

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

April 5, 2005

**GOVERNMENT DAY WELCOME LETTER:** The Board signed a letter to go in the student packets for Chimacum School Government Day on April 15.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** The Board approved the following proclamation:

- 1) Designating April 10 through 16, 2005 as National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. JeffCom Manager Tracy Stringer thanked the dispatchers for the great job they do for the citizens of Jefferson County.
- 2) Designating April 11 through 15, 2005 as National Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Peggy Thompson, Jefferson County Domestic Violence Sexual Assault, noted that most sexual assault victims are under 18 and public education and awareness plays an important part in prevention.
- 3) Bob Hamlin, E.M. Program Manager and members of the Incident Command Team were present when the Board proclaimed April as Disaster Preparedness Month. On March 31, a simulated exercise took place at the EOC. Commissioner Rodgers recognized the professionalism of the volunteers involved in the training exercise. The Board also recognized Bob Hamlin's 35 years of service in Emergency Operations.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made: concerns about placeholders on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket that don't include details on the amendment, and a request to change the procedure during the UDC update; Commissioner Rodgers always cites the distressed economy in South County to encourage development policies; the Board shouldn't hear comments about land use projects because the process for appeal of an administrative determination is through specific forums; this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that the Prosecutor's Office has said that citizens opposed to the Fred Hill Materials MRL designation and quarry project can't voice their concerns to the Board; strip mining is inherently bad and harmful to the community; if the Commissioners do not take the counsel of the Prosecuting Attorney and they are sued, they can be held personally liable; the County vacated a road on Marrowstone Island leading to saltwater a few years ago which is against State law and the determination needs to be reversed; and Commissioner Rodgers' public disclosure records from July, 2002 were reviewed.

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

**RESOLUTION:** Hearing Notice for Proposed Budget Extensions/Appropriations for Various County

Departments; Hearing Scheduled for April 18, 2005 at 10:05 a.m.

**CALL FOR BIDS:** New Recycling Bailer; Bids Accepted Until 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2005 and Opened and Read Publicly at 10:05 a.m.

**5 AGREEMENTS:** 1) 2005 Regional Services for Computer and Internet Support with the City of Port Townsend; 2) Disposal of Leachate from the Jefferson County Transfer Station Facility with Goodman Septic Pumping; 3) Information Technology Equipment Purchase Reimbursement for District Court with State Administrative Office of the Courts; 4) Amendment to Supported Employment Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Agreement with Washington Initiative for Supported Employment; and, 5) Amendment to Monthly Maintenance of Jefferson County Public Health Website Agreement with Gerald Taylor

**PROCLAMATION:** Several members of DASH were present when the Board approved a proclamation designating April as "Disability Awareness Month." An exercise to increase community accessibility awareness is scheduled in Port Townsend on April 20.

**DISCUSSION RE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

Concerns have been raised about the comments that the Board can accept during their Public Comment Period. The Board agreed that a written statement be included on each agenda and read out-loud by the Chair before each Public Comment Period to clarify what the Board can and cannot do as a result of what they hear during that time. The suggested wording is: *Your comments on any topic are welcome. Please keep them brief so others may also speak. You should know that in certain cases, such as decisions relating to land use applications, the County Commission does not make the final County decision and will not express any opinions in that regard. Comments made during the Public Comment Period relating to an item where others make the final decision will not be sent to that decision-maker. You may have other forums that will allow your comment to reach the relevant decision-maker.*

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Planning Commission's recommendation and Staff recommendation on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment final docket differ. The Board makes the final decision. The Board agreed to discuss the housekeeping amendment with the Planning Commission at their joint meeting with the County Commissioners this week. Staff would like to see this amendment move forward on the docket.

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:** After interviewing three applicants interested in serving on the Planning Commission representing District #3, the Board appointed Michael Whittaker to a 4 year term that will expire March 17, 2009.