

# MINUTES

## GRANT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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**Public meetings were held via WEBEX Conference Call or Video (info below) AND “in-person”, with a room capacity of 18 individuals. Masks are required, social distancing enforced, and sanitizing capabilities are available.**

### **MONDAY, MAY 17, 2021**

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

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.                    C Carter, Public Works Management Team Meeting – Conference Call **(Cancelled)**

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.                  J Flynn, Administrative Services Coordinator Update

- Grants/Insurance/Miscellaneous

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.                  K Eslinger, Human Resources Update

#### **Calendar Items**

*05/17/21-05/20/21 – Hearing for PERC Case No 133122-E-20 AFSCME*

#### **Discussion Items**

1. COVID Situation Update
  - a. Announcement re Masking
  - b. COVID Leave
2. EEOP

#### **Compensation, Benefits, Payroll, & Leave**

3. Fire Call for Non-Represented
4. Mutual of Omaha Employee Issue

#### **Labor Relations/ Legal Actions**

5. Labor & Legal Report Review  
Association – CH; DC; PW; SW; YS  
*Grievance:* Grievance (ASC) 20210324 - Bessett  
Leave  
*PERC:* PERC Case No 133122-E-20 AFSCME

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Executive Session		
Start: 10:08 AM	Length: 40 min	End: 10:48 AM
Reason:	Receipt/evaluation of complaints/charges against a public officer/employee.  Labor Relations: planning/adoption of strategy/position re collective bargaining, negotiations, grievance or mediation.	

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) – Personnel Disciplinary Matters and RCW 42.30.140 (4)(a) – Negotiations, Commissioner Carter called an Executive Session to order at 10:08 a.m. to go until 10:38 a.m. In attendance were Commissioners Carter, Stone and Jones, and Kirk Eslinger, Human Resources Director. The session was continued to 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Carter closed the session at 10:48 a.m.

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.            T Jones, Sheriff’s Office Update

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.        T Gaines, Central Services Update

- Technology Services: Civic Plus Training
- Interfund Communications: General Updates
- Facilities and Maintenance: Dude U
- Fairgrounds: New Hire
- Central Services: General Updates

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

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.        E Peterson, Quincy Adult Recreational HOA – Plat Discussion

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.        D Stone w/ S Davis, Risk Management Discussion

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.        Commissioners Roundtable – Miscellaneous Discussion

- District Court / Cities – Interlocal Agreement
- Larson Area – Mandatory Garbage Pick Up
- Thank you letters to public servants
- Masks at the Courthouse

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.        Discussion Meeting regarding District Court Judge Appointment Process

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.        C Carter, Governor’s Office Bi-Weekly Check-in (Microsoft Teams Meeting)

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**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Commissioner Stone was authorized to sign the Grant County Health District voucher listing in the amount of \$244,774.44.

**TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021**

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

J McKiernan, Fairgrounds Update

Staffing status

Budget look

- Revenue is starting to come in
- Comparative look
- Use of ARPA funds
- Discussion about facilities planning group

Fair Planning

- Nervous about capacity limits for our large musical acts
- State Plan
- Everything else appears to be a go

Status of Projects

- New stalls for Barn 46 and 47 started arriving
- Goat Barn excavation – should start soon
- Wood floors in Barn 44 – To be done in Fall
- Asphalt for stalls has been completed
- Southfield lighting project is complete
- Trees have been purchased (11) and have been planted
- New Tractor with attachments due????
- Debris removal waiting for property purchase
- Pig show rings have been ordered
- New building signage has been installed
- New ATV's have been ordered
- Commercial restrooms – Tom awarded the design contract
- Stall mats – Have been ordered
- Economic Impact Study – Materials sent to Consultant

Other potential projects

- Fixing bird penetrations and removing fans in Commercial building
- Painting the Beer Garden building
- Community Day plans

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Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(f) Commissioner Carter called an Executive Session to order at 10:49 a.m. to go until 10:55 a.m. regarding personnel disciplinary matters. In attendance were Commissioners Carter, Stone and Jones, and Jim McKiernan, Fairgrounds Director. Commissioner Carter closed the session at 10:55 a.m.

