

Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners



George Raiter, Chairman
Axel Swanson, Commissioner
Kathleen A. Johnson, Commissioner

Vickie Musgrove, Clerk of the Board

Minutes **January 26, 2010** **Vol. 451**

Commissioner Raiter called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Swanson and Commissioner Johnson were present.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda – Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Minutes of January 12 and January 19, 2010. The motion carried. Commissioner Swanson moved to approve the Consent Agenda of January 26, 2010. Noted many letters are on the agenda to people serving on various county committees. Commissioner Johnson thanked Clerk of the Board Vickie Musgrove for her work on these committees. Commissioner Raiter said they generally reappoint incumbent members and interview new people. The motion carried.

Citizen Comments – Mike Kayser, Castle Rock; stated he believes barns are exempt from fire codes. Believes Class U exempts us. Stated Clark County does not require fire suppression systems in barns. Stated building permits are not to insure our safety, but to gain more tax dollars. The county should opt out of agricultural permit process. There are a lot of buildings that do not have plans drawn until after the building is built.

Commissioner Swanson stated he is going to Olympia to talk with Legislators about fire suppression on agricultural buildings being burdensome. In Clark County you don't have to pull a building permit for agricultural buildings, but that doesn't mean you are exempt, you have to comply with current fire and building codes. He is working on the pros and cons of taking out agricultural buildings from the building permit process. A lot comes from laws that we don't have control of at the county level. Noted the fire departments may have a different view on fire suppressions. They are putting themselves in danger and have a right to say how something is built and what standards are needed. They are responsible for safety.

Commissioner Johnson stated the state put fire suppression into law which they must follow until the legislature changes. Glad to see it finally moving forward at the legislative level. Commented the Building Department exists for the public's health and safety.

Commissioner Raiter agreed the Building Department's function is to ensure public health and safety. This subject requires changes in the state law before changes can occur at the county level. An exemption still requires proper permits.

Labor Agreement with Local 1262 of the Washington State Council of County and City Employees and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), covering the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012 – Jim Zdilar, Personnel Director; presented the staff report. Highlights of the contract were: wage increase for 2010 is zero and 2011 and 2012 will be 80% of the CPI; health contribution for 2010 is \$1,000 per month, 2011 is \$1,050 per month, and 2012 is \$1,100 per month. Changes in the language give Central Services the ability to have flexible hours. Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the agreement. The motion carried.

Washington State Department of Ecology 2010-2011 Coordinated Prevention Grant Agreement No. G1000387 and Procurement Certification Form. Provides continued funding for ongoing projects. The first year of project costs are being funded by the grant, \$75,750 is the DOE grant amount and \$25,250 is the County's share – Kent Cash, Public Works; presented the staff report. The county pays for collection and disposal of hazardous waste. It is a great community program. Commissioner Swanson moved to execute the grant agreement and procurement certification form. The motion carried.

Certification of the 2010 Road Levy and Estimated Revenue Produced as well as the Digital Submittal Certification from the County Road Administration Board, as required by WAC 136-150-021– Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the certification of the 2010 road levy and estimated revenue produced, and authorize the digital submittal certification to be executed. The motion carried.

Contract with Realm, Inc. for the Ryderwood Community Infiltration and Inflow Removal Project - Phase II, in the bid amount of \$1,197,740.25 – Commissioner Swanson moved to enter into the contract. Commissioner Raiter stated this will save the rate payers. The motion carried.

Award the bid and approve the Agreement for the Willow Grove Debris Boom Repair Project to the only, and lowest responsible bidder, Topper Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$10,396.17 – Commissioner Johnson moved to award the bid and approve the agreement. Ron Junker, Facilities Maintenance Director; presented the staff report. Stated this will keep debris out of the loading basin. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 10-011 - Adopting a Gender Equity Policy for Community Athletics Programs for Cowlitz County and Third Parties using County Parks & Recreation Facilities– Commissioner Raiter stated this is required in order to conform with ESSB 5967 passed during the 2009 Legislative session. Commissioner Swanson moved to adopt the resolution. The motion carried.

