

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 2010**

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

10:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BID AWARD 2549

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid 2549 – Railroad Rail & Rail Accessories. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo requesting delay of award for Bid 2549 until August 17, 2010, in order to allow additional time for staff to evaluate the various cost reduction options presented in the bid responses.

ACTION: There being no public comment, moved by Mielke to **DELAY** award of Bid 2549 to August 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' hearing room, 6th floor, Public Service Center. Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD 2550

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid 2550 – Grass Paving Units. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending award of Bid 2550 to the sole bidder.

Westerman further explained what grass paving units are in response to Commissioner Stuart's request.

Pete Capell, Public Works Director, responded to Commissioner Boldt's concern that the Department of Ecology will think they are creating impervious surfaces. He said he thought the intent of it being equivalent to asphalt or concrete was from a structural perspective, but because of the openings it is a pervious pavement.

Scott Wilson, Public Works, further explained that it serves as the stability for the access for the trucks to go on, allowing the water to go through. By doing that, it gets approval from a lot of the agencies for permits because they aren't creating additional imperious service that may need to be treated with additional treatment BMPs that are required.

Capell added that the units are primarily for the stormwater facilities they construct.

Wilson responded to Commissioner Mielke's specific questions about the material. He explained that the structure was like a honeycomb plastic system that interlocks with pins, which is pinned into the gravel.

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ACTION: There being no public comment, moved by Mielke to **AWARD** Bid 2550 to GeoTK LLC of Ridgefield, Washington, in the total bid amount of \$26,752.45, including Washington State sales tax, and grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid related contracts. Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

BID AWARD 2551

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid 2551 – Two 10 Ton 3 Axle Dump Trailer. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending award of Bid 2551 to the low bidder.

Commissioner Boldt asked if staff had looked at used trailers and, if not, they could take a week to check into the used market.

Scott Rood, Public Works, said he had not checked the used market this time but would look into it and come back in a week. Mr. Rood responded to Commissioner Mielke's question as to why we're not able to use or maintain the equipment we have, stating that the trailers they would be replacing are 1986, which do not meet the payload needs of the road department.

ACTION: There being no public comment, moved by Mielke to **DELAY** award of Bid 2551 until August 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m., in order to allow staff time to check the used market. Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS 1 – 8

Discussion

Item 4: Request for approval of Resolution authorizing Treasurer to negotiate the sale of bonds in an appropriate amount such that a Net Present Value Savings of a minimum of 3.00% on the 2004A Limited Tax General Obligation bonds issued in the original amount of \$55,620,000, in whole or in part, as detailed in the Resolution and pay costs of issuance associated with such refunding.

Commissioner Mielke pointed out that staff works hard to save the county money and asked staff to further explain what they were doing with item 4.

Larry Frueh, Treasurer's Office, stated that in 2004 they issued the \$55 million at 4 ½ percent, but they have a much better interest rate market and would like to lower that rate in order to lessen the cost. He said they can refinance everything beyond 2015, which is about \$41,275,000, which would save at least 3 percent.

ACTION: Moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda items 1 through 8. Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Laurie Howell, Felida, commented about Cougar Creek Woods, which is a 10.16-acre parcel that is approved for purchase by the board. She said it was acquired in 2009 by Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation along the Cougar Creek greenway for a future community park purchased with park impact fees that had a concurrency deadline of 4-20-10. She said considering taxpayer money has been used, she wondered what had happened to change the board's mind about using the entire 10.16 acres for a "community" park. Commissioner Stuart responded that getting more information gives them a better picture of what their options might be. He said in a couple of weeks they'll have a set of ideas from staff that will indicate whether or not there is a potential benefit to the community to do something different. Stuart said they also want to be on the same page as far as what a community park is and could mean, not just for the neighborhood, but for the larger community.
- 2) Carla Smith, Felida, expressed concerns about Cougar Creek Woods. Ms. Smith stated that their small area encompasses three subdivisions and other single family homes, with a lot of traffic congestion in the immediate vicinity. She felt the decision to consider further development in the area by dividing the parcel would complicate road conditions by adding traffic. She said they need a 10-acre park, not tennis courts and parking, and asked the board to protect the land for their neighborhood.
- 3) Sharon Nasset, Portland, commented on the Columbia River Crossing project. She thanked the board for the resolution recommending that a vote on the maintenance and operations of light rail should be county wide and separate from busses. She said that was a win-win. Also, Ms. Nasset referenced the Sponsors Council meeting of August 9 and said she thought there was only one vote on going forward with Jantzen Beach "D" as a recommendation; however, the news reported that they also voted that there would only be 10 lanes. Commissioner Stuart verified that the Integrated Project Staff recommendation included both of those aspects and the motion was to accept the Integrated Project Staff recommendations in the recommendation that goes to the state. Ms. Nasset further commented on the CRC and cited reasons why they need a third bridge, which wouldn't create a land grab.

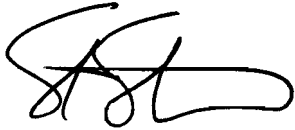
COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

- Commissioner Boldt commented that the Clark County Fair was going well and attendance was up. Boldt referred to the article in the paper about CRC that said expert review recommended caution and taking more time. Commissioner Stuart stated that an independent review panel appointed by the Governors came up with 30 different recommendations in a report. Some of the top level ones included figuring out Hayden Island; figure out the phased implementation; the type of bridge, etc.
- Commissioner Mielke commented on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Ridgefield and expressed disappointment that it had been taken down Sunday evening as he missed seeing it.

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Hearing adjourned

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Steve Stuart, Chair



Tom Mielke, Commissioner

Marc Boldt, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board

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