

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
APRIL 14, 2009  
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Mielke, Stuart, and Boldt, Chair, present.

**9:30 A.M.**

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT 2 BOARD MEETING

[Minutes done separately.]

**10:00 A.M.**

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL AUTISM MONTH

Commissioner Boldt read a proclamation declaring the month of April 2009 as National Autism Awareness Month in Clark County, Washington.

Susie Ringstaff, Local Chapter President, Autism Society of Washington, accepted the proclamation and said a few words.

PROCLAMATION – EARTH DAY

Commissioner Stuart read a proclamation declaring April 18, 2009 as “Got Bag?” Day and April 22, 2009 as Earth Day in Clark County, Washington.

Eric Golemo, Leadership Clark County, accepted the proclamation and commented on their project to reduce the use of disposable bags through the “Got Bag?” reminder program.

Dan Floyd, Director of Public Affairs, Safeway, thanked the environmental team, Board of Commissioners, and Vancouver City Council for allowing [grocery stores] to participate in the Got Bag program.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

BID AWARD WO 400615 – FAIRGROUNDS COMMUNITY PARK

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award WO 400615 – Fairgrounds Community Park. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending award of Bid WO 400615 to the lowest bidder.

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*Boldt* noted that the low bidder was 44% below the Engineer's Estimate and he asked if they would be revisiting the estimates.

*Heath Henderson*, Department of Public Works, responded that they would be looking at the bids. He said the trend has been coming this way and it's difficult to predict how low things will go, but they were surprised by how consistent the low bids were. He added that the state and City of Vancouver were also seeing a similar pattern.

*Mielke* wanted to know what was going to be done with the \$30,000 worth of large woody material—were there wetlands there?

*Henderson* said usually woody debris is for some type of mitigation requirement.

*Boldt* asked if the cost was to purchase the material.

*Henderson* said it was probably for spreading it around.

*Mielke* asked about the Athletic Asphalt Paving.

*Henderson* explained that it was for a basketball court.

*Stuart* commented that they recently had a work session directing Public Works and Parks to work together to move forward with projects. He said they gave preliminary authority to look into bonding up to \$10 million for those parks specifically because there is a great value to constituents in moving forward and keeping people working. He asked where they were at with that.

*Pete Capell*, Director, Department of Public Works, said they have been reviewing the remaining projects in the program to determine how they might accelerate them. They have also been providing information about the cost of borrowing money versus paying as you go, and taking advantage of the current low prices they are seeing today versus what those projects might cost when they delay them to show cost effectiveness of paying the interest to borrow the money. He said they should have that information for the board soon.

*Boldt* said in looking at this bid they essentially have \$1.2 million left in the checkbook and if it keeps going, that should figure into the equation. He said they are saving on every park plus if they get things going, they'll be able to build more parks.

*Jim Carlson*, 1932 NE 179<sup>th</sup> Street, Ridgefield, stated that he and his brother-in-law were starting an eco-friendly, green building environment project, which includes wastewater management reuse. He said they were in the preliminary stages currently working on funding and would need a partner when they begin moving forward in order to see what kind of technology proves to be the best and most cost effective. Carlson said he thought

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the property at 78<sup>th</sup> Street would be the best test facility. He cited the Toronto Healthy House project as an example. He asked if the county would support his project in terms of use of the site for trials.

*Boldt* said they have had a lot of discussions on what to do with that area.

*Stuart* said their staff has been putting together a proposal for how they might come up with a menu of strategies to manage stormwater specifically, as well as deal with habitat and wetland issues within the Whipple Creek watershed and around 179<sup>th</sup> because there are poor soils and topography issues, as well as some key natural areas. He said he would love to talk more with Mr. Carlson about what the county is doing in the Whipple Creek watershed because there may be some opportunities to factor in what Carlson is talking about doing in that area.

*Carlson* said he would like to talk with the board once he has more information. He submitted documentation pertaining to the Toronto Healthy House project.

*Stuart* commented that Parks staff and Public Works staff have come a long way in working with communities on regional and neighborhood parks. He said the neighborhood associations are seeing a positive change in communication and how they are being listened to.

*Boldt* said on one side they are thankful about saving a lot of money, but on the other side they have to realize that there are a lot of contractors out there that could have been making more money that aren't now. He thanked the Colf's, Nutter's, Thompson's, and Tapani's for coming forward because they aren't making as much money as they can.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by *Stuart* to award Bid WO 400615 to Colf Landscape Construction of Vancouver, Washington, in the total bid amount of \$1,903,230.74, including Washington State sales tax, and grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid related contracts. Commissioners *Boldt*, *Stuart*, and *Mielke* voted aye. Motion carried.

