

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting

July 6, 2005

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Approximately 30 citizens were present during the Public Comment Period. Half the people present were concerned about the deletion of W. Nolton Road from the County Road log because the County's process to vacate the road was never followed and the adjacent property owners were never notified; it is the only remaining public access to the water between Fort Flagler State Park and Mystery Bay; some residents had purchased property on Marrowstone Island with the understanding that they could access their tidelands on W. Nolton Road and it is the only access for many people; W. Nolton Road has been graded and maintained by the County since the mid 1960's; there was a shack on the beach used for an aquaculture business and it could only be accessed from the road; and the Commissioners need to instruct staff to return W. Nolton Road to its historic use. The other half of the people present were concerned about the operations of Security Services Northwest, especially the noise from the shooting activities. The Commissioners were asked to put a stop to the activities because they are creating a hostile, uncomfortable environment in several otherwise quiet, rural communities; in the past they heard small firearm noise occasionally but now automatic weapons are being used and there are loud explosions; the shooting goes on past 10 p.m.; this can have an adverse affect on property values as well as possible contamination of the water and the soil; Security Services needs to move their operations to a more remote location and they should not be allowed to expand their business where it is located; there is also an impact on wildlife; Security Services' mission statement doesn't have anything to do with Homeland Security and that isn't how they advertise their operation and they should be considered a public nuisance. Other comments included support for the Board's action to base the Jefferson County burning ban on open debris burning other than recreational fires upon the Department of Natural Resources fire danger index.

CONSENT AGENDA: The resolution deleting W. Nolton Road from the official County Road Log was deleted. The Board approved the balance of the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESOLUTION: Declaring a Jefferson County Burning Ban on Open Debris Burning Other than Recreational Fires Based Upon the Department of Natural Resources Fire Danger Index

4 AGREEMENTS: 1) Courthouse Telephone System Maintenance with Stargate Technologies, Inc.; 2) Castle Hill Center Telephone System Maintenance with Stargate Technologies, Inc.; 3) Sheriff's Office Telephone System Maintenance with Stargate Technologies, Inc.; and, 4) Funding Approval for Castle Hill Remodel Construction by Fischer General Contracting, Inc. with Washington State Department of General Administration

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL: Amended Oak Ridge Short Plat To Modify the Lot Configurations and Easement; Located off of Oak Bay Road; Kenneth G. Thompson, Applicant

ADVISORY BOARD REAPPOINTMENT: Robert Bentley to the Olympic Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council (O3A)

REQUEST TO CONVENE: For the Purpose of Hearing Property Tax Appeals for the Year 2005; Jefferson County Board of Equalization

CALL FOR BID: Four bids were received for a vibratory soil compactor. The Board directed Staff to review the bids and make a recommendation that is to the best advantage of the County.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE 2006 COUNTY BUDGET:

On Tuesday, the Board suggested a few revisions to the proposed resolution establishing the goals and objectives for the 2006 County Budget. On Wednesday morning, the changes to the fiscal budget objectives for the Recreation Program were discussed, and the resolution approved. The current policy regarding the Recreation Program will be reexamined during the budget process. The Board agreed that all low income children need to have the opportunity to participate in the County's recreational activities.