

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. Social distancing enforced, and sanitizing capabilities are available.

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 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 |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grants/Insurance/Miscellaneous |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Commissioners Roundtable – Miscellaneous Discussion |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BOCC Office Shirts• Rodeo Program and Picture – reminder• HopeSource pamphlets |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | T Jones, Sheriff’s Office Update |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | District Court Update |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | WSAC Virtual Assembly |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m. | Open Record Public Hearing, Vacation of surplus rights, cul-de-sac, Stacy Drive in Pelican Point (Bloom) |

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider the vacation of surplus rights, cul-de-sac, Stacy Drive in Pelican Point as petitioned by Philip Bloom and Diana Bloom.

Keith Elefson, County Engineer, provided the below engineers report:

The Board of County Commissioners of Grant County Washington has received a petition to vacate that portion of County Right-of-Way surplus being a portion of a cul-de-sac on Stacey Drive in the Pelican Point Addition No. 3; lying in the west half of the NW1/4 Section 3 of Township 18 North, Range 28 East W.M., all in Grant County, Washington, as hatch marked on the attached Exhibit A.

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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 1:00 PM, Monday, the 21st Day of June, 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 frontage along the petitioned County Surplus Right-of-way. The affected parcel is owned by the proponents. Stacey Drive was extended and the cul-de-sac was removed as part of that extension. This resulted in the portion of the right of way in question being no longer necessary for proper function of the road.

I find that this section of County Right-of-way to be surplus, unnecessary, and useless to the public, and the public would be benefitted by its vacation and abandonment as a reduction in liability and maintenance, with no exceptions except utilities.

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 Jones, seconded by Commissioner Stone to approve the vacation as presented. The motion passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 21-065-CC)**

1:10 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. Open Record Public Hearing, Vacation of Road and ROW on M-NW,
South of 24-NW (Billingsley/Mayer)

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider vacating M-NW roadlog 33790 south of Rd 24-NW in S 1 and 2, T 22 N, R 24 E WM as petitioned by Raymond Mayer / Loretta Mayer and Billingsley Ranch LLC (Brent Billingsley).

Keith Elefson, County Engineer, provided the below engineers report and stated he is hesitant to recommend vacation:

The Board of County Commissioners of Grant County Washington has received a petition to vacate that portion of County Road and Rights-of-Way being a portion of Road M NW for 1.06 miles south of Road 24 NW; lying along the section line between Section 1 and Section 2 of Township 22 North, Range 24 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 1:10 PM, Monday, the 21st Day of June, 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.

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The proponents of the petition own the frontage along the petitioned County Right-of-way. The petitioning owners desire to prevent illegal dumping that currently occurs within this right-of-way. M NW is an unimproved road on the County road system. This road provides access from Road 24 NW to Washington State Department of Natural Resources land, which can also be accessed utilizing Road 23 NW. The original dedication of M NW is Old County Road 520, which provides access to federal land. Road 520 also provides access from the south, and connects to Road 687, which provides access from the west. These roads are all unimproved roads on the County system.

I find that this section of County Right-of-way provides limited benefit to the traveling public, and use would be primarily for recreational purposes. It is unlikely that the County would improve these roads due to cost of construction and the rural nature of the area. However, access to state and federal lands may be considered a valid reason to not vacate this section of right-of-way. It is feasible to allow gates be placed at both ends with a limited access signage, to be purchased by the 2 proponents. There is precedence for this, one of which is a Nature preserve in Quincy, and a temporary "must remain open" gate at the Gorge on Baseline. Therefore I recommend gates being placed at owners expense, that the gates be required to be open during hunting season and other times of high recreational use, and to deny outright vacating recreational access

Loretta Mayer, one of the petitioners, stated that she is surprised by the engineer's hesitation to recommend. She stated there is a lot of negativities to the road due to ORV's who bring in noxious weeds, fire dangers, and a lot of garbage dumping.

Sam Dart, Assistant Public Works Director, assisted the commissioners by sharing his screen with a bigger arial map. The gate option was discussed further.

