

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

June 21, 2005

LETTER OF SUPPORT: The Board signed a letter of support for a Rural Heritage Development Initiative Grant application that the Port Townsend Mainstreet Program is submitting in collaboration with the Port Angeles Downtown Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: several citizens spoke about their concerns regarding the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board findings that reversed the Irondale/Port Hadlock UGA; the County needs to continue to move forward with the sewer system project in Port Hadlock; the South Seven Village for low income seniors is permitted for 40 units but the current septic system can only handle 15 units, making it crucial for the sewer system to be developed in a timely manner; the South Seven Village is important because many of the low income rentals for seniors in the County are poor quality; the South Seven Village is made up of modular buildings that could feasibly be in place and ready for occupancy by November or December of this year; a group of citizens from Port Hadlock has formed a non-profit organization called "Citizens for the UGA" and they requested that the County departments give them information regarding the UGA process from its conception approximately 18 years ago; they are concerned that there is a lack of "political will" that will fail to move the UGA forward; it is premature to say that all of the UGA planning that the County has done is wrong and will be thrown out; if Port Townsend passes the "formula store" ordinance it will send a message to businesses thinking of relocating that Port Townsend and Jefferson County don't want growth; this type of ordinance discourages the economic tax base throughout the County; there needs to be a noise ordinance in the County that the Sheriff can enforce to stop loud parties with live music that go on all night; the County needs to do something about the wild animals in the City that are being displaced by new homes being built because these animals carry disease and if the Commissioners can spend \$20,000 to supplement parking fees at Fort Worden, they should have money to relocate the deer, racoons and coyotes; the City of Port Townsend has a discreet sign ordinance, but they allow the Community Thrift Store to have piles of junk everywhere; and the residents in Irondale/Port Hadlock want the UGA, and the people who don't want the UGA don't live there.

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

RESOLUTION: In the Matter of Repealing Resolution No. 36-05 Relating to the City of Port Townsend's Ordinance Concerning "Formula Stores"

2 BID CALLS: 1) Self-propelled Vibratory Soil Compactor with ROPS; Bids Accepted Until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2005 and Opened and Read Publicly at 10:05 a.m.; and, 2) Supply of Prestressed Concrete Voided Slab Girders, Barlow Bridge, Oil City Road; Bids Accepted Until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 11, 2005 and Opened and Read Publicly at 10:30 a.m.

5 AGREEMENTS: 1) Funding for Traffic Safety Task Force Coordinator Position with Washington Traffic Safety Commission; 2) Administration of Community Readiness Survey (CRS) with Minnesota Institute of Public Health; 3) Construction of Evidence Storage Building with Town & Country Post Frame Buildings; 4) Northwest Straits Project, Jefferson County Marine Resource Committee Year 5 Action Grant with State Department of Ecology; and, 5) Amendment to Increase Funding Amount for Aggressive Replacement Training (ART), Community Juvenile Accountability Act Program with State Department of Social and Health Services, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration

BID OPENING: Public Works staff opened nine bids ranging from \$314,000 to \$501,000 for the Transfer Site Timber Sale project. After a discussion with the bidders about the 10% deposit that accompanied the bids, staff said that they could check the bids for accuracy on Monday and have names of the top 3 bidders or the recommendation for the bid award to the Board by Tuesday morning. This would enable the County to return the money to the unsuccessful bidders as soon as possible.

UGA REPRESENTATIVE ON THE JOINT GROWTH MANAGEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE:

The Board took action to table the appointment of this position for up to four weeks until they have more information on the status of the UGA.

DIRECTION TO STAFF: FINDINGS OF THE WWGMHB:

The Board came out of Executive Session and concurred that the County will wait for the decision on the ICAN motion for reconsideration to come back from the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board before any further action is taken. They expect the decision within 14 days to 1 month.