Award the replacement of the Jail Annex Hot Water Heater to Sessions Plumbing & Heating; in the bid amount of \$9,171.50– Commissioner Johnson moved to award the replacement of the Jail Annex Hot Water Heater. Junker stated they did not declare an emergency by using the other two water heaters to operate the kitchen and laundry and have tepid water for showers. The motion carried.

Authorization of final invoice from onthemark Associates for the graphic design of all Cook Ferry Trail signage; in the amount of \$4,661.85. Increases total project cost to \$7,961.85 an increase of \$1,961.85– Commissioner Swanson moved to approve the final invoice. Junker stated the signs are being installed this week. They will have some type of recognition in June to coincide with National Trail Day. The motion carried.

Agreement with Cowlitz Fire Protection District #6 to provide up to \$55,414 for reimbursement for emergency response performed on federal forest lands and outside of the Fire District's jurisdiction– Commissioner Swanson said this is an ongoing problem. The fire department responds to emergencies on federal forest lands outside of the fire district's jurisdiction. Commissioner Johnson stated she would like a report from 2008 or 2009 on the actual dollars spent. Commissioner Johnson moved to execute the agreement. The motion carried.

Agreement with Cowlitz Fire Protection District #5 to provide up to \$9,492 for reimbursement for emergency response performed on federal forest lands and outside of the Fire District's jurisdiction– Commissioner Johnson noted this is for Kalama for training costs. Commissioner Swanson moved to enter into the agreement. The motion carried.

Memorandum of Agreement No. CAS-WT 10 between Columbia Analytical Services, Inc. and Cowlitz County Health Department for Drinking Water Analysis– Commissioner Johnson moved to enter into the memorandum of agreement. Carlos Carreon, Director of Health and Human Services; presented the staff report. Stated they have a chain of custody. When the Health Department takes possession of a sample they follow through to getting the results to the resident. It is more cost effective to outsource these particular services. There are a series of different kinds of analysis. The motion carried.

Agreement No. MHC-MH 10-11 with Lower Columbia Mental Health Center to provide medically necessary mental health services to enrollees and eligible service recipients for the period beginning on January 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011; compensation not to exceed \$6,583,725– Commissioner Swanson moved to approve the agreement. Would like to have some of the contractors explain what programs are available to the public for mental health and substance abuse. Carlos Carreon stated it would be a good discussion for the Board of Health. Commissioner Johnson stated it would be a good educational tool to the public. The motion carried.

Professional Service Contract with Mark Maxwell; not to exceed \$5,000 – Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the Professional Service Contract. The motion carried.

Interagency Agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for BECCA costs associated with CHINS, At-Risk Youth, and Truancy Petitions; maximum reimbursement of \$901,075 – Commissioner Swanson moved to approve and execute the amendment. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda of January 26, 2010

Correspondence

Affidavit of Posting Resume' of the Commissioners' Proceedings for the Month of December, 2010.

Letter dated January 14, 2010 to the NPHLI Selection Committee from the BOCC recommending Carlos Carreón participate with the Public Health Institute.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Hope Koistinen from the BOCC expressing appreciation for her service on the Cowlitz County Planning Commission.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Jeane Moksness from the BOCC appointing her to another term on the Cowlitz County Mosquito Control Board, representing District 2, term expires February 28, 2012.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Catherine DeVaul Trahin from the BOCC appointing her to another term on the Cowlitz County Mosquito Control Board, representing District 1, term expires February 28, 2012.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Eino Suomi from the BOCC appointing him to another term on the Cowlitz County Noxious Weed Control Board, representing Weed District 5, term expires February 28, 2014.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Mark Smith from the BOCC appointing him to another term on the Cowlitz County Planning Commission, representing District 3, term expires January 31, 2014.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to David Sypher from the BOCC appointing him to another term on the Cowlitz County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, representing cities, term expires March 15, 2012.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Josh Johnson from the BOCC appointing him to another term on the Cowlitz County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, representing citizens at large, term expires March 15, 2012.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Larry Fulcher from the BOCC appointing him to another term on the Cowlitz County Solid Waste Advisory Committee, representing industries, term expires March 15, 2012.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Brian Magnuson from the BOCC appointing him to another term on the Public Facilities District Board of Directors, as Position 1, term expires February 27, 2014.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Richard Stumph from the BOCC appointing him to another term on the Public Facilities District Board of Directors, as Position 2, term expires February 27, 2014.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to J. Walter Barham from the BOCC appointing him to another term on the Public Facilities District Board of Directors, as Position 7, term expires February 27, 2014.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Ireda Grohs from the BOCC appointing her to another term on the Public Facilities District Board of Directors, as Position 3, term expires February 27, 2014.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Alex Nelson from the BOCC appointing him to another term on the Building & Planning Advisory Council, term expires July 31, 2014.

