

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

March 22, 2005

COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S

BRIEFING SESSION: John Fischbach reviewed a proposed resolution containing new language suggested by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney David Alvarez which clarifies that an individual applying for membership on the Growth Management Steering Committee can live within the Irondale/Port Hadlock Urban Growth Area (UGA), or have a business and live within the precincts that are noted. This proposed new language does not change the intent of the original resolution (#19-05) previously approved by the Commissioners. **RESOLUTION NO. 20-05** was approved, adding representatives from the Irondale and Port Hadlock Urban Growth Area as voting members of the Growth Management Steering Committee, and repealing and replacing Resolution No. 19-05.

DISCUSSION RE: INDUSTRIAL LAND BANK: The Board agreed to match the Port of Port Townsend's funding of \$25,000, and to move forward to seek additional funding from the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED) to complete an inventory of available land for this purpose and determine the feasibility of an Industrial Land Bank.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: The 17 Industrial Land Bank Appeals in Lewis County are related to agriculture issues not industrial land bank issues; Concern whether the industrial land bank inventory will relate only to land within the two County UGA's or will other parcels outside the UGA's be included as well. (*The County Administrator noted that the County is doing an inventory of all areas within the County, not just within the two UGA's.*); Language in the County-Wide Planning Policies needs to be updated with regard to Major Industrial Developments (MID's) and Industrial Land Banks; If the County is going to proceed with the industrial land bank inventory then it should rollback all of the industrial zoning in the City, LAMIRDS, and the Port Hadlock UGA and then set up a method to revenue share with the City. (*Commissioner Sullivan noted that revenue sharing is addressed in the statute relating to industrial land banks, and will be a topic for future discussion*); There needs to be an evaluation of actual costs vs. revenue for permit fees and an accounting to insure that they are issued reasonably and cost effectively. (*The County Administrator stated that he has information available regarding this issue*); The Little Quilcene River Estuary Restoration Project must

move forward to help the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group, and the County needs to look into why preliminary engineering work on this project has stopped; There may be County employees who have a vested monetary interest in the Little Quilcene River Estuary Restoration Project and who are keeping it from moving forward; The County needs to have fundamental policy discussions to determine the size and scale of the industrial land bank that will meet the needs of the Community, before it funds studies; Commendation for dedicating funds to the industrial land bank to try to meet the commercial needs of the Community and promote family wage jobs; Update on "Fire Danger" signs and a request for a Resolution authorizing Fire Wise brochures; There needs to be commercial kitchens available to individuals (for a fee) which would allow them to meet health regulations and prepare food items for resale locally; Industrial areas were not needed in the past, however, they are needed now so that our children can have the opportunity to find employment in the area where they grew up; and It is nice to see that individuals get answers to their questions when they come here, however, *all* of the individuals (not just some) who ask questions during the public comment period deserve the respect to be answered.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-05: Vacation of a Portion of the Alley in Block 123 Irondale No. 5; Jascha Kozelisky
3 AGREEMENTS: 1) Education Programs, Extension Agent/Chair, 4-H Agent, Technical Support and Water Quality with Washington State University (WSU); 2) Northwest Straits Project, Marine Resources Committee Year 5 Grant; Amending Special Terms and Conditions with Washington State Department of Ecology; and 3) Permit Process Improvement Review, Phase II with Latimore Co., LLC

REQUEST TO OPEN RIGHT OF WAY: Located Near Berner Nelson Road in Quilcene; Ray Culver, Applicant

2 ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATIONS: 1) Evelyn Howton from the Jefferson County Tourism Coordinating Council; and 2) Patience Rogge from the Jefferson County Library District Board of Trustees

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Marilyn Mitchell to Serve a Five (5) Year Term on the Jefferson County Library District Board of Trustees

WORKSHOP: The Board held a workshop with Tom Robinson, Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Timber Coordinator regarding Federal Funding for Counties and the Timber Counties Program.