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

BOCC Update:

- Budget Update
- Staffing

Board of Equalization (BOE) Update:

- Budget Update
- 2020-2021 Session
  - Final hearings scheduled for July 15, 2021

Disability Board:

- Budget Update

Tourism Commission:

- Budget Update
- Meeting to be scheduled with Tourism & BOCC

Veteran Services:

- Overall Budget Update
- Direct Veteran Assistance Budget Update
- Veteran Service Officer (VSO) position / funding

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 1:00 p.m. to go until 1:05 p.m. regarding litigation. In attendance were Commissioners Carter, Stone and Jones, and Kevin McCrae, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Commissioner Carter closed the session at 1:05 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve items 1 and 2 on the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Resolution Notice of Hearing declaring Certain County Owned Vehicles and Equipment Surplus and ordering the sale thereof. Hearing to take place June 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. **(Approved, Resolution No. 21-044-CC)**
2. State of Washington County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement for Construction Proposal for the Rd. 3-NE (U-NE to County Line) project, in the amount of \$698,400.00. **(Approved).**

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1:30 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

Open Record Public Hearing, Solid Waste Management Fund Disposal  
 Fee Schedule Amendment to Exhibit B

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Fund Disposal Fee, Exhibit B.

Sam Castro, Public Works Director, gave a brief synopsis on the proposed changes.

Waste Type	3/1/21	6/01/21	Comments
<b>Garbage tipping fee</b> (loose) –per cubic yard	\$57.40	\$56.00	
Less than ½ cubic yard –per load	\$28.69	\$28.00	
<b>Unsecured Load Fee</b>			
Passenger vehicles	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Trucks over three cubic yards	\$15.00	\$15.00	
<b>Appliances</b>			
Small appliances/Metal items – per item	\$4.93		Included in garbage tipping fee above. Small appliances/metal items are not charged per item. Instead, they are included in the volume measurement above (less than ½ cubic yard or per cubic yard).
Large Appliances- ½ cubic yard or more	\$4.93	\$28.00 each	
Refrigerators, Freezers, AC Units	\$7.25	\$35.00 each	
<b>Animals</b>			
Animals (under 50 pounds) – per animal	\$4.93	\$5.00	Animals over 50 pounds will be received at the landfill by appointment only.
<b>Tires</b>			
Tires (35" or less in height) –per tire	\$4.50		Included in garbage tipping fee above. All tires are included in the volume measurement above (less than ½ cubic yard or per cubic yard).
Truck tires –per tire	\$8.00		
Tractor/Implement tires –per tire	\$11.75		
Heavy Equipment Tires –per tire	\$17.00		

Note: \*Disposal fees include the 3.6% State Refuse Tax. This tax rate will be removed from disposal fees after evidence is provided by hauler of separate collection of the tax.

The Disposal Fee amendment is being requested because based on cubic yard, not cents. The Paradigm Software has a rounding issue within the accounting system and therefore it creates inaccurate transactions. This will allow for better accounting.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Stone, to close the public comment portion of the hearing. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones to approve the amendment as presented. The motion passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 21-043-CC)**

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.                      Consent Agenda (Items 1 through 17)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve items 1 and 2, and 4 through 17 on the agenda as presented. Item 3 was approved with an amendment to the verbiage. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS OFFICE**

1. Commissioners Office and Public Defense Vouchers for approval. **(Approved)**.
2. Commissioners February 15, 2021 Minutes for approval. **(Approved)**.
3. Letter to Governor Inslee re: COVID-19 WA State re-opening. **(Approved with amendment)**.
4. Recommendation from the Strategic Infrastructure Program Advisory Committee to approve the following grant requests: **(Approved, Resolution No. 21-047-CC)**
  - a. SIP# 2021-03 Port of Mattawa Commercial Water Filtration and Infrastructure Planning Project, \$62,000.00 Grant
  - b. SIP# 2021-04 Port of Warden Phase 2 Rail and Road Infrastructure Expansion Project – Road Design and Engineering Portion of Phase 2, \$175,000.00 Grant
5. March 2021 reimbursement request from the Grant County Health District on Washington State COVID-19 Outbreak Emergency Housing Grant, Contract No. 316-46108-10 in the amount of \$790.53, reimbursement #10, request #7. **(Approved)**.
6. Reimbursement Request #1 on Washington State Department of Commerce Emergency Solutions (ESG-CV) Grant #20-4613C-100, administered through the Housing Authority of Grant County, in the amount of \$1,637.12. **(Approved)**.
7. Reimbursement Request #22 on Washington State Department of Commerce Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) No. 20-46108-10, administered through the Grant County Housing Authority, in the amount of \$57,734.47. **(Approved)**.
8. Reimbursement Request #8 on Washington State Department of Commerce Eviction Rent Assistance Program (ERAP) Grant No. 21-4614C-108, administered through the Housing Authority of Grant County, in the amount of \$106,292.43. **(Approved)**.

