

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

June 20, 2006

## **EXTENSION OF CRITICAL AREAS UPDATE**

**DEADLINE:** Approximately 35 concerned citizens were present when the County Administrator explained that several constituents have come forward with concerns about the mid-July deadline for the adoption of the Critical Areas Ordinance because the public has not had time to review the changes and comment. A public hearing is scheduled before the Planning Commission on Wednesday night. The Board took action to have legal counsel contact the WEC about a 90 day extension of the adoption deadline and to direct the Planning Commission and staff to leave the public record open for an additional 90 days.

## **2007 COUNTY BUDGET GOALS AND**

**OBJECTIVES:** The County Administrator reviewed a draft resolution listing the seven basic strategic objectives, the fiscal objectives, and the efficiency and effectiveness objectives for the 2007 budget. The Auditor will send out the budget call in early July. The Board approved the resolution which is used as a guideline in the preparation of the budget.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BRIEFING:** The following items were discussed:

- A draft Public Infrastructure Fund Ordinance will be reviewed at the County Administrator Briefing on Tuesday.
- A No Shooting Zone Ordinance is being drafted using information from the Planning Commission's review and interviews with adjacent counties. The draft ordinance will be available in 2 months.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made: the public has not had enough time to review the draft Critical Areas Ordinance; the proposed 450 foot buffers from wetlands require a report from a "qualified" wetland biologist paid for by the property owner and there are only a few wetland biologists in the County; a request that the WEC settlement agreement be posted on the County website; a property owner on the Hoh River stated that she found out about these regulations that could affect her property from another Westend resident; environmental groups are taking private property all over the County, County government doesn't make any effort to keep Westend residents informed; even though the draft ordinance mentions grandfathering existing farms, if the slightest change in the use of the property is proposed, it will trigger the new rules; the County needs to use local people to determine BAS (Best Available Science) and shouldn't use the State DOE

guidelines; the ordinance requires that strangers come on to private property to monitor critical areas; who is going to compensate people for the property they will lose because of buffers?; the County is already having financial problems, what will happen when 25% of the tax revenue is taken away by buffers?; a property owner invested in land for his retirement and he won't be able to develop it because of the proposed ordinance; who is WEC and where are they from?; a comment was made against allowing auto repair shops as cottage businesses; a petition was submitted signed by 95 people requesting that the Board hold a forum on the expansion of Indian Island; the Board needs to look into cutting programs instead of raising property taxes; the County Commissioners need to contact State Legislators about environmental laws that they keep passing that restrict what people can do with their property; environmental groups are very similar to terrorists; and the Board needs to read legal documents and know the consequences before they sign them.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** All of the items were approved as follows:

**RESOLUTION:** Petition to vacate a County road; Harrison Street located off of Cape George Road, Port Townsend; WeFore, LLC, Petitioner

**HEARING NOTICE:** Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 16 Watershed Management Plan; hearing scheduled for Monday, July 3, 2006 at 10:05 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers

**3 AGREEMENTS:** 1) Wireline E911 Operations with the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division; 2) Wireless E911 Operations with Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division; and, 3) Credit Card Processing System for Jefferson County Superior Court with Orion Payment Systems

## **ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION AND**

**APPOINTMENT:** Resigning member Chris Rehder and new member Dennis Martin to serve a 3 year term expiring June 19, 2009 on the Gardiner Community Center Board of Directors

**HEARING:** The Board took public comment on the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Code; closed the public hearing and began their deliberations.

**HEARING NOTICE:** The Board took action to have the consolidated application for the Port Ludlow Development Agreement amendment and the Shoreline permit heard by the Hearing Examiner. They will receive a recommendation and make the final decision.