

GRAYS HARBOR
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice-Chair Vickie Raines at 7:00 p.m. She led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

2. ROLL CALL

Members in Attendance:

Bob Crumpacker (City of Ocean Shores)
Mayor Brandon Atoch (City of Oakville)
Tim Alstrom (City of Aberdeen)
Lyle Powell (City of Montesano)
Commissioner Al Carter (Grays Harbor County)
Diane Lutts (Grays Harbor Transit)

Administrative Sub-Council:

1st Vice- Chair – Mayor Vickie Raines
Secretary – Lyle Powell (City of Montesano)

Guests:

Debbie Clemen (WSDOT), Haley Raines

Council Staff:

Vicki Cummings, Julia Gibb and Nancy Trask

A quorum was established.

3. GHCOG BUSINESS

➤ Approval of the Meeting Agenda

Tim Alstrom made a motion to approve the meeting agenda; second, Bob Crumpacker. Motion passed.

➤ Approval of the February 25, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Bob Crumpacker made a motion to approve the GHCOG February 25, 2010 meeting minutes; second Lyle Powell. Motion passed.

➤ Administrative Sub-Council Report

Mayor Raines, 1st Vice-Chair, reported the Administrative Sub-Council approved the March bills and the April payroll. No further action was taken.

➤ **Old Business**

- **Resolution No. 516, Surface Transportation Program, Approval of Funding**
Resolution No. 516 is asking for Council approval to fund a county-wide paving project with the federal stimulus money that will be available once the federal Jobs Bill is signed. Grays Harbor County will be receiving approximately \$1.7 million.

Vicki stated that two minor changes have been made to the original resolution. Those are as follows: 1] Second Whereas, added “upon signing of the Jobs Bill designating transportation stimulus dollars” and 2] Last paragraph, added “and contingent upon the signing of the federal Job Bill,....” The county will be the lead agency and perform all of the PE and CE work. They will let one ad and one contract. The work being done in each of the cities will be sub-elements of the county contract.

Tim Alstrom made a motion to approve Resolution No. 516; second Lyle Powell. Motion passed.

4. **STAFF REPORTS**

➤ Vicki Cummings, Executive Director

Direct

- Working with our members on the STP funding for the county-wide paving project.
- Continue to work with the City of Oakville regarding their community building project; applying for a USDA grant and fundraising with the Friends of the Library for private contributions.
- Working on CBDG planning grant for Oakville and a CBDG planning grant for the Montesano Senior Center to do a feasibility study of one of the city buildings for a possible new senior center.

Regional

- Senator Patty Murray will be visiting the Port on Wednesday, March 31, dedicating the Port Industrial Road.
- Meeting with the Mayors to discuss a regional jail facility.

➤ Julia Gibb, Planner/Community Development Coordinator

Direct

- Capital Facilities Plans: No further progress from Montesano, Westport or Ocean Shores on their individual CFP projects. Almost ready for Step 2 with Westport; awaiting Step 1 inventory from Montesano; awaiting go ahead for first meeting with Ocean Shores, Ken Lanfear. Interest in help from COG doing a CFP shown by Elma. Aberdeen and the County Fairgrounds staff.
- Cosmopolis Hazard Management Plan: Review team member. Comments sent in on current draft; attended second team meeting on March 24 with consultant and city staff. Still to come; public workshop on the final draft HMP.

- Ocean Shores Comprehensive Plan: Asked to review and reformat original 1998 Comprehensive Plan to incorporate recent major amendment package in 2007; note any inconsistencies or needs for further amendments because of reformatting.

Regional

- Grays Harbor Planners Forum: Developed and hosted with Theresa the first planners forum for Grays Harbor public planners on March 4. The agenda included latest news from the Department of Commerce; county status report on their critical areas regulations adoption process; individual county/city/agency news; discussion of issues of interest for future meetings/presentations. Ten in attendance in addition to COG staff, representing McCleary, Aberdeen, Cosmopolis, GH County, Elma, Port of Grays Harbor and Hoquiam. Interest is also indicated from Montesano, Westport and the PUD.
- Researching financing options for the regional jail exploratory finance committee.

➤ Theresa Julius, Planner/GIS Coordinator

Direct

GH Chamber of Commerce – Printed the EXPO participant directory display maps.

GHCOG – Working on updates to the GHCOG brochure.

Hoquiam – Water system mapping, continued updates. Continued final edits to the fire department hydrant GPS and mapping project. Beginning a mapping project for the downtown historic district planning effort. This will support work done by the consultant.

Oakville – Updated the city’s zoning map to reflect the addition of a multi-family residential zone that was adopted late last fall.

GH County - Fulfilled a request via Commissioner Willis for traffic counts on Highway 12 at Elma.

Upcoming mapping projects:

- >Westport water system mapping
- >Hoquiam parking zone map
- >Hoquiam sewer system mapping and GPS project
- >McCleary sidewalk mapping

Regional

- Putting together TIP amendments for the JOBS projects.
- Completed a final review census tracts and census designated places for the 2010 census. This was the last review of participant statistical areas program work that was done in late 2008.

5. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS** - None

6. **MEMBER/PUBLIC COMMENT**

Debbie Clemen distributed flyers announcing the Chehalis River Basin Flood Authority public meeting to be held at City Hall in Montesano on Tuesday, April 6, from 6pm to 8pm. The Flood Authority is seeking public input on the Flood Plan, specifically in the areas of: 1] flood problem identification, 2] recommended actions, and 3] other areas of public concern.