**AUDITOR'S OFFICE**

9. 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 \$373,303.20)**.

**FAIRGROUNDS**

10. Request for out of state travel for Jim McKiernan, Chris Turner and Tom Gaines to tour the Ford Center Equestrian Park from June 23-26, 2021 in Nampa ID. **(Approved)**.

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11. Request to surplus and sell 25 horse stalls in value of approx. \$2,000.00, via Facebook and Craigslist. **(Approved, Resolution No. 21-045-CC)**
12. Request to purchase a small utility trailer in the amount of \$1,399.00 plus tax from North 40 using left over funds not used in their capital expenditure budget for a tractor purchase. **(Approved).**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

13. Interlocal Agreement between the City of Moses Lake and Grant County (Sheriff's Office) relating to Marine Patrol Services on waters in the city and county. **(Approved, Resolution No. 21-046-CC)**

**CENTRAL SERVICES**

14. Request to go into contract with Clemmons, Rutherford and Associates Inc. (CRA) and sign an AIA Standard Form of Agreement between owner and Architect for the architectural services for the new Jail/Judicial complex etc. Approximate cost is \$45,000.00. **(Approved).**
15. Request for budget extension in the amount of \$1,795,000.00 to purchase the Fairgrounds property from the Moses Lake School District (\$1.2 million) and to purchase the former Washington Mutual building on Division Street in Ephrata (\$595,000.00). He is requesting the funding of these purchases come from REET funds. **(Approved, the hearing was set for June 21, 2021 at 1:20 pm)**
16. Request to hire a rock picker service to pick rocks on the rodeo arena floor at the Fairgrounds. The amount is \$6,000.00 using DFM7 Services. **(Approved).**
17. Request to go into contract with MJ Neal and Associates, Architects PLLC and sign an AIA Standard Form of Agreement between owner and Architect for the architectural services for the new bathroom project at the Fairgrounds. **(Approved).**

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. C Carter w/ S Davis, Risk Management Discussion

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. D Stone at Meeting w/ Representative Goehner (Coulee City Area)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021**

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

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

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. C Carter, WRCIP Fiscal Call (Zoom)

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Tourism Commission Discussion with Commissioners

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10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	TOURISM COMMISSION MEETING
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	C Carter, Japan exchange Program Meeting (Zoom)
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	R Jones, Grant County Leadership Call on COVID-19
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	C Carter, Grant County Suicide Prevention Taskforce (GCSPT) Meeting
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	D Stone at Grant Integrated Services – Introduction (Moses Lake)
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD

**THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2021**

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	D Stone, Lake Roosevelt Forum Webinar Series: Upper Columbia Salmon Reintroduction Confirmation
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	R Jones at Grant County Economic Development Council (GCEDC) Introduction (Moses Lake)
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	C Carter, Grant Transit Authority (GTA) Board Meeting

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Commissioner Carter signed 2 letters of support to the Health Care Authority for the City of Soap Lake and the City of Ephrata, both to apply for 2021 HCA CPWI Expansion grants.

Commissioner Jones signed a letter of support for Samaritan Healthcare’s Congressionally Directed Spending request of \$2.5 million to support the construction of a new hospital in Moses Lake.



FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021

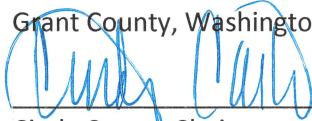
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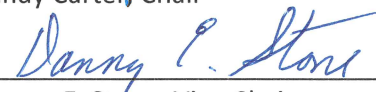
8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Commissioners at Crescent Bar Tour / Informational Meeting with PUD Commissioners

- Crescent Bar Recreation Area – Chinook Park Day-Use Parking Lot

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

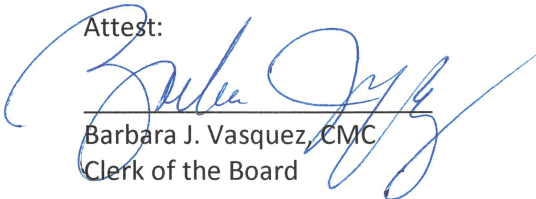
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Grant County, Washington

  
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Cindy Carter, Chair

  
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Danny E. Stone, Vice-Chair

EXCUSED  
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Rob Jones, Member

Attest:

  
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Barbara J. Vasquez, CMC  
Clerk of the Board