

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

April 19, 2005

PROCLAMATION: The Board approved a proclamation designating the week of May 1, 2005 as Washington's Second Annual Native Plant Appreciation Week.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION: The Board approved a resolution to reimburse certain County Officials for use of personal vehicles. A similar resolution has been in place for several years; and the only change was the type of documentation required from the Official's insurance company.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: the Board should ask for an accounting of how much money the County has spent on appeals of land use decisions; a suggestion was made at the Best Available Science workshop that the I-5 corridor subsidize rural counties in order to maintain open space; appreciation of the way the Board addressed the constitutional issue a few weeks ago in their meeting, and if there isn't data available on a certain issue, SEPA mitigations can address concerns by requiring a project proponent to hire a 3rd party to monitor conditions; a request for an internal investigation at the Sheriff's Office; the ACLU has been talking to jail inmates, and the Board should know everything that goes on in the County; the County needs to schedule a workshop soon to educate Tri Area residents about the benefits of modern sewers; last year the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee voted not to use LTAC funds to subsidize parking fees at Fort Worden, and if the issue comes up this year, they will still feel the same way; and questions about one of the Commissioner's PDC reports.

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

RESOLUTION: Creating a Project; Contractors Creek Bridge Bracing Evaluation Located on Old Gardiner Road

HEARING NOTICE: Authorization to Conduct All Jefferson County Elections by Vote By Mail; Hearing Scheduled for Monday, May 2, 2005 at 10:05 a.m.

4 AGREEMENTS: 1) Solid Waste Education; Green Business Program Pilot Project with DOE; 2) Functional Family Therapy Services For Juveniles and Their Families with Wellspring Therapy Services; 3) Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funding for the Proctor Home as an Alternative Detention Facility with DSHS, and; 4) CPR/First Aid Re-Certification Training with Medic First Aid

ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION: Eileen Rogers from the Planning Commission, Representing District #1

LETTERS OF SUPPORT: For Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2005 to Senate Committee on Energy & Natural Resources and Senator Patty Murray's Office

HEARING: At the close of the public hearing, the Board approved the appropriation/extensions for various County funds as requested by the departments.

GRANT REQUEST: Juvenile Services applied for a Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Council grant for Functional Family Therapy and was chosen as one of six finalists to receive funding. A 35% cash match from the County is required. Data from this type of program shows that it reduces felony recidivism by 38% for Juvenile offenders. Therapists actually go into the home and work with the entire family to change behaviors. It is a skills-based approach to help solve problems when they arise. Jefferson County Juvenile offenders are considered "high risk." County statistics show that 25% have a history of run-a-way or kicked-out incidents; 16% have a family history that includes incarceration of at least one parent; 34% have families showing inconsistent willingness to support them; 45% reported the level of conflict between the parents and the youth to include verbal intimidation, yelling, and heated arguments with 22% including physical abuse; 25% reported that parental supervision was inadequate; 42% experienced inconsistent or erratic punishment for bad behaviors; and 48% experienced inconsistent or erratic rewards for good behavior. The FFT program targets these issues. The Department identified twenty-five families in 2004 who would have benefitted from this program.

FINAL DOCKET: The Board approved the final docket for the 2005 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Cycle as recommended by the Planning Commission and Staff. This includes MLA05-066 regarding the 2004 Comprehensive Plan update. The only items to be addressed in this amendment relate to "housekeeping" purposes only, involving the land use map and limited plan tables and text, but not involving matters of new policy development or policy re-visitation.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The County-wide Planning Policies have not been updated since they were adopted in 1992. Since that time the City and the County have adopted Comprehensive Plans. The policies need to be updated, and City and County Staff have proposed language to initiate a process for the County, in consultation with the City, to designate up to two master planned locations to form an Industrial Land Bank by December, 2007. The process requires review and comment by the Joint Growth Management Steering Committee and a public hearing.