

GRAYS HARBOR  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
FULL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY  
March 23, 2006

1. **CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE**

Chairman Dave Osgood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; the flag salute was given.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Members in Attendance:

Commissioner Tom Casey (GHPUD)

Ron Tibbetts (City of Hoquiam)

Terry Fernsler (Col-Pac RC&EDD)

Christine Peck (Timberland Regional Library)

Michael Davolio (City of McCleary)

Administrative Sub-Council

Chair – Mayor Dave Osgood (City of Elma)

First Vice-Chair – Mayor Vickie Raines (City of Cosmopolis)

Guests

Debbie Clemen (WSDOT), Janis Moore

Council Staff

Vicki Cummings, Theresa Julius, Nancy Trask

3. **GHCOG BUSINESS**

➤ Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Due to the lack of a quorum, the agenda was not approved.

➤ Approval of the February 23, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Due to the lack of a quorum, the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes were not approved.

➤ Administrative Sub-Council Report, Chairman Dave Osgood

Chairman Osgood reported that the Administrative Sub-Council met on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and approved the February bills and the April payroll. No other action was taken.

➤ New Business

▪ Resolution No. 461, 2006 Transportation Improvement Plan Amendment  
AND

▪ Resolution No. 462, Approval of Contract Between Columbia Pacific RC&EDD and GHCOG for Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs)

Vicki explained Resolution Nos. 461 and 462; No. 461, an amendment to update the 2006 TIP to include Hoquiam's project for the historical rail depot renovation and two projects for Grays Harbor Transit that need to be upgraded into the TIP.

Vicki stated, "...we need to have the Administrative Sub-Council, as we have no Full Council quorum this evening, go ahead and sign the contract with Columbia-Pacific Resource & EDD. We need to begin the work, as we have to be finished early June. This contract is to allow us to work on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy [CEDS]. The minimum amount payable under this contract is \$3,000.00 with the actual payable amount including hourly rates, mileage and communication."

The Administrative Sub-Council reconvened after the meeting of the Full Council to approve Resolution No. 462 and sign the contract.

▪ Discussion of the 2006 State Budget Changes to Surface Transportation Program (STP)

Vicki explained that this year the Legislature made three major changes in the way the STP funding occurs:

- 1) They want to take the decision making authority away from the local process and give it to the Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) at the state level.
- 2) They want to institute a program quota.
- 3) STP funds will no longer be allowed to fund program administration.

This means that the GHCOG would not be receiving \$50,000 a year in STP funds for working with our communities assisting them with their STP grant process.

Vicki explained, "We were two-thirds successful in that the TIB will not get decision making authority and there is not going to be any quota. However, the administrative fund portion is still up in the air. The Federal Highway Administration is taking a look at the action of the legislature to decide if they are legal to make sure what they are doing is actually kosher and make sure are they going to allow them to do it."

Commissioner Casey told Vicki that he would be meeting with Sid Morrison and asked Vicki to provide him with an information sheet so he could discuss the issue.

Staff Reports

- Vicki Cummings, Executive Director
  - Interviewed the top 3 candidates for the Community Development Coordinator and have narrowed it down to two candidates. Both of these candidates are excellent, which makes it very hard to decide. Am in the process of calling their references.
  - Commissioner Beerbower's wife, Karen, is in intensive care at Capital Medical Center.

- Terry Veitz called to let us know that the funeral services for Captain Rob McLaughlin will be held Wednesday, March 29, at 2pm at the Convention Center.

➤ Miscellaneous Business - None

4. **COUNCIL MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chairman Osgood introduced Janis Moore from McCleary who gave a brief talk on the Wildcat Creek aquifer.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Dave Osgood  
Chairman

Date

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Nancy L. Trask  
Office Coordinator

Date