

Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners



*Joe Gardner, Chairman
Dennis P. Weber, Commissioner
Arne Mortensen, Commissioner*

Tiffany Ostreim, Clerk of the Board

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Commissioner Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Weber was present and Commissioner Mortensen was absent-excused.

Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Commissioner Gardner.

Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2017 and Consent Agenda of May 23, 2017 – Commissioner Weber moved to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2017. The motion carried. Commissioner Weber moved to approve the Consent Agenda of May 23, 2017. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber stated an article in the Daily News regarding Behavioral Health funding had inaccurate information. Awarded a one-time \$120,000 grant to CORE Health to assist them in obtaining licensed mental health professional in order to obtain regular funding from the regional Great Rivers Behavioral Health Organization; and two \$135,405 annual grants for case management for homeless youth. Total award to the CHOB organization: \$395,000 not \$900,000.

Commissioner Weber announced the Board of Health regular meeting in June will have a discussion on the Needle Exchange Program.

Certificate of Good Practice to Assistant County Engineer, Susan Eugenis. Commissioner Gardner presented the Certificate of Good Practice to Susan Eugenis. Certificate from County Road Administration Board (CRAB) continues distribution of state gas tax. Also allows us to continue to get federal highway funds. The Board presented the certificate to Susan.

Citizen Comments - Rick VonRock, 400 N. 7th, Kelso; spoke in support of the mental illness tax. Also asked about programs run by Love Overwhelming. Commissioner Gardner noted outcomes from current activities appear to be beneficial. Expect a report in the fall on summation of how those programs are working. Commissioner Weber stated the decision to add this tax was made by a different serving Board of Commissioners who provided a sunset of March, 2018. Felt it legitimate to bring to the voters. Love Overwhelming has a contract for permanent supportive housing and a contract for coordinated entry operating out of CAP. Document recording fees for these services are separate and set up as reimbursement funds.

Jim Hill, 1100 N. 22nd, Kelso; spoke on fireworks. Wants to initiate changes in county code. If the county takes the lead it will influence the cities. Wants enhanced enforcement this year. Wants money to pay for overtime to respond to complaints. Wants an anonymous phone number for people to report disturbances.

Commissioner Gardner noted the Sheriff's Office has an anonymous tip line including text messages.

Jeff Wilson, Longview; spoke in support of continuing the mental health tax. Drug Court has substantially successful numbers audited and proven

Chris Bornstedt, Kelso; spoke in support of the mental health tax.

Bill Josh, Longview; spoke in support of mental health tax. Drug Court program has proven track of success. Spoke on the syringe exchange program. Spoke on the fireworks proposal.

Frank Morrison, Longview; thanked the Board for giving Community House on Broadway an opportunity.

Jim Hill, Kelso; reiterated the fireworks proposal is to restrict the use of firework to July 3-5 and also New Year's Eve and day. Banning applies only to mortars.

Bid Award for the 2017 Countywide Pavement Striping Project No. 2066-17 to the lowest responsible bidder, Specialized Pavement Marking, Inc. in the total amount of \$460,965.82 – Susan Eugenis, Public Works; was present. This is striping throughout the county. This bid is very favorable. Commissioner Weber moved to award the bid for the 2017 Countywide Pavement Striping Project No. 2066-17 to the lowest responsible bidder, Specialized Pavement Marking, Inc. in the total amount of \$460,965.82. The motion carried.

Contract with Columbia River Contractors, Inc. for the Kalama River Road Guardrail Repair Project No. 5306; Federal Contract No. TA-6014; in the bid amount of \$35,400 – Susan Eugenis, Public Works; was present. This is result of 2015 storm. Commissioner Weber moved to enter into the Contract with Columbia River Contractors, Inc. for the Kalama River Road Guardrail Repair Project No. 5306; Federal Contract No. TA-6014; in the bid amount of \$35,400. The motion carried.

Bid Award for the Environmental Laboratory Services to BSK Associates as the sole company to submit a proposal, in the total amount of \$52,419.78 – Susan Eugenis, Public Works; was present. Certain tests are required by Department of Ecology. Commissioner Weber moved to award the bid for the Environmental Laboratory Services to BSK Associates as the sole company to submit a proposal, in the total amount of \$52,419.78. The motion carried.

