

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

August 15, 2006

REQUEST FOR FUNDING: The Jefferson County Domestic Violence/Sexual Harassment Program provides the majority of their services at no charge. These services include:

- A 24 hour crisis line and crisis intervention
- Emergency food and clothing
- A shelter that houses up to 17 people
- Legal advocacy
- Counseling
- Prevention education in the schools

They have been at their current location for 14 years and sometimes the physical limitation of the office means that they are not able to provide services in as timely a manner as they would like. They don't want to turn people away. They receive funding from federal and state grants and are required to raise \$87,000 in local funding. Currently the City contributes to the program, but the County discontinued funding in 2004. The Director of the program requested that the Board reconsider funding a portion of their program.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:

The following items were reviewed:

- A Port Hadlock UGA Sewer project workshop is scheduled on September 5 to review the financial analysis for the project.
- It appears that federal funding for the Secure Rural Schools Act will continue for another year at 100%. Elected Officials from rural communities are being encouraged to attend a fly-in to Washington DC to impress upon the Legislators the detrimental impact on small, rural counties if the funding is discontinued.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: there were no qualifications required for people volunteering for the Critical Area Ordinance (CAO) Sub-committee; there is a tight timeline for the CAO Sub-committee to complete their analysis and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission; small parcel owners

and farmers will suffer because of the CAO; a suggestion that the County look into a Surface and Stormwater Management Program that would mitigate the damage that property owners on Hood Canal have caused and require them to pay for any restoration; public officials should not be treated with blatant disrespect; two of the Commissioners were elected to stop the Pit to Pier project and they need to listen to the voters; concern was expressed about a letter from the Assessor's Office asking for documentation regarding open space agriculture status on property; there is selective rezoning and enforcement in the County and people aren't being treated the same; the County has a policy that makes it difficult for people to start businesses here and many of them give up and go elsewhere; there is a misconception that old growth forests attract wildlife, but most birds of prey feed in open fields; the majority of concrete batch plants in the State are owned by foreigners and people should be glad that Fred Hill Materials is owned and operated by a local family; and concerns were expressed about the RFP for the telephone system.

CONSENT AGENDA: This item was approved:

ADVISORY BOARD REAPPOINTMENT:

Roberta Frissell to a 3-year term as Community Representative on the Jefferson County Board of Health; term expires August 26, 2009

CLOSE-OUT HEARING ON CDBG GRANT:

Olycap is the subcontractor for a housing rehabilitation grant that was awarded to the County in 2001. Twenty-five households received services correcting health and safety issues, 11 received low or no interest loans to rehabilitate their homes, and 2 households received services eliminating an accessibility barrier into the home. The Board approved the close-out of the grant.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM RFP: After further research last week, the Director of Central Services and the Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney recommended that the Board cancel the RFP without making an award. The Board agreed with the recommendation.