After discussion, Commissioner Carter stated she would be in favor of continuing the hearing. The Clerk of the Board recommended continuing to June 29, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. and keep the public comment portion open.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones to continue this hearing to June 29, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Open Record Public Hearing, Amendment to the 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Plan Appendices and Concurrent Budget Extension for the Acquisition of Real Properties

The Commissioners held an Open Record Public Hearing to consider an amendment to the 2021-2026 Capital Facilities Plan Appendices and a concurrent budget extension for the acquisition of real properties. The budget extension amount is \$1,795,000.00 using REET funds to purchase property adjacent to the Fairgrounds in Moses Lake (Parcel No. 17-0613-002) and the former WA Mutual Building in Ephrata (Parcel No. 13-0306-000).

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Tom Gaines, Central Services Director stated he recommended this amendment and budget extension to purchase property as advertised. He now recommends withdrawing the Washington Mutual Building from the amendment which will now make the budget extension request amount to be \$1,200,000.00.

Cheryl Schweitzer, Columbia Basin Herald, asked why is the WAMU building being removed? Mr. Gaines explained that the appraisal came in much lower than the asking price so they are removing the purchase.

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to close the public comment portion of the hearing. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the amendment of the Capital Facilities Plan and concurrent budget extension for the acquisition of parcel number 17-0613-002 adjacent to the Grant County Fairgrounds from the Moses Lake School District in the amount of \$1,200,000.00. I further move to withdraw the amendment of the Capital Facilities Plan and the budget extension for the acquisition of parcel number 13-0306-000, based on the recommendation of County staff. Commissioner Stone seconded and the motion passed unanimously. **(Budget Extension Resolution No. 21-067-CC; Amendment to the Capital Facilities Plan Appendices Resolution No. 21-066-CC)**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

T Adkinson, Grant County Health District Update

TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 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

06/22/21 – HWC Meeting (without Advisors)

06/28/21 – Deputy Sheriff Negotiations

Discussion Items

1. Reasonable Accommodation Process
2. COVID Pay for "Heroes"

Authorization Requests

3. PAR – Martha Galicia

Compensation, Benefits, Payroll, & Leave

4. Change Stipends from Flat Rate to Percentage Based
5. Juneteenth Holiday
6. Non-Traditional Comparables

Recruitment / Civil Service

7. District Court Judge Appointments Process

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| Labor Relations/ Legal Actions | | |
| 8. Labor & Legal Report Review | | |
| Association – CH; DC; PW; SW; YS | | |
| <i>Negotiation:</i> Negotiations (ASC) 2021 | | |
| Legal Actions | | |
| <i>Other:</i> Tort Claim | | |
| Executive Session | | |
| Start: 9:49 AM | Length: 11 min | End: 10:00 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. | |

- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. S Palacios, Juvenile Court and Youth Services Update
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Grant PUD / Count Commissioner Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. G Dano, Prosecuting Attorney’s Office Update
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. S Castro, Public Works Update (Items 1 through 5)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve items 1 through 5 on the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Request to the County Road Department for Reimbursable Work with the City of Grand Coulee for the seal coat Dill St, Jones St, Banks Ave. and provide pallets of crack seal. Work will be completed no later than September 30, 2021 with a maximum reimbursable amount of \$45,000. **(Approved).**
2. Request to purchase (6) flashing LED stop signs from Traffic Safety Supply in the amount of \$10,918.02. Purchase will be made through a Washington State Department of Enterprise Services Contract No. 04616. **(Approved).**
3. Request to Purchase Equipment Parts and Repair for a 4000 Series Street Sweeper, equipment #2504 for Road District #2. Total cost for parts is \$12,313.44 from Western Systems. Public Works has a credit with Western Systems in the amount of -\$8,808.68 that will be deducted from the overall price leaving the total balance owing \$3,504.76. **(Approved).**
4. **Resolution No. 21-064-CC**, Notice of Hearing in the matter of declaring certain County owned property surplus and ordering the sale thereof. Hearing to take place July 12, 2021 at 1:30 PM. **(Approved).**
5. Request to purchase: **(Approved).**
 - (3) Lenovo ThinkPad T15 Laptops at \$1,968.13 per unit (pre-tax) through state CDW Contract #MNWNC-117 05815-007.
 - (3) Lenovo ThinkCentre M90q Tinys at \$1,260.03 per unit (pre-tax) through state CDW Contract #MNWNC-117 05815-007.

