

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

December 20, 2005

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:

John Fischbach reported that the County has received a \$500,000 grant from the Historic Courthouse Grant Program from the State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. This is in addition to a \$450,000 appropriation from the State for the project that was received earlier this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: comments about the County's project for the proposed sewer system in Port Hadlock; a solution for the State Park parking fees is to have the State form a LID; the Auditor spoke to a resident concerning an email regarding the Election Fund budget extension that the Board approved on December 5 and found that the person had misunderstood about the use of the funds; there are less people working in the Public Works Department than in 1997; the County should apply for a Homeland Security grant to build a new Courthouse because chances are the building will not survive a major earthquake; the section in the Solid Waste Ordinance regarding junk vehicles singles out people and puts a hardship on residents; and the County needs to have a complaint form that property owners can fill out if an employee comes on their property and harasses them.

CONSENT AGENDA: The agreement for the Shoreline Master Program Update was deleted and the balance of the items on the Consent Agenda were approved as follows:

5 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Adoption of the Annual Budget Including the General Fund, Public Works, Special Funds, Jefferson County Road Construction Program and County Tax Levy; 2) Increase in the Jefferson County Road Levy for 2006 Taxes; 3) Increase in the Jefferson County General Fund Levy for 2006 Taxes; 4) Increase in the Jefferson County Conservation Futures Levy for 2006 Taxes; and, 5) Clarification of the Commissioners Intended Effective Date for the .1% Sales Tax Under Ordinance 08-1003-05

3 AGREEMENTS: 1) Technical Support for Web Based Design, Programming and Consulting for the Jefferson County - WSU Extension Office with Glenn Hughes, dba Homework Design, LLC; 2) Community and Public Outreach for the Department of Community Development with CP Communications; and, 3) Port Ludlow Project Review with Mike Bergstrom

REQUEST FOR PRE-PAYMENT: Specific 2006 Expenditures from the 2005 Budget from Various Departments

LETTER: 2006 Real and Personal Property Levy Amounts to Jack Westerman, Assessor

SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM UPDATE

AGREEMENT: The deadline for the revision of Jefferson County's Shoreline Master Program Update is 2011. The deadlines for several other jurisdictions are 2006 and 2009. This is a major project and the State has made biennial grant funding available. The County is not required to submit the finished update before the deadline. The Board discussed whether they should take the funding from the State now and begin the project in 2006 or wait until other jurisdictions have submitted their final drafts to DOE. A majority vote of the Board approved the contract with Adolfson Associates, Inc. The project will go forward as planned.

UDC AMENDMENT DISCUSSION: Staff and a Planning Commission sub-committee have been working on revisions to the Unified Development Code for the past two years. The suggestions for changes can be made by the County Commissioners on behalf of the public, the County Administrator, the Planning Commission members, and the County Departments that work with the Code and see the need for a change. The Board reviewed the suggested changes and made several other suggestions. They will review the draft document again at their January 3 meeting. On January 9, a public hearing will be scheduled to take testimony on the revisions.