*Boldt* introduced the new Parks and Recreation Director, Pete Mayer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Ann Foster*, 14011 NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, commented on farmers' markets within Clark County. Ms. Foster presented the board with a book written by Vance Corum, Farmers' Markets America, who is an expert in that area. She said Mr. Corum is also the author of the Clark County Farmers' Market Development Project proposal, which she submitted to the board. She said their request is that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Legacy Lands program to submit a Farmers' Market Promotion Program

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proposal by April 27. Foster said they would like to see two additional markets in Clark County in the next couple of years.

*Boldt* clarified that the request was for the county to submit the grant application for a Federal grant.

*Pat Lee*, Manager, Legacy Lands Program, said it's a proposal that needs to be completed within a short time period, but he would receive a lot of help from Ms. Foster and Mr. Corum in putting together the information for the grant application.

*Stuart* said there was a study that indicated Clark County had room for seven more farmers' markets throughout the county. He asked if the grant proposal would be for a farmers' market system that would have more than one or if it would be a specific market for the Salmon Creek area.

*Foster* said the funding is for a county-based project and there is no commitment to a specific area. She noted that support for a farmers' market in Salmon Creek is very high and it would be a great area to have one.

*Stuart* asked if it was doable to complete the proposal by April 27.

*Lee* thought so.

*Boldt* acknowledged that they were in agreement to move forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

*Mielke* had questions about items 3, 5, and 7. For item 3 (Statutory Warranty Deed from Lisa Espinosa for improvements to the intersection of NE 119<sup>th</sup> Street at NE 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue), he said they were concerned with purchasing the property because of potential contamination. He thought there would be a report regarding that.

*Pete Capell*, Director, Department of Public Works, said there was direction to proceed otherwise it would delay the Killian project otherwise. Also, the property owners were willing to sell for an acceptable amount and because they are the polluters of record they have responsibility for clean up.

*Mielke* said he recalled that there were concerns that the county would be responsible once they become the owner.

*Henderson* said they had HGR perform analysis on the site and the contamination is relatively localized. He said estimated clean up cost was about \$35,000 and they felt pretty good about that number.

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*Mielke* referred to item #5 (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program grant in the amount of \$559,180). He wanted to know if the county had to match the funds for the grant.

*Pete Munroe*, Department of Community Services, said no.

*Mielke* lastly referenced item #7 (Supplement No. 2 to the on-call professional services contract with Inter-Fluve to increase the maximum amount payable by \$10,000 for assistance in Salmon Recovery Funding Board grant development). He asked for clarification regarding the request for an additional \$10,000.

*Pat Lee*, Manager, Legacy Lands Program, responded that they were in the process of putting together some grant applications to do some fish habitat restoration projects along the East Fork Lewis River. He said the specific projects have fallen out of the larger East Fork Strategic Project design that was conducted by the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board. Lee said that was approved the previous week and in order to move to the next step they needed more detail in the engineering designs and construction to meet the requirements of the grant applications. This particular contractor has worked with the Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board on the larger design process and through the Public Works Department they have an on-call contract. He said given the particular expertise needed for this type of project, they felt the most expeditious and cheapest route was to expand the contract by \$10,000 to help them complete the 4 different projects along the East Fork.

*Boldt* asked where the money came from.

*Lee* said the \$100,000 was through a Public Works on-call contract that was originally executed in 2007. He added that from a procurement standpoint it was a good idea to add some money for help in completing the grant applications.

*Boldt* asked if it was general fund money.

*Lee* didn't believe so. He said the \$10,000 would be coming from the Legacy Lands budget.

*Stuart* asked for a rough dollar amount for the various proposals.

*Lee* said the two federal grants were around \$1,600,000 and these particular grants would range from \$200,000 to \$600,000 through the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, which is the state source. He said if they are successful they would be bringing in money to do actual stream restoration projects.

*Boldt* suggested it would be good to have a work session to provide an update.

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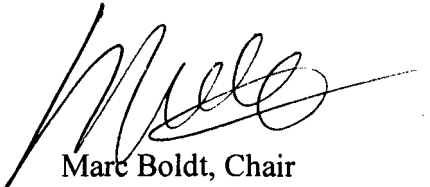
There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve items 1 through 16.  
Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioners Boldt and Mielke commented on the opening ceremony for Hockinson Meadows Community Park, which they attended on Saturday. They thanked everyone involved for all their hard work.

Commissioner Stuart commented that state legislators were currently working on the budget and since there's a deficit of approximately \$9 billion it was a dire time for key issues like education and public health and welfare. He said now was the time for people to contact them about the issues and projects that are important to them.

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Marc Boldt, Chair



Steve Stuart, Commissioner

Tom Mielke, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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Clerk of the Board

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