

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

June 28, 2005

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: a member of the County's Lodging Tax Advisory Committee read two letters into the record regarding concerns about the action taken by the majority of the Commissioners to give \$20,000 of LTAC funds to Fort Worden State Park to subsidize parking fees; the funding was to go to the Gateway Visitor Center for improvements such as running water, restrooms instead of Sanicans, and resurfacing the parking lot; the County shouldn't be subsidizing State Park operations and especially not a Fort Worden located within the incorporated part of the County; the LTAC voted unanimously against the Fort Worden Parking fee request in 2004 and in 2005 and the Commissioners were given their recommendation and didn't listen to them; Port Townsend received \$60,000 in lodging tax revenue last year and they only allocated \$5,000 for the Fort Worden State Park parking fees; subsidizing parking fees at the State park is not a valid use of lodging tax revenue; lodging tax revenue raised in the unincorporated area of the County should be used in that area; the Commissioners only allocated \$20,000 for the total operation of the East Olympic Forest Visitor Center in Quilcene for the entire year; and a request that the Commissioners invite a representative from the State DOR for a workshop on the proper use of LTAC funds; there seems to be an unwritten policy that says "what's good for Port Townsend is good for the County" and it should be "what's good for the UGA is good for the County"; subsidizing parking fees at Fort Worden encourages people to drive cars instead of using an alternative means of transportation such as the Park and Ride and transit; there has been talk about delaying the UGA sewer system project to do more studies and this could affect the proposed South Seven Senior Village project; in the General Sewer Plan a reference to North Irondale was omitted and all areas need to be included; and there are many funding sources that are willing to award grants and low interest loans for low income and senior housing.

CONSENT AGENDA: All of the items were approved.

RESOLUTION: Temporary Restriction of Traffic on Old Tarboo Road for Improvements to Old Tarboo Road Bridge

HEARING NOTICE: Authorization To Increase the Current \$10 Surcharge on Superior Court Cases Filed Under Title 26 RCW (Excluding RCW 26.50 Et Seq), and Add New Fees for the Courthouse Facilitator Program; Hearing Scheduled for Monday, July 11, 2005 at 10:05 a.m.

CALL FOR BIDS: Construction of Larry Scott Memorial Trail, Segment 3 (Cape George Trailhead); Bids Accepted Until 10:00 a.m., July 18, 2005 and Opened and Read Publicly Shortly Thereafter in the Commissioner's Chamber

5 AGREEMENTS: 1) Purchase and Install a New Heavy-Duty Closed-Door Horizontal Baler at the Waste Management Recycle Facility with GK Industrial Refuse Systems; 2) Medical Services Monitoring at the Jefferson County Jail with Dr. Rebecca Bay; 3) General Terms and Conditions on Health Contracts with State DSHS; 4) Amendment to Increase Funding for a Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program in Jefferson County with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of King and Pierce Counties; 5) Amendment to Increase Funding for Biennial Agreement for Developmental Disability Services with State DSHS; and, 6) Bridge Consortium, Ryan White Title II Funding for HIV/AIDS Case Management Services with Kitsap County Health District

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL: Vahalla Short Plat to Divide 18.54 Acres into Two Residential Lots; Located off of Larson Lake Road; Jan and Michael Berman, Applicants

LETTER TO LEGISLATORS: Requesting Modification of Language in RCW 36.33A.040, Rates for Equipment Rental to Representative Lynn Kessler, Representative Jim Buck and Senator Jim Hargrove

ESTABLISHING AN OPEN BURNING

PROGRAM: At the request of the Fire Chiefs Association, the Board approved a resolution effective immediately establishing a regulatory program on open burning throughout the County.