

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

August 2, 2005

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BRIEFING: John Fischbach reported on the following:

- The Port of Port Townsend has agreed to match the County's funding amount of \$25,000 to the Economic Development Council if the City of Port Townsend also contributes.
- There will be a joint Port Townsend City Council/Jefferson County Commissioners meeting on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Waterman/Katz Building to discuss a metropolitan park district.
- The PUD is meeting in Olympia today with representatives from the State Department of Health and the Department of Ecology regarding the Quilcene Well.

FIRE DISTRICT MERGER: A *Notice of Intention* was submitted to the Board by the Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection Districts #1 and #6. The two fire districts have agreed to merge to achieve greater long-range efficiencies and economics of management, prevention, training, operations and other services authorized in the State RCW. The County Commissioners approved the merger. With a favorable vote of the residents in District #6, the merger would become effective on January 1, 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: The Discovery Bay Alliance (DBA) opposes the activities of Security Services Northwest (SSNW); cost

overruns on the Port Townsend City Hall project will be borne by the taxpayers, and it is important to keep the work on the Courthouse within budget; the intent of the 1998 WRIA legislation passed by the State was to provide water for people and fish, not just fish; concerns about the continuing gunfire noise at SSNW and the stop work order; if food is served to the public, the kitchens must be inspected and the employees must have Food Handler's Permits; complaints about night work and noise from the Shine quarry; Fred Hill Materials is working at night

because this is a busy time of year for road projects, and they are working on ways to reduce the noise; has the latest decision on the appeal of the Irondale/Port Hadlock UGA designation been received?; and a County resident questioned why he got a ticket for parking in front of his house where he has parked for several years?

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

2 AGREEMENTS: 1) Automated Receipting/Imaging System with Technology Unlimited, Inc., and 2) Stream

Gauging within WRIA 17 Watershed with Washington State Department of Ecology

ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT CARDS: In the negotiations with the bank about accepting debit cards for Solid Waste Transfer Station fees, the bank agreed to give the County the same rate on processing credit cards. The Board agreed that the County will accept both debit and credit cards at the facility.

Employee Memorial Garden

Jefferson County will honor past employees who died while actively employed by Jefferson County or who have died after retiring from County employment with five or more years of service. A dedication ceremony will be held on the front steps of the Courthouse. The name, job title, and dates of service for each employee will be placed on a plaque located on the first floor of the Courthouse.

The ceremony will take place on Friday, September 9, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Family members, friends, and co-workers are encouraged to attend. Cake and coffee will follow the ceremony in the First Floor Conference Room of the Courthouse.

Anyone may initiate recognition of a past employee by submitting a donation of \$50.00 to the PERCommittee. Donations and the names of past employees need to be submitted to Julie Matthes at the County Commissioners' Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, 2005.