

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS
MAY 19, 2009
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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

9:30 A.M.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DISTRICT #1 BOARD MEETING

[see separate minutes]

9:45 A.M.

PROCLAMATION – RECOGNITION OF SALVADOR BROTONS, VANCOUVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Commissioner Boldt read a proclamation recognizing and celebrating the birthday of Maestro Salvador Brotons of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

Maestro Salvador Brotons accepted the proclamation. He introduced the musicians from the Cobla de Cambra de Catalunya of Barcelona, Spain, who would be performing his Catalanish Concerto over the upcoming Memorial Day weekend.

Renee Newman, Chairman, Vancouver Symphony Board, introduced past chairmen: Steve Hicks, Steve Hill, Paul Winters, Marlia Jenkins, and the incoming chair, Betty Sue Morris. She also introduced long time supporters, Dan and Val Ogden. She thanked Maestro Brotons for his contribution to the community.

10:00 A.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mielke referenced consent agenda item #7 (professional services contract with Will Cahill, Cahill, Inc., for ongoing consulting services for general railroad operation). He expressed concern with the contract being for 6 years, with renewal every 2 years. He wanted to know if there would be any penalty to the county if they didn't renew it.

Fred Abraham, Railroad Coordinator, said there would be no penalty.

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Mielke wanted to know how much money they have spent in the past on an annual basis.

Abraham responded that the contractor is borne to no more than \$20,000 annually, \$40,000 over a 2-year period. He said historically they've only used between \$12,000 and \$15,000 a year. He further explained the services provided by Mr. Cahill.

Mielke said what they pay Mr. Cahill on an hourly basis could be overkill for the county. He said they're not building lines in a fashion that they use his expertise; it's basically repeatedly inspecting the existing line. Also, they still have to bring in a consultant to do the bridges. *Mielke* wondered if they could get by with lesser qualifications and lower hourly cost.

Abraham said that Mr. Cahill is capable of inspecting the bridges, but the State of Washington has mandated that they have those inspections performed by a certified PE and Mr. Cahill is not certified. He felt the money was well spent for someone who serves the county very well.

Mielke asked if the \$120,000 figure was over the 6 years.

Abraham said yes.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve items 1 through 11. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and *Mielke* voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING: 2009 USE OF FUNDS FOR CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND CLARK COUNTY HOME PROGRAM

Held a public hearing to receive and review public comment on the proposed 2009 CDBG and HOME funds.

Pete Munroe, Department of Community Services, presented. Mr. Munroe said the hearing was for the purpose of taking any public comments on the 2009 Action Plan, which describes the use of the CDBG and HOME funds for Clark County. He said the Action Plan was placed in *The Columbian* on April 19; sent to local libraries; and posted on the county's web site, and comments would be accepted until 5:00 p.m. today.

Munroe summarized that they would have approximately \$2.4 million in CDBG funds available this year, including \$688,000 in re-program funds; \$536,000 in CDGB recovery funds, which are stimulus funds; \$50,000 in program income; and about \$38,000 in re-program funds from program income. Additionally, for the HOME funds they would have

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approximately \$847,000, including \$558,000 in 2009 entitlement funds; \$100,000 in anticipated program income; and \$165,000 in re-program funds. Munroe described the projects that have been selected for funding.

Boldt asked about the comment period.

Munroe said it's opened for 30 days. He said they placed the ad in *The Columbian* a month previously that outlined the programs and projects, etc.

Mielke wanted to know how the programs are funded.

Munroe responded that they are funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to Clark County via a formula.

Mielke asked if there were matching funds.

Munroe said the HOME Program does have matching requirements, but they are provided by the other entities. They also have a match bank, which they have on paper \$5 million in match.

Boldt asked if the weatherization stimulus was contained in this.

Munroe said no, this only covers CDBG and HOME funds. He explained that the bulk of the weatherization funds—approximately \$1.9 million—would come from CTED and that they are currently working on the new rules and regulations, which would need to be approved by the Department of Energy. He anticipated it would be another month or two before they have any funds.

Boldt hoped it would be before the cold weather comes.

Stuart said they were Recovery Act funds to be going toward weatherization work to be done during the summer before the cold weather hits. He said from his perspective they needed to get things underway and he would like for them to send a missive to CTED and see if they can get it going.

Mielke asked if this program was connected with the Clark PUD.

Munroe said they would be working with Clark PUD. He said the PUD takes the applications and then passes them on to the weatherization program.

Mielke wanted to know who would do the actual work.

Munroe said they have a contract with RichArt, who has specially trained employees and have been doing the work for the county 6 or 7 years. He added that they do a RFP.

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Stuart said staff did a great job on this as always.

Boldt stated that there was a meeting with the faith-based community and he has had several requests from churches who have indicated that they have labor, but the one limiting factor is materials. He wanted to know if they could work on getting materials to those who want to do the work.

Munroe said they could look at that. He noted that it becomes a bit difficult with some of the funds because there are lots of funding streams, but they could try to work with them.

Stuart asked Commissioner *Boldt* what kind of materials he was thinking about.

Boldt said general materials. They have a lot of people who are currently on unemployment, but if they had the materials they would like to work on constructing ramps for older homes, as an example.

Stuart said they might be able to work with Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, which recently opened on Fourth Plain.

Mielke said they continue to strive for affordable housing and they have more people falling into a queue who cannot afford housing and the rest have to make it up and provide housing for them because they didn't build an affordable home or allow one to be built. He said so much of it relies on donation of building materials, etc., but that only happens when they have a successful building community. He said they need to stay focused so they don't fall back and create more need of this service.

There were no comments. No action necessary.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Boldt commented that Dozer Days took place the past weekend.

Mielke said there was a great turn out and a lot of fun.

Stuart said it was another great Dozer Days and Hazel Dell Parade. He congratulated Betty Sue Morris, who was the Grand Marshal of the parade this year.

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2:00 P.M. PUBLIC BID OPENINGS

Present at bid opening: Louise Richards, Board of Commissioners Office; Mike Westerman and Laura Pedersen, General Services-Purchasing Department

BID OPENING WO 400770 & WO 400771

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening WO 400770 & 400771 – Lakeshore Neighborhood Park and Tiger Tree Neighborhood Park. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department’s intention to award Bid WO 400770 and 400771 on May 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners’ hearing room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center.

BID OPENING 2529

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2529 – EMS Simulation Training Manikin. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department’s intention to award Bid 2529 on May 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners’ hearing room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Marc Boldt, Chair



Steve Stuart, Commissioner

Tom Mielke, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Board

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