

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

April 26, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: The Board received a Jefferson County Historical Society Preservation Award for the Courthouse Front Door project.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: The Board signed a letter to Congressman Norm Dicks asking that he support an increase in the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds in the Federal budget. This funding goes toward essential services such as Search and Rescue, law enforcement, and road maintenance.

PROCLAMATION: The Board approved a proclamation designating May 1, through May 7, 2005 as Municipal Clerks Week.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY: As the result of two incidents at the Health Department within the last six months, the Board took action to direct the County Administrator to develop a Zero Tolerance Policy. The policy will address action that may be taken regarding threats from the public made against County employees in the course of their work.

CERTIFICATE OF INTENT: The PUD is in the process of taking over the County well at the Quilcene Community Center. They have agreed to enter into a Water System Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program contract for the system.

PARKING FEE FUNDING: After reviewing the request for funding to supplement parking fees at Fort Worden State Park, Chairman Johnson and Commissioner Sullivan directed the County Administrator to consult with the Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney to clarify if Lodging Tax funds can be used to subsidize parking fees according to the State statute; to request that the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee give a recommendation to the Board on using funds from their budget to supplement the parking fees; and to begin the process for a budget extension for the Hotel/Motel Fund (LTAC Funding).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: the Quilcene/Brinnon Chamber of Commerce requested \$16,000 from the County to staff the new Visitor's Center at the Quilcene Ranger Station because the DOT's requirements for signage on the highway state that the Center be staffed full time during the summer, and if County funding to supplement Fort Worden parking fees is approved, funding for parking at all the State Parks in the County should be provided; the North American Rainwater Harvesting Association is having a conference in Seattle in July; a request for the Board to create a Blue Ribbon

Committee to address the Courthouse restoration and encourage community support and participation for the project; the City LTAC has supplemented the Fort Worden parking fees for the past two years and the Fort Worden Advisory Committee is willing to work with a County task force to study the economic and access benefits of eliminating day-use fees at other State Parks in the County; there are programs at Fort Worden especially for students from Brinnon and other communities in the County; the Board should consider subsidizing parking fees at other State parks such as Old Fort Townsend State Park; the food service at Fort Worden Commons is run by a company out of Virginia and takes money away from local businesses; and people can park free at the Port Townsend Park and Ride and ride the bus to Fort Worden.

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

7 AGREEMENTS: 1) Amendment No. 2 to 2005-2006 Consolidated Contract for Health Services with State DOH; 2) Amendment No. 3 to agreement regarding Breast and Cervical Health Care with Public Health of Seattle King County; 3) Childbirth Education with Kathryn Shonsey Mattern, MSW; 4) & 5) Open Space Taxation to Transfer and Designate 7.65 Acres, and 9.15 Acres, as Timber Open Space for Current Use Assessment with John and Nancy Rowe; 6) Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for Period of Performance/Effective Date for Discovery Bay Stewardship Project with Puget Sound Action Team; and, 7) Emerging Issues Grant (EIG) Funding to Develop and Conduct a Public Outreach/Stakeholder Involvement Program Supporting a Comprehensive Amendment Process for the Unified Development Code (UDC) with CTED

FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION: Funding the Functional Family Therapy (FFT) Program for Eligible Juvenile Justice Involved Families with State Department of Social and Health Services, Office of Juvenile Justice

ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION: Ralph Harder from the Jefferson County Civil Service Commission

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: After interviewing William Miller, who is interested in serving on the Planning Commission representing Commissioner District #1, the Board appointed him to a 4 year term on the Planning Commission that will expire on March 17, 2009.

HEARING NOTICE: A hearing notice was approved regarding the interim control enacting a moratorium against the issuance of permits or approvals pertaining to adult businesses that was signed on March 14, 2005. The hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chamber.