

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

February 28, 2006

## **CREDIT CARD USE FOR SOLID WASTE**

**FEES:** Over the past 3 months, credit cards have been accepted for solid waste fees. The amount of staff time saved is \$15,000 because of a 78% decrease in temporary accounts, and vehicles are processed three times faster. Within the next six months, the Treasurer's Office will be accepting electronic payments over the internet.

## **TELEPHONE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL:**

Two of the eight bidders that submitted RFPs to replace and update the current County telephone system will be conducting site visits and demonstrations. They are: Hanson Electric and B & C Telephone, Inc.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

**DISCUSSION:** The Executive Director of the EDC has resigned his position as of February 28. The County Administrator recommended the following:

- The County take over the responsibilities of the EDC as of March 1.
- The Board authorize him to send letters to the Executive Board of the EDC, the State of Washington, the State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, and the Peninsula Development Association notifying them of this action.
- The County will not renew the 2006 contract with the EDC for \$25,000. The money will go into EDC operations with CTED's contract and any other funding due to the EDC.
- The County contract with the EDC for the industrial land inventory will not go forward. The County will pursue this with funding from CTED and the Port of Port Townsend.
- The Board authorize him to send letters to the EDC Board of Directors advising them that there will be an EDC Advisory Board established but

governance will remain with the County.

The Board directed the County Administrator to follow through on this recommendation. They also signed a thank you letter to outgoing Executive Director Tamer Kirac.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made: The Board of Directors of Kitsap Mental Health expressed their gratitude for the Jefferson County Commissioner's support for SB 6793; a suggestion about a boundary line adjustment procedure that would pursue the least restrictive alternative; a suggestion that all the governmental entities (County, City, PUD and Port) and schools need to have a financial summit where plans for the next 5 years are discussed so that tax increases don't come forward at the same time.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The following item on the Consent Agenda was approved:

**RESOLUTION:** Re-establishing Jefferson County Cash Drawer, Petty Cash Account and Revolving Fund Amounts in Various County Department

## **AFTER-SCHOOL FORESTRY PROGRAM:**

This is one of many 4-H programs in the County. After-school Forestry serves 90 children a year in Brinnon and Quilcene. There are 5 major strands that relate to the forestry theme: performing arts, visual arts, nature and science exploration, the use of technologies, and wilderness and survival activities. Several activities allow the children to visit other communities in the County and the State. The goal is to build a new economic relationship for these children and their families with the Park and the forest. Future forest jobs include: computers, educational videos, fire prevention, land management, erosion control, digital photography, GIS mapping, web design, GPS tracking, and engineering and aviation. This program receives funding through the Secure Rural Schools Act.