Resolution No. 17-046 rescinding Resolution No. 16-156 and adopting updated Policy and Procedures for administration of Veterans Relief Fund – Carole Harrison, Health and Human Services; was present. Veterans Advisory Board has submitted recommendations to increase rental assistance and total assistance amount.

Bill Josh, Longview; spoke on the importance of the Veterans Relief program.

Commissioner Weber moved to adopt the resolution rescinding Resolution No. 16-156 and adopting the updated Policy and Procedures for administration of Veterans Relief Fund. The motion carried.

Amendment No. 1 to Contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to provide detention bed space for youth under the jurisdiction of ICE. Increases the bed day rate paid for services from \$136.42 to \$170, effective May 15, 2017 – Commissioner Weber stated this is different than sanctuary. Commissioner Weber moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to provide detention bed space for youth under the jurisdiction of ICE. Increases the bed day rate paid for services from \$136.42 to \$170, effective May 15, 2017.

Chris Bornstedt, Kelso; spoke against house anyone for ICE and doesn't want to do it for a profit. The motion carried.

Environmental Review for 2017 CDBG General Purpose Grant #16-62210-020 for Housing Opportunities of SW Washington dba Housing Authority of the City of Longview for the rehab project of Beechwood Apartments, located at 606 Beechwood Street, Woodland, WA 98674.

Tier I Environmental Review for 2017 CDBG General Purpose Grant #16-62210-021 for Lower Columbia Community Action Program for Housing Rehabilitation Project.

Tier II Environmental Review for 2017 CDBG General Purpose Grant #16-62210-021 for Lower Columbia Community Action Program for Housing Rehabilitation Project for the following addresses: 1427 4th Ave S., Kelso; 221 Parker Place, Kelso; 105 Villa Road, Kelso; 310 Rutherford Lane, Castle Rock; 631 Pioneer Ave NE, Castle Rock; 512 SW Diane Street, Castle Rock; 108 Windsor Lane, Longview; 118 N. Maple Street, Kelso; 128 N. Pekin Road, Woodland; 131 SE Roake Avenue, Castle Rock; and 207 Taylor Street, Ryderwood. Katrina Harris, Office of Financial Management; was present. In September 2016 the county was notified we were awarded two CDBG General Purpose Grants. Under the grant guidelines, County staff is required to conduct an environmental review. The County has completed the environmental review for Housing Opportunities of SW Washington dba housing Authority of the City of Longview for rehab of Beechwood Apartments.

Commissioner Weber moved to approve submission of Environmental Review for 2017 CDBG General Purpose Grant #16-62210-020 for Housing Opportunities of SW Washington dba Housing Authority of the City of Longview for the rehab project of Beechwood Apartments, located at 606 Beechwood Street, Woodland, WA 98674. The motion carried.

Katrina reported the County has completed the Tier I environmental review for Lower Columbia Community Action Program for housing rehabilitation services for approximately 12 households.

Commissioner Weber moved to approve submission of Tier I Environmental Review for 2017 CDBG General Purpose Grant #16-62210-021 for Lower Columbia Community Action Program for Housing Rehabilitation Project. The motion carried.

Katrina reported the County has completed the Tier II environmental review for the individual homes as part of CDBG for Lower Columbia CAP.

Chris Bornstedt, Kelso; asked about his neighbor.
The citizen requested.

Bill Josh, Longview; asked about the funds.
Through Department of Commerce on a reimbursable basis.

Commissioner Weber moved approve submission of Tier II Environmental Review for 2017 CDBG General Purpose Grant #16-62210-021 for Lower Columbia Community Action Program for Housing Rehabilitation Project for the following addresses: 1427 4th Ave S., Kelso; 221 Parker Place, Kelso; 105 Villa Road, Kelso; 310 Rutherford Lane, Castle Rock; 631 Pioneer Ave NE, Castle Rock; 512 SW Diane Street, Castle Rock; 108 Windsor Lane, Longview; 118 N. Maple Street, Kelso; 128 N. Pekin Road, Woodland; 131 SE Roake Avenue, Castle Rock; and 207 Taylor Street, Ryderwood. The motion carried.