Total 2021 computer scheduled replacement cost is \$9,684.48 pre-tax.

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2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Consent Agenda (Items 1 through 9)

A motion was made by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve items 1 through 9 on the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

1. Commissioners Office and Public Defense Vouchers for approval. **(Approved)**.
2. *Held from the June 15, 2021 Consent Agenda:* Decision on the County Insurance Representative for the Washington Rural County Insurance Pool (WRCIP) policy. **(Trask Insurance – Shane Heston was chosen)**.
3. Agreement amending Washington State COVID-19 Outbreak Emergency Housing Grant No. 316-46108-10 subrecipient agreement between Grant County and the City of Moses Lake dated July 14, 2020 and amended October 20, 2020. The amendment increases the compensation by \$170,000.00 for a new total not to exceed \$365,845.00 and extends the end date to June 20, 2021. **(Approved)**.
4. Agreement amending Washington State COVID-19 Outbreak Emergency Housing Grant No. 316-46108-10 subrecipient agreement between Grant County and the Grant County Health District dated July 14, 2020 and amended October 20, 2020. The amendment decreases the compensation by \$170,000.00 for a new total not to exceed \$22,617.00 and extends the end date to June 20, 2021. **(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 \$98,390.95)**.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

6. 2021-23 Biennium Contract No. K2211 between the Washington State Conservation Commission and Grant County for Voluntary Stewardship Program Implementation to provide funding to the county for the implementation of the work plan as required for the VSP consistent with RCW 36.70A.700-760 and related statutes. **(Approved)**.
7. Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Grant County and the Grant County Conservation District for the Voluntary Stewardship Program for joint cooperative action on item 7 above. **(Approved)**.

PUBLIC DEFENSE

8. 2020-2021 Professional Services agreement, Conflict and Overflow Investigator, with Rachel Bos known as Bos Investigations. Term is upon execution through December 31, 2021. **(Approved)**.

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9. Face Sheet to Agreement No. GRT21044 from the Washington State Office of Public Defense in the amount of \$24,088.00 for the purpose of providing indigent defense representation for eligible persons seeking to vacate felony convictions and/or to be re-sentenced pursuant to Stat v. Blake, 481 P.3d 521 (2021). **(Approved)**.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

E Wash, Accounting Department – Travel Policy Discussion

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Commissioners approved and signed the Public Works County Payroll Salary Fund for their June 18, 2021 payroll.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS (Development Services Department)

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021

D Stone, Out

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

R Jones at Job Corp Open House Event (Moses Lake)

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

R Jones, Moses Lake School District Board Meeting (Zoom)

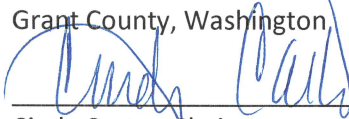
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FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021

- 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. D Stone at Eastern Washington Council of Governments Meeting
(Davenport)
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. C Carter, Jail Diversion / Behavioral Health “Commissioner” Meeting

Signed this 28 day of Sept, 2021.

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Cindy Carter, Chair

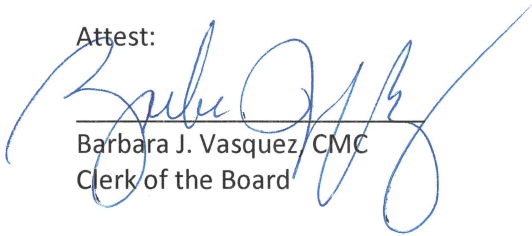


Danny E. Stone, Vice-Chair



Rob Jones, Member

Attest:



Barbara J. Vasquez, CMC
Clerk of the Board