

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 26, 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.

**9:45 A.M.**

PROCLAMATION – ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

Commissioner Mielke read a proclamation declaring June 15, 2009 to be Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Clark County, Washington.

**10:00 A.M.**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

BID AWARD WO 400770 & 400771

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award WO #400770 & #400771 – Lakeshore & Tiger Tree Neighborhood Parks. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending award of Bid WO #400770 & #400771 to the lowest bidder.

*Boldt* referenced the budgeted expense for Lakeshore and Tiger Tree and asked if the amounts should be on their bid sheet. He also wanted to know if there was a difference in the Engineer's Estimate between the two different sheets.

*Heath Henderson*, Department of Public Works, explained that the tabulation sheet was broken down into three parts and two different projects. He said Lakeshore also includes frontage improvements, which was split out separately. On the award sheet they break out the budgets separately overall between the two parks.

*Boldt* noted that they have several new bidders.

*Mielke* asked if they were still saving money over what they estimate.

*Henderson* said between these two projects they saved about \$300,000 from what they had originally budgeted.

*Stuart* stated that they were looking at approximately \$50,000 for an irrigation system and he wanted to know if that was for both parks.

*Henderson* said it's for Lakeshore Park.

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*Stuart* asked what they would get for \$47,000.

*Henderson* responded that there is a lot of lawn in this project and it was very open right now. He added that they have been trying to limit it where they can, but in this case they have a lot more open area unlike Tiger Tree.

*Stuart* said if that's a major component of the parks costs perhaps they could look at what their standard is for what is irrigated and what is not, as well as what their standard is for the ongoing irrigation.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by *Stuart* to award Bid WO 400770 & 400771 to Paul Brothers, Inc., of Boring, Oregon, in the total bid amount of \$673,806.89, 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.

BID AWARD 2529

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid 2529 – EMS Simulation Training Manikin. *Mike Westerman*, General Services, read a memo recommending award of Bid 2529 to the lowest responsive bidder.

*Boldt* said the vendor who bid \$12,000 wasn't the one they wanted.

*Westerman* said the vendor submitted the same brand, but it was a much lower scale and doesn't do what they want; the model they want is much more lifelike.

*Stuart* asked if there were other manufacturers that could have met the specifications.

*Doug Smith-Lee*, CRESA, said there were two manufacturers that met the specifications: one was the Laerdal Medical Corporation and the other was METI, which was higher. Also, the local vendor submitted a bid for a simulation manikin, but it didn't meet the minimum specifications.

*Stuart* wanted to know what the difference would be between the \$12,000 model and the \$45,000 one.

*Smith-Lee* said the main difference was that during training, information on vital signs, EKG, blood pressure, etc., would be recorded on a screen, as well as a video of their performance, which is a great way to give students feedback.

*Mielke* said there's a big difference in cost between the two models and he suggested postponing award.

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*Smith-Lee* explained that the money would come from fine monies from American Medical Response (AMR) for late responses and was in a special revenue fund set aside specifically for first responder training, as well as public education.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to award Bid 2529, submitting model #211-00050 including accessories which meet all specifications, to Laerdal Medical Corporation of Wappinger Falls, New York, in the total bid amount of \$45,182.79, 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

*Mielke* asked for clarification on item #3 (No Cost Frontage Improvement and Deferral Agreements).

*Steve Schulte*, Department of Public Works, said they do five or six each year. He said when they have a county road project at the same time they have developers building out on the frontage of that road, it makes sense to have an integrated effort when both construction activities are occurring at the same time rather than have a developer build their frontage while the county is building the frontage right next door. He said what they have historically done is a frontage improvement and deferral agreement whereby the developer pays the county and the county as part of their road project would build the frontage.

*Mielke* asked if they get transportation fee credits.

*Schulte* said most of the time developers get TIF credits. He said if the county is building a project then it's on their capital facilities plan and is usually TIF creditable. He explained why they added the word "no cost" – 98% of the time there are net dollars coming into the county because they then have to build the frontage; however, it was hypothetically possible they could have a situation where there could be dollars going to the developer. So they wrote it so that if there is no cost to the county or if there is just revenue in to the county, the Director of Public Works would have the authority to sign; if they have a situation where there is a cost to the county and they have to pay a developer for something, they would bring that before the board for action.

*Mielke* said nothing is "no cost" to the individual and he felt they should recognize that so people understand what's happening and who's really paying for it.

*Mielke* asked for clarification on item #4 (WO #400910 for Frenchman's Bar Regional Park Phase 2 Improvements).

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*Pete Capell*, Director, Department of Public Works, said they are asking permission to go out to bid for Phase II of the Frenchman's Bar Regional Park and funding was from parks regional REET monies.

