

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting

February 23, 2005

**LETTER OF SUPPORT:** The Chair signed a letter of support to be sent to several Legislators for HB 2010 regarding funding for County geographic information systems.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:**

John Fischbach reported on the following items:

- The Board needs to provide specifics about the revisions they want regarding the place holders for the Comprehensive Plan Amendments that are on the proposed docket for this year. These amendments have to do with the UGA and the Comprehensive Plan Update approved in 2004. The Planning Commission's hearing is scheduled on March 2.
- The Elected Officials will be meeting this Friday at the Courthouse for a general discussion over lunch.
- The contractor for the Hood Canal Bridge Project is planning two bridge closures on weekends in October. Olympic Peninsula stakeholder groups would rather have the bridge closed during the week in August. The DOT is in favor of a weekend closure.
- The Board decided to hold off on scheduling any *On the Road* meetings unless there are specific issues in the community.
- Kelly Hays is scheduled to be appointed as PUD Commissioner on March 2. He will fill the vacant position created when David Sullivan became County Commissioner.
- The Deputy Prosecuting Attorney has advised that it would not be appropriate for the County to ask the Hood Canal Coordinating Council to take a position on the Fred Hill Materials project because they currently receive funding from the County.
- The Board asked the County Administrator to meet with Port Townsend's City Manager regarding the various contracts for services. They requested that an omnibus agreement be developed listing all the contracts. This would help in setting funding priorities, especially with State and Federal budget cuts.

**MARINE RESOURCE COMMITTEE PROGRAM**

**UPDATE:** Michelle McConnell reviewed the history of the Northwest Straits Commission and establishment of the Marine Resource Committees. She also went over the projects that the Jefferson County MRC has been working on over the last 5 years which include: planting Olympia oysters, eelgrass protection, and a spawning survey. A 5 year review of the work of the Northwest Straits Commission and the MRCs by a third party was recently completed. They received a positive evaluation and their funding will be continued. They currently have several vacancies on the MRC and are advertising for members to fill positions in several categories.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made: there were several letters in the Commissioners' correspondence this week regarding Port Ludlow Associates and representatives were present to answer any questions the Board might have, and a request that the Board support the legislation regarding the concept of establishing a rehabilitation zone for Hood Canal, that the County address the issues of the watershed and the waters, and the County Commissioners need to take a serious look at the environmental designation that will be made soon on the largest surface mine in the history of the County and the Hood Canal watershed.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All of the items on the Consent Agenda were approved as presented.

**2 RESOLUTIONS:** 1) Adopting a Grievance Procedure Policy as a Requirement of the State CDBG Program, and 2) Creating a County Project to Install Drainage Improvements as Recommended by the Port Ludlow Drainage District Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan

**AGREEMENT:** Phase I and Phase II Enhanced E-911 Services with Cingular Wireless

**NOTICE:** Completion of Day Labor Projects for 2004

**HEARING:** The City of Port Townsend and Jefferson County are applying for a \$40,000 planning only Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to do a housing needs assessment in Port Townsend and East Jefferson County. Both the City and the County's Comprehensive Plans refer to the importance of affordable housing, not just from the standpoint of the homeowner, but also for renters. The assessment will determine needs and help create an implementation plan.