

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

September 18, 2006

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BRIEFING: The following items were discussed:

- Jack Westerman, Assessor, explained legislation the Assessor's are supporting that would merge the Open Space Timber program with the Designated Timber program.
- Statesmen Group, Black Point, Brinnon EIS -- Al Scalf reported that the draft EIS for the Comp Plan amendment is not complete. On Friday the staff met with the proponents, consultants, and the Tribe and toured the site. They are meeting again on the 25th and a new schedule should be back to the County Administrator by the end of the month.
- EIS and Port Ludlow Hearing for Trendwest – There is a hearing Friday on the Shoreline Permit and the development agreement. The next hearing will be a quasi-judicial hearing to be held in October before the Commissioners for the amendment to the Development Agreement and the Shoreline Permit. He then handed out the Staff Report to the Commissioners.
- Fred Hill Materials - Pit to Pier Project EIS – Greg Ballard the lead planner for this project is leaving the County. A new consultant and a new planner will be hired.
- Extension of Time for the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) with the WEC - Al Scalf reported that the subcommittee of the Planning Commission is looking at the Best Available Science and getting up to speed on recently issued Hearings Board orders and Best Available Science from other counties and they need more time to review everything. 3 to 6 months of additional time would help.
- Petition for a Citizens Review Committee for the Sheriff's Office – There is nothing the County Commissioners should or can do about this petition because the Sheriff is an independently elected official. This petition will be forwarded to the Sheriff.
- An informational meeting will be scheduled with the Board where a representative of Municipal Research Services will make a presentation on the Open Public Meetings Act.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: A volunteer at the Animal Shelter asked for the County's continued support of the Shelter and the importance of manpower because the Animal Shelter averages 945

phone calls, 500 visitors, 32 adoptions, and 72 licenses per month; when were the regulations on political signs changed and what about freedom of expression with a suggestion that the County hold this regulation change in abeyance for this election; The Board did not provide an answer last week about the maximum size of a political sign when the question was asked during this forum; a thank you to the Board for their service; with regard to the sign regulations, it's a citizen's first amendment right to say what they want and what is the legitimate public interest to regulate the size of a sign?; a larger sign is better for safety than a small sign when a person is driving; the Critical Areas Ordinance was drafted in haste and leaves many questions in the minds of County citizens and should be scrapped and a realistic CAO prepared; and the discussion of the Fred Hill EIS this morning was illegal because one Commissioner made a statement about a quasi-judicial matter and the Board was asked to refrain from discussion of quasi-judicial matters in their meetings.

CONSENT AGENDA: All the items were approved:
2 HEARING NOTICES: 1) 2007 Jefferson County Budget; Hearing Scheduled for 10:05 a.m. on Monday, October 2, 2006 in the Commissioner's Chambers; and 2) Surface Water Management Plan; Hearing Scheduled for 10:05 a.m. on Monday, October 9, 2006 in the Commissioner's Chambers
3 AGREEMENTS: 1) Developmental Disabilities Biennium 2005-07; Amending Payment Amount; Washington State Department of Social and Health Services; 2) Grant Funding to Improve Property at Jefferson County Fairgrounds; Washington State Department of Agriculture; 3) Facilitation of the Strengthening Families Program, Reducing Underage Drinking (RuaD)/Healthy Youth Project; Pam Rogge

PUBLIC HEARING on the Six Year

Transportation Plan: Public Works Transportation Program Manager Bruce Laurie reported that the County does a 6 year Transportation Improvement Plan every year for capital projects only and this goes from 2007 to 2012. After his review of the projects listed, the Board approved the resolution adopting the plan.