*Boldt* asked if the park would be finished after Phase II.

*Henderson* believed there were elements to the plan that might not be built because they backed off on the overall scope. He said the improvements were more structural in nature.

*Mielke* wanted to know why they weren't using park impact fees.

*Capell* said this was part of the regional parks system, such as Lewisville Park and Cottonwood Beach, so the impact fees are designated for the urban neighborhood and community parks. The regional REET has always been the local funding source for regional park improvements.

*Mielke* asked if it has been a practice that they divide the two.

*Capell* said when the park impact fees were created it was specifically for those urban neighborhood and community parks.

*Mielke* asked for more clarification regarding item #6 (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application to the US Department of Energy).

*Mark McCauley*, Director, Department of General Services, explained that the Federal government has a new energy block grant program and 1,700 communities across the U.S. are eligible. He said it was a new program and they believed that by submitting their grant application as early as possible in the process, that they could be on the front end of the 1,700 communities and get the money flowing rapidly. McCauley said staff had prepared an energy strategy and their plan was to submit it in draft and based on the board's guidance, revise and resubmit the strategy to the granting agency.

*Mielke* noted that the staff report shows that it's revenue neutral—is that because it's a grant?

*McCauley* said in the case of the residential and commercial energy conservation program, Community Development staff would put their time and effort toward it and their salaries and benefits would constitute a match.

*Mielke* asked for more information on consent agenda item #7 (Amendment No. 1 to Interagency Agreement – Garlic Mustard Project).

*Bill Barron*, County Administrator, explained that they have an ongoing contract with the Washington State Department of Agriculture giving the Weed Management Director

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authority to eradicate certain weeds that are considered noxious under state law. The amendment to the existing contract would authorize Weed Management to eradicate Garlic Mustard specifically.

*Mielke* asked if Garlic Mustard was rated and handed down from the state.

*Barron* said yes. There are certain things that the Weed Control Board delegates to the Director of Weed Management, for example knotweed. For this one there are certain statutory weeds that are under the control of the Department of Agriculture that the Director has to be specifically delegated to do.

*Mielke* asked if the state helped with funding.

*Barron* said he would find out.

*Stuart* commented on consent agenda item #1 pertaining to the Railroad Industrial Zoning District Ordinance. He stated that a lot of work had been done by staff and the community. He said there was some uncertainty as to whether the area they were going to apply the industrial district to would actually be urban because the only area that they had talked about applying it to is the one that is in doubt on the growth plan appeal. Regardless, he thought it was excellent work that would carry forward to whatever railroad industrial district is created.

Regarding consent agenda item #2 for the Shoreline Master Program, *Stuart* said they are signing an interlocal with other jurisdictions to do their work on updating the program. He said there was a recent article about consolidation of government and partnerships between government and this was a great example of that.

In regards to item #5 for the professional services agreements with Project Green Build and Cascadia Region Green Building Council for Sustainable Communities, he said it was a great step forward to be able to provide incentives and avenues for people to build sustainable residential communities.

*Stuart* then referred to item #6 for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant application to the US Department of Energy and asked if it was the one *Pete Munroe* had talked about.

Unidentified staff responded that it was in addition to.

*Stuart* stated that they are eligible for about \$2 million in funding to go out into the community for weatherization projects within Clark County. So item #6 was above and beyond that to work on energy efficiency projects and he looked forward to seeing an analysis of the jobs created because that's why the stimulus money was put out there.

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Lastly, Stuart commented on item #9 for approval to refund overpaid taxes of about \$1,400. He said the Assessor gets beats up quite a bit so he just wanted to point that out.

*Boldt* asked staff to further explain item #8 regarding approval of a resolution authorizing the Treasurer to make interfund loans for the purpose of providing liquidity to the General Fund.

*John Payne*, Deputy Treasurer, explained that they have a \$5 million line of credit for the General Fund and the General Fund also loans money to other funds. In March, about 99% of the line of credit was utilized and given their liquidity needs, it was possible they could exceed it by September, October, or November. Payne said this resolution would set up a formula by which the Treasurer would have to work with the Auditor and Public Works Department to borrow money from the Permanent Reserve Fund first and then from the Road Fund after that. It's just a way to enhance liquidity and give them a little flexibility.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve consent agenda items 1 through 13. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Stuart commented about Memorial Day.

Commissioner Mielke said he participated in Amboy Territorial Days. Also, he shared that he knew of someone who recently bought a new home in Arizona for \$108,000. He said that makes him think about what they do here to get their costs under control and provide affordable housing.

**2:00 P.M. PUBLIC BID OPENING**

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

BID OPENING 2530

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2530 – Annual Treasurer Title Searches. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid 2530 on June 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' hearing room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Public Service Center.

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