

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

July 25, 2006

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: a property owner in Discovery Bay presented the Board with growing area review statistics for 2005 from the State Department of Health, Office of Food Safety and Shellfish Programs and the *2003 Shoreline Survey of the Discovery Bay Shellfish Growing Area* and stated that he thinks the lowered water quality is temporary and the source isn't failing septic systems because there is no data to support that theory; the DOE's guidelines for critical areas are a topic of concern for all the counties throughout the State and, in May and June 2005, the Planning Commission held three workshops to inform and educate the public about the changes in the regulations and then were told to move on to other issues because the County was negotiating with the Washington Environmental Council (WEC), the Planning Commission's outreach efforts would have helped involve the public in the process and much of the current public outcry may have been avoided, and when advisory boards want to engage the public on an issue, the Board should encourage them; environmental groups are giving training sessions to encourage their members to submit a CD of their best available science (BAS) at public hearings on the critical areas regulations in all the counties in order to have the most stringent ordinances passed and make sure that the CD can be used in Growth Management Hearings Board appeals; what scientific evidence does the County have that the current wetland buffers aren't working?; how will the new rules affect land values, affordable housing, and tax revenue?; the BAS from the DOE hasn't been through peer review or public comment; the Supreme Court recently ruled against excessive regulations regarding people's property; the farmers in the County are already doing a good job protecting streams and creeks; the County needs land for affordable housing; State agencies are treating man as subsidiary to the needs of wildlife and the State is writing development regulations for the County because the Department of Ecology's BAS is

the only one on the record; Jefferson County has an energized public who will help get information into the record for the Board to make decisions on BAS; concern was expressed about the WEC settlement agreement that says the County "shall" adopt the DOE BAS and the need for the Board to give direction to the Planning Commission BAS sub-committee, the public needs to be included through the entire critical area ordinance process, and the Board seems to be operating in the gray when it comes to Executive Sessions and the Open Public Meetings Act.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were approved:

3 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Notice of intention to sell surplus County equipment and **HEARING NOTICE** for Monday, August 21, 2006 at 10:05 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers; 2) Naming a private road, Shorts Lane; Dorothy Tyra Frank Trustee, Applicant; and, 3) Maintaining a positive balance in the Employee Benefit Reserve Fund

HEARING NOTICE: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) close out; low and moderate income housing rehabilitation; Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP); hearing scheduled for Monday, August 14 at 10:05 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers

CALL FOR BIDS: Sixth Avenue Road Improvement Project; bids accepted until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 7, 2006 and opened and read publicly at 10:05 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers

3 AGREEMENTS: 1) Professional services for Parent Coalition Services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families with Carolyn Costain; 2) Training services with Peninsula College; and, 3) Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA); with the Housing Authority of the City of Longview