Commissioner Weber also moved to allow staff to present it to the Board for signatures as needed, when the future Tier II Environmental Reviews are completed, in order to meet the compliance requirements of the CDBG General Purpose Grant. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Correspondence

Notice from Federal Energy Regulatory Commissioner regarding PacifiCorp, Project No. 2071-076 - Order Approving Yale Lake Day Use Facilities Plan.

Notice dated May 17, 2017 from Department of Energy Bonneville Power Administration stating BPA will not build the proposed I-5 Corridor Reinforcement Project.

Vouchers

The following vouchers/warrants are approved for payment

Fund	Voucher Numbers	Amount
Claims	239 - 240	\$ 10,175.54
Claims for Special Purpose Districts	499700 - 499737	54,816.85
Claims	499738 - 499903	1,042,742.78

The Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners adjourned at 10:00 a.m. to meet again Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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

/s/ Joe Gardner
Joe Gardner, Chairman

The Cowlitz County Board of Commissioners adjourned at 10:00 a.m. and convened as the Cowlitz County Board of Health. Commissioner Gardner called the regular meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Commissioner Weber was present and Commissioner Mortensen was absent-excused.

Cowlitz County Board of Health Agenda

Board of Health Resolution No. 17-002 Establishing a Homeless Housing Task Force

Gena James, Health and Human Services; was present. This meets the RCW requirements. Historically met through contracting with Council of Governments. Transferred those services to Health and Human Services. Now tasked with creating a task force within county structure. This resolution will help us do that and in alignment with other county boards. Legal may help in determining representation.

Commissioner Gardner clarified the three options: the county contracts out, which was previously done through Council of Governments; the county establishes the task force, or the county opts out and the state decides how funds are spent in the county.

Commissioner Weber clarified people who may gain a benefit will not be on the task force.

Commissioner Weber moved to adopt the resolution establishing a Homeless Housing Task Force.

Jeff Wilson, Longview; was grateful the county has taken back the 10 year homeless housing and will create a task force.

The motion carried.

Great Rivers Behavioral Health Organization - What We Do. Presented by Marc Bollinger, CEO GRBHO and Todd Broderius, Chief Integration Officer –

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Presentation included explanation of Behavioral Health Organizations. Represents Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Lewis, Pacific and Wahkiakum. Administers public mental health and substance use disorder services. BHO is a quasi-governmental entity created through an Interlocal Agreement. Provides funding and oversight of direct mental health and substance use disorders services. BHO contracts with providers. Funded through Medicaid and State dollars allocated to BHOs. Mission is to develop and provide access to high quality, whole person care. BHO contracts with Washington's Department of Social and Health and Services (DSHS), Medicaid, State, Federal, provider agencies, medical directors, Ombudsmen, quality review team and after hours crisis services. Serves anyone who is eligible who has a mental health need. Crisis services are open to everyone. Services provided include outpatient, crisis, triage, inpatient, children's wrap around, residential and homeless support, community integration, housing placements, peer support, transition, prison and jail treatment, in home facilities, clubhouses and peer recovery centers, evaluation facilities, involuntary detention and court hearings. Approximately 95% of persons served in outpatient services avoided hospitalization. Psychiatric hospitalizations have been reduced every year for the last three years. Number of persons re-admitted to inpatient settings has been reduced by 2,000 since 2011. Number of Medicaid enrollees served in outpatient services has increased by 2,000 a year for three years in a row. Main location is in Chehalis.

Jim Hill, 1100, Kelso; spoke about duplicate of services, privacy and criteria used in the methadone clinic.

There's an assessment and benefits are coordinated so there is no duplication. Patient information may be shared with providers if there is a signed release. Coordination of benefits may be shared. They are not a profit agency.

Acadia is the agency who will provide methadone treatment. The state requested the clinic be in Longview or Kelso. Acadia looked at the areas and selected Kelso.

Richard Dreier, Longview; asked about the BHO advisory board. Also asked about administrative costs compared to 2012.

The RCW spells out the makeup of the BHO advisory board. 51% consumers or family members of services; representatives from all five counties, law enforcement, health care providers, and community members.

Administrative costs are very similar to 2012. Increased when formed because of startup and then went back down. The less spent on administrative costs, the more can be spent on services. Administrative costs are about 4%.

The Cowlitz County Board of Health adjourned at 11:20 a.m. to meet again Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

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

/s/ Joe Gardner
Joe Gardner, Chairman