

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

April 12, 2005

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY: Several constituents and employees were present when the Board cut the ribbon to acknowledge the successful completion of the new front entrance doors of the Courthouse.

DISCUSSION RE: PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The Public Comment Period has traditionally been a time for the Board to listen to citizen's comments without dialogue exchange or the Board transmitting "testimony" to departments. The Deputy Prosecuting Attorney advised the Board that they have chosen not to deal with quasijudicial issues and that they do not have a role in the appeal process for a determination made by the SEPA Responsible Official. The SEPA Responsible Official needs to be independent to make an unbiased determination based on information only. Comments from the Board could cloud the issue. The Board is concerned about citizen's comments made during the Public Comment Period that may not be considered. It was noted that the Board can direct these citizens to the proper department to have their comments included in a timely manner as testimony on quasijudicial issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: the State has allocated funding to improve the dissolved oxygen problem in Hood Canal; do copies of all comments sent to the Board get forwarded to the proper department?; concerns about the quality of SEPA review by staff; the County needs a website link to take comments on landuse issues; the Board is elected by the people to listen to them and serve their interests; a proponent's lawyer shouldn't be able to tell the Board what comments they can hear; the Board should be able to respond to public comments; planners should always ask for an EIS; a citizen who passed away last week should be honored for making the County a better place to live; industrial development on Hood Canal will destroy the water quality; congratulations on the funding allocation for Courthouse Restoration projects in this year's State budget; a Blue Ribbon Committee should be formed to address Courthouse restoration; the culture of the County is not good and staff and Elected Officials are disrespectful of the public; the Board can help make the public's input on issues more effective; the voters put the Board in office; the type of plastic and glass that can be recycled in Jefferson County is

very limited compared to other areas around the country; FHM was working with Skookum on a technology to recycle green glass and it is important for the public and the private sector to work together; and several people commented that the FHM project needs an EIS determination.

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

RESOLUTION: Declaring Certain Property as Surplus; JeffCom 911 Communications

5 AGREEMENTS: 1) Working Capital Advance (Restricted Reserve) with State DSHS; 2) Amendment No. 1 re: Phase I Dosewallips River Properties ESA; Jefferson County Health and Human Services; Krazaan & Associates; 3) Amendment to Agreement for Medicaid Administrative Match with State DSHS; 4) Amendment to Agreement for 2005-2006

Consolidated Contract for Health Services with State

Department of Health, and; 5) Employment Services to Provide Timber Stand Management and Timber Assessment with Michael R. Cronin

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING and

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT: Participation in the County Workplace Safety Alliance to Receive Services of a Third Party Administrator to Improve Workplace Safety and Reduce L & I Claims Costs with WSAC
THANK YOU LETTERS: For Allocating Funds for Courthouse Restoration Including \$450,000 for the Jefferson County Courthouse Clock Tower Restoration Project to Representatives Kessler, Buck, and Dunshee (The Board also sent Thank You letters to several Senators regarding the Senate budget allocation for Courthouse Restoration.)

BID AWARD: The bid award for the official County newspaper went to *The Leader*

VOTE BY MAIL PROPOSAL: Current absentee voting in the County is at 66% and is continuing to grow. Several counties in the State have already gone to all vote-by-mail because it saves thousands of dollars each year. The Board asked that the Auditor draft a resolution and that a public hearing be scheduled in order to receive input from the public.

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENT: After interviewing Roger Short, the Board appointed him to a 2 year term on the SWAC that will expire on April 11, 2007.

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IS THIS FRIDAY.
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