

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Agenda Item
FOR THE WEEK OF: November 22, 2010

I. Description -- A brief description of the agenda item.

Joint Resolution with Clallam County and the City of Port Townsend regarding establishing a Peninsula Housing Authority.

II. Issues -- A short outline of the major issues or areas that should be given particular attention.

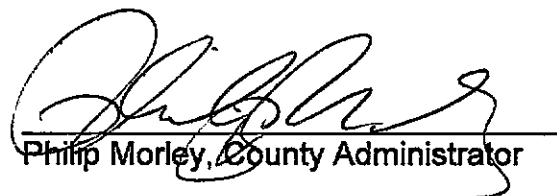
The Jefferson County Housing Authority Board has been working with the Clallam County Housing Authority Board to merge the 2 Board's into one agency to serve both counties as a way to manage affordable housing on the Olympic Peninsula in a more efficient and effective manner. *The City of Port Townsend has already approved the Resolution.*

III. Action -- What is the nature of the action the Board is being asked to take (discussion, approval of a contract, support for a grant, etc.).

Review and approve the Resolution as presented to merge these two Housing Authorities into the Peninsula Housing Authority.

IV. You may also want to express the department's position or recommendation. Suggested wording for the motion (a motion to approve/adopt/accept and a motion to deny/remand) would help especially if there are specific items or wording that needs to be covered in the motion.

Recommend approval.


Philip Morley, County Administrator

11/17/10
Date



RESOLUTION _____, 2010

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RESOLUTION 10-037



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ESTABLISHING THE PENINSULA HOUSING AUTHORITY

1. On March 10, 1941, the County of Clallam created the Housing Authority of the County of Clallam as an independent agent of Clallam County with the power to plan, construct, maintain, operate and manage affordable housing Clallam County.
2. On February 24, 1970, the County of Jefferson created the Housing Authority of Jefferson County as an independent agent of Jefferson County with the power to plan, construct, maintain, operate and manage affordable housing Jefferson County.
3. In June 2010, the Housing Authority of the Jefferson County and the Housing Authority of the County of Clallam notified the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of their intent to merge into one agency.
4. The City of Port Townsend does not operate a housing authority. It approves this resolution not to operate a housing authority, but to state its approval of the formation of the Peninsula Housing Authority as a joint housing authority to succeed to the Housing Authority of the County of Clallam and the Housing Authority of Jefferson County. If the Peninsula Housing Authority formed pursuant to this Resolution is dissolved, assets and liabilities would be the responsibility of the activated or reactivated Housing Authorities of Jefferson County and Clallam County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED by the governing bodies of Clallam County, Jefferson County, and the City of Port Townsend:

1. There is hereby created as an agency of Clallam and Jefferson Counties, an authority known and designated as the "Peninsula Housing Authority" (herein called the "Authority"). The Authority shall be successor entity to the Housing Authority of the County of Clallam and the Housing Authority of Jefferson County. On and after the effective date of this Resolution, all assets, property or other items of value titled to the Housing Authority of the County of Clallam or the Housing Authority of Jefferson County shall be titled to the Peninsula Housing Authority.
 2. The Authority is hereby delegated (a) the power to exercise public and essential governmental functions and have all the powers necessary or convenient to carry out or effectuate the purposes and provisions of the State of Washington Housing Authorities Law, Section 35.82 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).
 3. The Authority is hereby authorized to enter into public-private partnerships and joint ventures, including the creation of private non-for-profit organizations, as may be necessary to secure funds and contracts to plan, develop, construct, acquire, maintain, operate and manage affordable housing developments.
 4. The governing body of the Authority shall be the Board of Housing Commissioners, hereafter referred to as "The Board"; established pursuant to the RCW 35.82.300. The Board shall consist of eight (8) members. The Clallam County Board of Commissioners shall appoint five (5) members who shall serve for terms of one, two, three, four, and five years, respectively, from the date of their appointment. The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners shall appoint three (3) members who shall serve a term of three, four and five years, respectively, from the date of their appointment.
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The Board shall have the authority to fix the expiration date of members' terms within the Authority's Bylaws. After the appointment of the Initial Board, each member shall serve a five (5) year term. Members may serve successive terms. Membership on the Board of Housing Authority Commissioners shall conform to applicable federal and state laws. Clallam County shall appoint one member of the Board who is Directly Assisted, for a total of one (1) member who is Directly Assisted. For purposes of this Section, "Directly Assisted" means either being a public housing resident identified as the tenant on a lease; or being a recipient of assistance from the Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program. If a member appointed as a Directly Assisted Commissioner no longer qualifies as a Directly Assisted person, as defined above, that member shall be removed from the Board, creating a vacancy to be filled by appointment of a Directly Assisted person. This removal shall occur only upon a majority vote of the Board.

5. All costs of the Authority shall be the responsibility of the Authority pursuant to federal, state and local law.
6. This resolution becomes effective following execution by all parties.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2010

CLALLAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Howard V. Doherty, Jr., Chair

Stephen P. Tharinger

Michael C. Chapman

ATTEST:

Trish Holden, CMC, Clerk of the Board

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

David Sullivan, Chair

Phil Johnson, Member

John Austin, Member

ATTEST:

Lorna Delaney, CMC, Clerk of the Board

CITY OF PORT TOWNSEND

Michelle Sandoval, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Kolacy, MMC, City Clerk

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