

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

February 14, 2006

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made: the real estate market is slowing down all over the country and in the County which means less excise tax revenue for government to depend on; why is the work being done on the Courthouse grounds before the clock tower project is done?; the County needs to have a plan in place if Port Townsend Paper Company closes down because it is the County's largest employer; any expenditure of County funds to present a forum about Indian Island would be a waste of time and money because the County has no jurisdiction over the Navy and what they do; people's property rights are being affected at the local level when reasonable requests for zoning changes are denied in the Comprehensive Plan amendment process; and the Jefferson County Historical Society and the Historical Preservation Council have their own agenda for directing the flow of public funds.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The items were approved as follows:

**AGREEMENTS:** 1) Watershed Council Grant with DOE; 2) Network Agreement for Sheriff's Phone Connection with Qwest Corporation; 3) Network Agreement for Castle Hill Facilities Phone Connection with Qwest Corporation; 4) Network Agreement for Sheriff's Data Connection with Qwest Corporation; 5) 2006 Hotel-Motel Grant Funding with Quilcene/Brinnon Chamber of Commerce; 6) 2006 Community Services Grant Funding

- Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP)
  - Gardiner Community Center Board;
- 7) Design and implement public education programs for WSU/Cooperative Extension with Julie Knott, West Camp Consulting; 8) Violence prevention training for Jefferson County Employees with Peninsula College; and, 9) Coordinated Prevention Grant Funding for implementation of the Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste Management Plans and Programs with DOE

**2005 ANNUAL CERTIFICATION:** Road Fund Expenditures for Traffic Law Enforcement with State County Road Administration Board

**ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATIONS:**

Jeanne Koester and Reverend Pamela Douglas-Smith from the Jefferson County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board and Michael O. Ryan from the Jefferson County Parks Advisory Board

**ADVISORY BOARD REAPPOINTMENT:**

Caroline Gibson to a 4-year term expiring January 14, 2010 on the Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES INCOME REPORT AND PRESENTATION:**

The 2005 revenue from State Forest Board lands was up due to the number of timber sales and the timber market. In FY2006, the County will probably see a major decrease in the Forest Board lands revenue because of a lawsuit brought against the harvesting of State and Federal timber lands by several environmental organizations. They are currently in mediation.

**APPOINTMENT:** Bill Wheeler was appointed to represent the forestry interest on the Conservation Futures Advisory Board. He will serve a 4-year term that will expire on February 13, 2010.

**DELIBERATIONS ON UDC AMENDMENTS:**

These deliberations were continued from the BOCC meeting on January 17, 2006. The Board took action to delete the appointment of an Appellate Hearing Examiner when the Hearing Examiner's decision is appealed except in the case of the Port Ludlow Associates agreement. In the future, such appeals will go directly from the Hearing Examiner to Superior Court. The Board began their review of the UDC chapter on definitions. The deliberations will be continued at the Board's next regular meeting on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:45 a.m.