

**CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF MARCH 16, 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 1) Dr. Steve Citron, 10105 NE 114<sup>th</sup> Circle, Vancouver, Fellow, Society of Automotive Engineers, presented data pertaining to the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project and the issue of southbound congestion. (Document submitted to the record.)
- 2) Sharon Nasset, Portland, commented on the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) project. She said there were legal ramifications for not studying other projects and because the freeway has not been thoroughly studied, she felt that all available data should be looked at before determining the best option.
- 3) Jack Davis, Friends of Padden Park, commented on the proposed Hazel Dell Sports Complex with regard to the county partnering with King's Way Church; the location being on a superfund site; concerns related to trash, traffic, parking, and crime. Mr. Davis provided some EPA statistics.

**CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS 1-14**

**Discussion**

**Item 1:** Request for approval to establish a Clark County Arts Commission.

Commissioner Stuart requested that item 1 be considered and approved separately so they could present a special resolution.

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

Commissioner Stuart presented a special resolution establishing the Clark County Arts Commission. Laurel Whitehurst accepted the resolution and said a few words on behalf of the commission. Commissioner Boldt expressed appreciation for everyone's work.

**Discussion**

**Item 8:** Request for approval of changes to three Real Property Appraiser positions (positions AGS0066, AGS0067, and AGS0033)

George Simpson, Deputy Assessor, and Bill Barron, County Administrator, further explained item 8 per Commissioner Mielke's request.

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**Discussion**

**Item 5:** Request for approval of a resolution extending currently approved Temporary Use Permits for an additional 18 months.

Commissioner Stuart expressed concerns with extending a temporary use for something that should be an actual permitted use. He wanted to know the resolution's purpose.

Chris Horne, Prosecuting Attorney, and Marty Snell, Community Development Director, further explained the resolution, which was written to address a provision of the code that limits temporary uses to one year and the concerns related to commercial enterprises threatened with closure. A wrecking business in Dollars Corners was cited as an example because of their difficulty in obtaining commercial lending in order to relocate.

Commissioner Stuart said he was concerned that the resolution would give blanket authority and create unintended consequences. Instead, he would rather see something more tailored to specific circumstances, such as the Dollars Corner business where it makes sense to extend it out. He wanted to know if staff could bring something back that has more limited criteria and gives authority to the responsible official. Commissioner Mielke had concerns with giving authority to a department head when the board is responsible for making policies. Commissioner Boldt agreed with Stuart and said he too would like to see a more tailored resolution.

**ACTION:** There being no public comment, moved by Mielke to **CONTINUE** consent agenda item 5 to March 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' hearing room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Public Service Center. Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** There being no public comment, moved by Mielke to **APPROVE** consent agenda items 2 through 4 and 6 through 14. Commissioners Stuart, Mielke, and Boldt voted aye. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

Commissioner Mielke commented that although he appreciates testimony they receive from Jack Davis (Hazel Dell Sports Complex), he felt the information Mr. Davis was sharing with the general public contained half-truths; he'll accept what someone from a Midwest EPA says, but won't accept a ruling from the EPA in Washington State.

Commissioner Stuart pointed out that people who comment are certainly representing their opinions and may not produce a balanced perspective and it was up to everyone to recognize that there are multiple sides to an argument. He said they are committed to ensuring that the community is safe and wouldn't do something that could cause potential harm.

Hearing adjourned

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

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

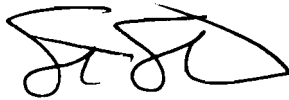
BID OPENING 2540

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2540 – Annual Legal Advertising. Laura Pedersen, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid 2540 on March 23, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners hearing room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Public Service Center.

BID OPENING 2541

Held a public hearing for Bid Opening 2541 – Annual Biodegradable Bags. Laura Pedersen, General Services-Purchasing, read bids and stated it was the Purchasing Department's intention to award Bid 2541 on March 30, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners hearing room, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Public Service Center.

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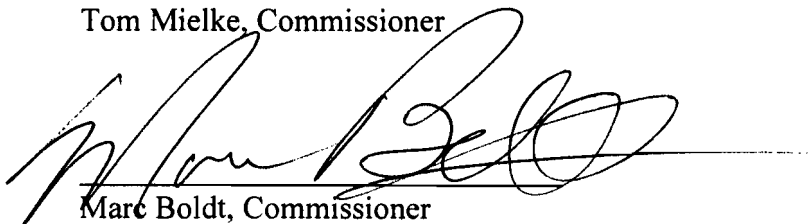


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Steve Stuart, Chair

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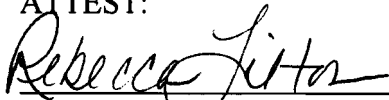
Tom Mielke, Commissioner



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Marc Boldt, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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Clerk of the Board **Deputy**

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