

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

January 25, 2005

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: several people spoke in favor of the Tri Area sewer system because it is crucial to the South Seven Senior Housing project; a sewer system in Port Hadlock will bring more businesses and tax dollars into the County; other governmental entities have been included in the extensive studies and public process that has taken place on the sewer system project and more studies aren't necessary; have any new internet sites been blocked to employees since the end of October when a public records request regarding employee internet usage was submitted?; and correspondence addressed to one County Commissioner should be listed on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

RESOLUTION: Cancellation of Uncollectible Personal Property Taxes

AGREEMENT Dosewallips River Floodplain Acquisition with the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and the Salmon Recovery Funding Board (IAC/SRFB)

RESOLUTION AND HEARING NOTICE: The Board approved a resolution and hearing notice on the County's intent to declare certain personal property surplus and authorize disposal. Most of the property to be declared surplus is computer equipment that is broken, worn out, or outdated. The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.

HEARING: Approximately 25 citizens were present for this hearing to re-establish the program to administer the Community Investment Fund and to change the name to the Public Infrastructure Fund. The CIF Board sunset in accordance with the original ordinance in October, 2004. This Board was comprised of members from the City of Port Townsend, Jefferson County, the Port of Port Townsend, and one citizen-at-large from the each County Commissioner District. The CIF Board was set up to review and make recommendation to the County

Commissioners on infrastructure projects to benefit economic development throughout the County. The majority of the people present supported the re-establishment of the fund. In an ordinance passed in December, 2004, after the CIF Board had sunset, the County Commissioners directed that 50% of the CIF funds, or approximately \$70,000 per year, be used to help leverage funding for the Tri Area sewer system. Several people spoke about the importance of keeping that funding set aside for the sewer system. Earlier this month, the new Board of Commissioners held a public hearing to rescind the ordinance passed in December, but agreed to table the action until after the hearing on the re-establishment of the CIF Board. The Board approved the ordinance re-establishing the CIF Board, changing the name to the Public Infrastructure Fund (PIF) Board, adding the Public Utility District to the Board's representation, and appointing the standing members of the CIF Board to the PIF Board, if they so choose, so that they can begin meeting at their earliest convenience.

INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENT: On Monday, the Board received a recommendation from the Democratic Central Committee regarding their 3 choices to fill the vacant Court Clerk position. On Tuesday, the Board conducted brief interviews with David Herrington, Tammi Rubert, and Ruth Gordon. After deliberating, the Board appointed Ruth Gordon to fill the vacancy. The term for this elected office is up in December and it will be on the ballot this fall.

LETTER TO LEGISLATORS: The Board signed a letter to Representatives Kessler and Buck and Senator Hargrove encouraging their support for the Washington State Legislative Initiative for Historic Preservation. If this legislation is passed, additional funding would be made available for the Courthouse and Clock Tower restoration project.

AGREEMENT: The Board approved an interlocal agreement with Kitsap County regarding the provision of juvenile detention facilities. The basic fee that Kitsap County charges for detention/custody is \$100 per day, per detained youth.