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2:00 P.M. PUBLIC BID OPENING

Present at bid opening: Mike Westerman and Laura Pedersen, General Services; Louise Richards, Commissioners' Office

BID OPENING 2534

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2534 – Annual Concrete Culvert. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid 2534 on October 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners hearing room, 6th floor, Public Service Center.

6:00 P.M. COMMISSIONER PROCEEDINGS

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.

PROCLAMATION: NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Commissioner Boldt read a proclamation declaring the week of October 4 through 10, 2009 as National 4-H Week in Clark County.

Karen Poulin, WSU, Clark County Extension 4-H Youth Development Program, thanked the board for continuing the tradition of celebrating National 4-H Week with them. Ms. Poulin introduced Ashley Spaulding and Sophia Howard, 4-H Members, who talked about the 4-H program and expressed appreciation for the support it receives.

RESOLUTION: THE REFLECTOR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

Commissioner Stuart read a resolution from the Clark County Board of Commissioners to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of The Reflector newspaper.

Marvin Case, Owner/Editor, The Reflector, accepted the resolution and said a few words.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Diana Perez, League of United Latin American Citizens, expressed appreciation for the number of participants at the Leadership Summit, which dealt with how to address issues and concerns of the Hispanic population.
- 2) Sharon Nassit commented on the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project and stated they need a third bridge option.
- 3) Ron Swearin commented about the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project and light rail, consideration of using a new series of double-decker buses, and considering a report (submitted) in discussions about the CRC.

CONSENT AGENDA

Discussion

There was no discussion regarding items 1 through 4.

ACTION: There being no public comment, moved by Stuart to **APPROVE** consent agenda items 1 through 4. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Item Description: To consider a resolution declaring an emergency due to the imminent spread of H1N1 (Swine Flu) Pandemic in Clark County.

Department: Public Health

Staff Contact: John Wiesman, Director

Staff Summary:

Mr. Wiesman presented. He explained that they are moving into the next phase of their response, which is the vaccination phase for H1N1 Swine Flu. He said approving the emergency declaration would 1) allow paramedics, emergency medical technicians, IV Techs, and intermediates to become part of the healthcare work force that they can deploy to give vaccinations; 2) allows them to expedite any purchases they would need for the response in terms of supplies and services; and 3) reminds all of them about their Continuity of Operation plans and the ability to put personnel where they are most needed.

Discussion:

Chair Boldt asked the board if they had any comments, questions and/or a motion.

ACTION: Moved by Stuart to **APPROVE** Resolution 2009-10-01 for a Declaration of Emergency due to the imminent spread of H1N1 (Swine Flu) Pandemic in Clark County. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC HEARING: URBAN LIVESTOCK

Item Description: To consider the proposed addition of a special uses section of the Clark County Code dealing with Urban Livestock (Clark County Code 40.260.235).
Hearing continued from July 21, 2009.

Department: Community Planning

Staff Contact: Gordy Euler

Staff Summary:

Mr. Euler summarized that the hearing had been continued from July 21 and the alternate draft containing Commissioner Stuart's suggestions was forwarded back to the Task Force and associated mailing list, as well as posted on the web site. Also, a press release was issued in September and Euler made a presentation on the ordinance at an ACCC on September 14.

Comments from the public:

1) Mary Ann Simonds, 17101 NE 40th Avenue, thanked staff and said it attested to the networking of both staff and the Task Force in making people aware that the ordinance was really a livestock preservation ordinance, which is the message they wanted to get across.

Discussion:

Chair Boldt said they didn't have an ordinance yet and asked if they would just be passing the staff recommendation.

Euler responded that there were two versions of the ordinance for the board to choose from: the Planning Commission recommendation and the proposed changes that would alter that. He said the final document would come back on consent for board approval.

Commissioner Stuart said staff did a great job of capturing the issues and working with people to deal with some of the uncertainty that was out there.

Boldt said they went to the rural residents two or three times to get it right and it was evident that they did.

Commissioner Mielke said he liked the positive side of calling it enabling instead of restrictive and it makes it clearer.

Stuart added that he thought it would be helpful to have an intent section in the ordinance that identifies what they are trying to do so that people are clear as to what is going on.

ACTION: Moved by Stuart to **APPROVE** the Urban Livestock ordinance with the Planning Commission recommendations and board recommended changes, as well as adding

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the intent section as proposed by Commissioner Stuart. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Mielke voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

- Commissioner Stuart stated that the Public Works Board doled out \$9.5 million statewide for urban revitalization projects, with Clark County receiving funds for two projects: \$600,000 for the City of Camas for bicycle and pedestrian improvements and \$1.3 million for the Waterfront Revitalization Project in the City of Vancouver.

Hearing adjourned

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Marc Boldt, Chair



Steve Stuart, Commissioner

Tom Mielke, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Lavinia Richards
Clerk of the Board

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