

**GRAYS HARBOR
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
FULL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2007**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raines at 7:00 p.m. The flag salute was given. Chairman Raines welcomed Mayor Bentley and Commissioner Eddy to the meeting.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Jonathan Ciesla (Quinault Indian Nation)
Commissioner Jim Eddy (Grays Harbor PUD)
Commissioner Bob Beerbower (GH County)
Mayor Wally Bentley (City of McCleary)

Administrative Sub-Council

Chairman – Mayor Vickie Raines (City of Cosmopolis)
First Vice-Chair – Chris Thomas (City of Montesano)
Second Vice-Chair – John Pellegrini (City of Hoquiam)
Secretary – Mike Wessells (Timberland Regional Library)
Representative at Large – Mayor Dave Osgood (City of Elma)

Guests: Debbie Clemen (DOT-Olympic Region), Barb Smith (GH Tourism)

Council Staff

Vicki Cummings, Julia Gibb, Theresa Julius, Nancy Trask

3. PRESENTATIONS

➤ *Grays Harbor Tourism, Barb Smith*

Barb Smith, Public Relations Coordinator for Grays Harbor Tourism, spoke to the members about their current project of creating a high quality 30 minute video/DVD for marketing Grays Harbor County. They need ten (10) partners to help finance this project and currently have five (5). She showed a sample of Seattle's marketing video. Barb is in negotiations with a production company regarding a year long contract. Commissioner Eddy of the Grays Harbor PUD committed to become a partner. Mayor Osgood asked if Barb would present to his Council.

Chairman Raines asked at this point of the meeting that the minutes reflect the arrival of

Council Member Jonathan Ciesla at 7:18 p.m.

- Quinault Indian Nation Transportation Plan 2006-2026
Jonathan Ciesla postponed his presentation until the September GHCOG meeting.

4. **GHCOG BUSINESS**

- Approval of the Meeting Agenda
Mayor Osgood made a motion to approve the meeting agenda; second, Chris Thomas. Motion passed.
- Approval of the June 28, 2007 Meeting Minutes
John Pellegrini made a motion to approve the GHCOG June 28, 2007 meeting minutes; second Jonathan Ciesla. Motion passed.
- Administrative Sub-Council Report, Chairman Raines
Chairman Raines reported that the Administrative Sub-Council met before this meeting and approved the July bills and September payroll. No further action was taken.

Old Business

- City of Aberdeen Membership Discussion
Vicki has meet on several occasions with the following regarding Aberdeen becoming a member of the GHCOG once again:
 - Mayor Voege
 - the city department heads
 - the City Council pre-council meeting

After Vicki's final meeting with Mayor Voege, the Mayor was going to take information back to the City Council for their decision on becoming a GHCOG member. Vicki is waiting on that decision from Mayor Voege.

New Business

- Resolution No. 482, Approval of the Chehalis Basin Fisheries Task Force Contract, Amendment No. 1
The CBFTF contract was amended due to a change in the photocopy charge rate as the COG has upgraded their copier lease to a color copier. The CBFTF will be charged five cents per black/white copy and ten cents per color copy effective May 1, 2007.

John Pellegrini made a motion to approve Resolution No. 482; second, Commissioner Eddy. Motion passed.

- Resolution No. 483, 2007 Budget Amendment No. 2
The following changes were made to the anticipated revenue:

>Received \$9,200 from RTPPO funding for the purpose of providing assistance for design projects for the City of Westport and the City of Ocean Shores regarding the Washington Transportation Plan funding of Design Team Projects.

>Revenue was increased by \$71,300 for the SR 109 Corridor Management Plan.

>Changes in anticipated expenditures for professional services are increased by \$60,300 for expenses incurred by the SR109 CMP consultant, Parametrix.

John Pellegrini made a motion to approve Resolution No. 483; second, Mike Wessells. Motion passed.

- Resolution No. 484, Approval of the GHCOG 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Plan
Jonathan Ciesla made a motion to approve Resolution No. 484; second, John Pellegrini. Motion passed.

5. STAFF REPORTS

➤ ***Vicki Cummings***, Executive Director

- Finishing the Categorical Exclusion documentation for the Aberdeen Transit Station
- Continuing to work on the SR109 web design and holding preliminary stakeholder interviews. Vicki will be meeting with the State Scenic Byways Coordinator, Carrie Sundstrom, and touring the byway and will be discussing our planning strategy.
- Researching plan elements and working on the City of Ocean Shores downtown revitalization plan.
- Submitted our year-end report to the SWRTPO and WSDOT.
- Updated our STP report to DOT.
- Continuing work on the Montesano and Elma park plans.
- Have been asked to sit on the regional leadership council for Vision 2020.
- Made a GHCOG presentation to the Aberdeen Rotary Club.
- Sent letters to the Mayors, city managers and each of our members regarding the Service Sharing Survey.

➤ ***Julia Gibb***, Community Development Coordinator

- Continue research and compilation of community development issues and priorities for Montesano, Cosmopolis and Hoquiam
- Needs assessment draft reviewed with Montesano staff
- Schedule Montesano Planning Commission meeting to review needs assessment in September
- Attended sustainable Grays Harbor organizational meeting with Vicki Cummings
- Attended summer Western Washington Planners meeting in Port Townsend with Theresa Julius
- Reviewed consultant work to date and attended Hoquiam public meeting on Phase 2 of Hometown Hoquiam at Hoquiam City Hall
- Responded to the Ocean Shores Councilmember request regarding critical areas information

- Followed up with Theresa on Cosmopolis Critical Areas update work
- Continue internet research on community development issues for the GHCOG library resources which will support toolkits.

➤ ***Theresa Julius***, Planner/GIS Coordinator

- Revised the City of Westport's street map
- Continuing to work on the City of McCleary water system map
- Grays Harbor EDC Showcase 2007 route map
- Continuing to work on City of Hoquiam's water map

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Jonathan Ciesla announced that the Quinault Nation was a participant in a law suit regarding the State of Washington and culverts. The details of the decision are still being decided, but it means that the State would have to maintain/repair its culverts to ensure good fish passage. By not doing so, it harms the treaty rights of Tribes to fish.

7. MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENT

- Department of Transportation, Debbie Clemen – Debbie reported on the SR 12 paving project.
- Quinault Indian Nation, Jonathan Ciesla – Jonathan announced he will give the Nation's Transportation Plan for 2006-2026 at the September GHCOG meeting.
- City of Hoquiam, John Pellegrini – John invited everyone to the On Track Arts Festival on August 25 and 26 and also he asked members to mark their calendars for the Loggers Play Day festivities on September 8.
- Timberland Regional Library, Mike Wessells – Mike expressed appreciation to the City of Hoquiam for fixing the leaks in the Hoquiam Library roof.
- Grays Harbor County, Commissioner Bob Beerbower - Commissioner Beerbower stated the County is still busy with issuing building permits.
- Grays Harbor PDA, Commissioner Bob Beerbower – Commissioner Beerbower announced that the PDA has a new tenant, BMT, coming on board, will be moving into Building #2. The tenant is relocating from the Olympia area and planning to bring other businesses with them over a period of time. He also announced the PDA is ready to start their incubator warehouse in September.

Vicki praised Commissioner Beerbower on the success of Straddle Line ORV Park because of his vision.

- City of McCleary, Mayor Wally Bentley – Mayor Bentley reported that he is in the process of trying to organize his staff of 5 people regarding the new developments in the McCleary area.