Letter dated January 26, 2010 to Basil Rotschy from the BOCC appointing him to another term on the Building & Planning Advisory Council, term expires July 31, 2014.

Travel Authorizations

Kent Cash and Ryan Lopossa, Public Work; to Ft. Worth, TX to attend the National Association of County Engineers Annual Conference - April 24, 2010 through April 29, 2010

The following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment

Fund	Voucher Numbers	Amount
Claims	358444 – 358899	\$1,267,878.27

The Cowlitz County Commissioners adjourned at 9:50 a.m. and convened as the Cowlitz County Board of Health at 10:00 a.m. with all members present.

Board of Health Agenda

Carlos Carreón, Health and Human Services; presented an overview of the Board of Health agenda.

Jennifer Vines, MD, MPH; Deputy Health Officer presented an Update on Lessons learned from the H1N1 Outbreak – Stated the H1N1 is not over. Only 10 percent of high risk persons have been vaccinated. The Incident Command Team did well. Communication is always an issue. They will receive feedback from the 300 plus volunteers who participated in the response. They used one commander for the region and locally with branch commanders. The approach is dynamic and expandable to tailor to specific response. H1N1 arrived around the same time as the regular flu season. This required two different shots. Next years notification should be improved. Will have results in the next few months pertaining to confirmed cases of H1N1 and if they received the H1N1 vaccine.

Carlos Carreón, presented an Update on the re-emergence of heroin in our communities – There is a trend in increase in heroin use in our community. There is increased hospitalization. It's a disturbing trend between unemployment, homelessness and substance abuse. It is not life threatening, but uncomfortable. The increase in heroin may be related to cost. Economy does affect more than just pay checks. Commissioner Swanson said it's harder to produce meth and may contribute to an increase in heroin use. Carreon stated it is social issues that make people choose. Need early intervention and help people with coping skills. Commissioner Raiter stated they need young leaders to energize the youth. These dangers are significant life changers. Commissioner Johnson questioned if there was any study of people using these drugs for fun versus escape. Carreon stated he didn't know of any recent study. People in late state are using as an escape. It is how they handle difficult situations.

Jennifer Vines, presented an Update on the fundamentals of Public Health and Book Club: The Ghost Map and the birth of population-based health as we know it – This book is about the London Cholera Epidemic in 1854. This is a story with four protagonists: a deadly bacterium, a vast city, and two gifted but very different men. A doctor and reverend attempted to put a stop to the cholera epidemic. This was at a time before people knew about germ theory. They went to households and tracked who had it and what water pumps they used and when they used them. Reminds us of what public health does. There were vital stats collected, epidemiology and disease patterns; short-term and long-term interventions to prevent disease; potential to improve quality and longevity of life for many individuals. Everyone is invited to join this book club. The date and time will be forthcoming. Not sure on advertising community-wide. Commissioner Johnson stated it was an excellent way to get public health out. If you look at books for teaching tools, you'll find a lot of people interested.

The Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners meets again on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

/s/ Tiffany Ostreim
Tiffany Ostreim, Acting Clerk of the Board

/s/ George Raiter
George Raiter, Chairman