's Annual Law Enforcement Policy Manual and Daily Training Bulletins. **(Approved)**.
11. Purchase Order No. 357 in the amount of \$5,911.06 to PluralSight, LLC for Annual Business Enterprise Software Maintenance. **(Approved)**.

GRANT INTEGRATED SERVICES

12. *Held from the April 6, 2021 Consent Agenda:* Request to purchase furniture for their new Ephrata Office in the amount of \$33,278.30 from The Husk Company. **(Denied/Withdrawn)**.
13. Agreement for Partnership with the Moses Lake Community Coalition – City of Moses Lake and Grant Integrated Services for Community Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, and Active Youth Mentorship services. Term is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$10,000.00. **(Held for further review)**.

FAIRGROUNDS

14. *Held from the April 6, 2021 Consent Agenda:* Request to purchase fair swine pens and show rings from Triton Barn Systems in the amount of \$25,758.09. There are funds left over from the purchase of horse stalls and they would like to utilize those funds. **(Approved)**.
15. Request to purchase landscaping items (primarily trees) in the amount *up to* \$10,000.00, that was approved in their capital budget. The Director is presenting an invoice from Emerald Desert Nursery in the amount of \$3,470.79. **(Approved)**.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Commissioners signed a Letter of Non-Objection to the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board for the Cody DeTrolie Memorial Reverse Draw and Dinner event to be held at the Fairgrounds on April 17, 2021.

The Commissioners signed a letter of support for transportation funding for the Port of Warden Rail and Road Infrastructure Expansion Project, in the amount of \$5 million dollars.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	R Jones, Future of the Law and Justice Building Discussion
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	D Stone, LEOFF-1 Disability Board Meeting
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	R Jones, North Central Region COVID Call with Leadership
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	HEARINGS EXAMINER
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	R Jones at Ephrata Landfill Phase 3 Meeting (Landfill)
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	D Stone, Health Board Meeting

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Commissioner Danny Stone signed a letter of support to Congressman Dan Newhouse for the Community Project Funding request submitted by the Columbia Basin Development League for a federal investment of \$18,525,000.00 in the Odessa Ground Water Replacement Program to preserve ground water resources.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

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

Commissioner Danny Stone signed a letter in support of the \$12 million in funding for the SR 253 Pavement Preservation and Shoulder Rebuild Project that is included in the “Miles Ahead” House Transportation project.

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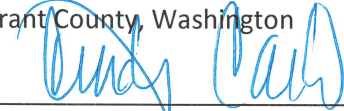
FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. C Carter, WSAC Legislative Steering Committee Litigation Discussion


11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. D Stone, Legislative Steering Committee (LSC) Meeting

Signed this 7th day of Sept, 2021.

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Cindy Carter, Chair

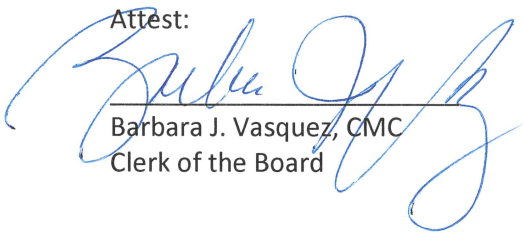


Danny E. Stone, Vice-Chair



Rob Jones, Member

Attest:



Barbara J. Vasquez, CMC
Clerk of the Board