

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2010**

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

The following staff attended the bid opening in the Commissioner's hearing room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Public Service Center: Mike Westerman and Beth Balogh, General Services; Louise Richards, Commissioners' Office.

**BID OPENING WO 400742 & 400772**

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening WO 400742 & 400772 – Vandervort Park & Bosco Park. Mike Westerman, General Services-Purchasing, opened and read bids and stated that it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid WO 400742 & 400772 on March 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's hearing room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Public Service Center.

**6:00 P.M. COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Commissioners led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following citizens had comments about a neighbor who has placed a mobile home in their backyard:

- 1) Lily Longshore, 2705 NE 115<sup>th</sup> Street, said a neighbor has placed a very tall mobile home in their yard without obtaining necessary permits and it's affecting their home's value and privacy. She asked the board to look at updating the code pertaining to temporary dwellings. (Pictures submitted for the record.)
- 2) Don Longshore, 2705 NE 115<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that if the neighbor's would have applied for the proper permits they would not have been approved because of zoning and building codes.
- 3) Dick Durland, President, Sherwood Hills Neighborhood Association, commented that they had contacted Kevin Pridemore, Code Enforcement, to report this; however, the proper permits have still not been obtained.
- 4) Anna Dunwoody, 11413 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue, commented that the mobile home is taller than the other houses and it's affecting home values in the neighborhood.
- 5) Kyle Bock, 2613 NE 115<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that he had talked with Kevin Pridemore of Clark County Code Enforcement regarding the mobile home and things were currently going through the process. He said the neighbors went about this the wrong way in terms of obtaining proper permits.

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- 6) Faye Greg, 2600 NE 114<sup>th</sup> Street, expressed concerns that the mobile home would affect their home's value and she hoped the county would put a stop to it.

The following individual commented on the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project:

- 7) Sharon Nasset, Portland, commented on the amount of Governor intervention, which she didn't think was in keeping with the spirit of the Federal law of local control. She commented about a proposal to contract with Michael Cunneen for transportation planning and engineering services related to a third bridge study (document submitted for the record).

**CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS 1-9**

There were questions/concerns regarding items 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6.

**ACTION:** There being no public comment, moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda items 1 and 7-9. Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

**Discussion**

**Item 2:** Request for authorization for the Public Works Department to pay the 2010 Membership Dues for the Regional Transportation Council in the amount of \$36,300.

Dean Lookingbill, Director, Regional Transportation Council (RTC), stated that the county has paid the same amount in dues since 1992. He explained that the dues help fund the program at RTC, which has to do with planning process, data, and modeling, etc., so that the region is eligible for Federal transportation dollars.

Commissioner Mielke pointed out that they would still qualify for Federal and state dollars whether they reduced their dues or not. He said he would like to consider this when they look at the balancing their budget for the next biennium. Commissioner Stuart thought it would be a valuable exercise to look at doing a cut across-the-board for things like dues and what the impact might be.

**Discussion**

**Item 3:** Request from the Clean Water Program for authorization for Director of Environmental Services to sign a grant agreement with the Department of Ecology for \$240,000 for the Municipal Stormwater Grant of Regional or Statewide Significance; Citizen Involvement in the Protection and Maintenance of Stormwater Facilities and future amendments, if any; and approve an associated Interagency Agreement for grant activities with the cities of Vancouver, Battle Ground, Camas, Washougal, Ridgefield, and LaCenter.

Kevin Gray, Director, Environmental Services, responded to Commissioner Mielke's concerns that the funding not duplicate outreach and education efforts, and that they use that money for some of the projects they want to do on the ground. Mr. Gray said they

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would get \$12,500 that would be available for other capital efforts, such as enhanced maintenance. He further explained.

**Discussion**

**Item 4:** Request for authorization for the County Administrator to execute a contract with the Washougal School District to provide support for their fiber optic cable installation project.

Bill Barron, County Administrator, explained that the school district had specifically contacted the county to request support for a fiber optic cable installation between Jemtegaard Middle School and Cape Horn-Skye Elementary School, and that it would bring in about \$9,350 of unbudgeted revenue.

**Discussion**

**Item 5:** Request for authorization for the County Administrator to approve application to the NW Service Academy for an AmeriCorps individual placement, the resulting contract, and any amendments between the County (on behalf of WSU Extension) and the Northwest Service Academy to conduct work for the Small Acreage and Watershed Stewards programs.

Doug Stienbarger, Director, WSU-Clark County Extension, further explained item 5. He said they would use savings to leverage what they have and get nearly a full-time position to help the two programs in doing some new projects.

**Discussion**

**Item 6:** Request for approval to apply for grant funding with the Environmental Protection Agency, authorization to create a .6 FTE Community Health Worker project position and for Public Health Director to sign application. If approved, the funding will allow citizens to improve the air quality in their home. Up to \$100,000 is available over two years under this grant.

Jonnie Hyde, Public Health, responded to Commissioner Stuart's concerns about creating a new position during a time when they're trying to keep the employees they have. Ms. Hyde clarified that the funding would cover a .6 FTE Health Educator and would include overhead so it would be at no cost to them. She further explained the program.

Commissioner Stuart said he hoped Public Health would coordinate with the Department of Environmental Services in the education and outreach process. Commissioner Boldt hoped the Southwest Washington Clean Air Agency wouldn't use this to go against the use of wood stoves. Commissioner Mielke expressed concerns that agencies would just be talking to citizens about air quality and not going out to look for it. Ms. Hyde stated that the EPA has found that doing regulatory action only is insufficient and that when a community pulls together to address problems that cause health issues, it's more effective.

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**ACTION:** There being no public comment, moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda items 2 through 5. Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** There being no public comment, moved by Boldt to **APPROVE** consent agenda item 6. Commissioners Stuart and Boldt voted aye. Commissioner Mielke voted nay. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no comments.

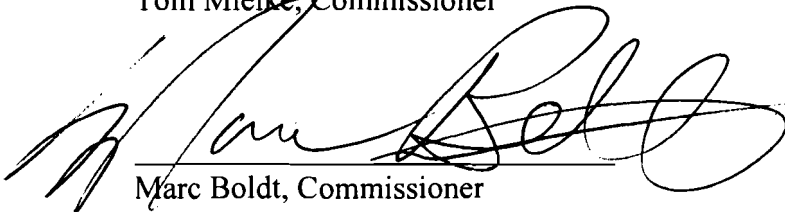
Hearing adjourned

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Steve Stuart, Chair

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Tom Mielke, Commissioner



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Marc Boldt, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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Clerk of the Board **Deputy**

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