

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

September 26, 2006

PROCLAMATION: The Board approved a Proclamation proclaiming October 1 - 7, 2005 as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2006

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT DOCKET: The Board agreed not to schedule a hearing on the proposed amendments presented, and took action to have them placed on the Consent Agenda for the October 2, 2006 Commissioners' meeting.

APPLICATION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY FOR A WATER RIGHT; NORTHWEST KIWANIS

CAMP, APPLICANT: Central Services Director Allen Sartin presented a request for the County's support and approval to submit an application to the Department of Ecology for water use expansion at Beausite Lake. He explained that because the property is owned by the County, the application must be signed by the County legislative authority. The Board signed the application form which will be submitted to the Department of Ecology.

COMMISSIONERS/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING

SESSION: John Fischbach briefed the Board on the following items:

- As part of lawsuit filed against the County it is claimed that the Prosecuting Attorney is the only other party who can attend Executive Sessions of the Board of Commissioners. However, a publication from the Municipal Research and Services Center titled "The Open Public Meetings Act", states that "Attendance at an executive session need not be limited to the members of the governing body. Persons other than the members of the governing body may attend the executive session at the invitation of that body (RCW42.30.110(1)(i)). Those invited should have some relationship to the matter being addressed in the closed session, or they should be attending to otherwise provide assistance to the governing body. For example, staff of the governing body or of the governmental entity may be needed to present information or to take notes or minutes. However, minutes are not required to be taken at an executive session."
- The burn ban in Jefferson County has been lifted but, may need to be re-instituted.
- Jefferson County is unable to establish a law enforcement Civilian Review Board similar to one in King County, because it is not a "Homerule" County.
- Representatives from Habitat for Humanity contacted the County about purchasing certain parcels from the County. The County can lease property to a Housing Authority or non-profit organizations for up to 75 years to provide affordable housing, however, there is no provision for selling property to provide affordable housing.
- A new concept for the visitor's center has been discussed. A potential site with a house on Highway 104 may be available for lease.
- On October 9th there will be a public hearing on a Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan. The Board is invited to a consultant presentation

- during a Planning Commission meeting on October 4, 2006. During the E-911 outage that occurred last week it was discovered that the E-911 system was not "looped" because an agreement was not in place between Qwest and another agency. This is now being taken care of and no messages were lost during the outage
- At the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) meeting in Shelton last week it was confirmed that federal funding for mitigation of the Hood Canal Bridge project can also be used for temporary infrastructure improvements.
- David Sullivan reported that he spoke with a representative from the Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding the relocating of the Elk in Sequim. The Department is working with the tribes on other alternatives which indicates that the elk may not be relocated to Jefferson County. The public comment period is open until September 30, 2006.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: Appreciation for the Board's support of trails in Jefferson County, and it is not necessary that trails be constructed with road building machinery or that they be 16' wide, and a request that a policy be instituted for enhancing trails and that federal standards be changed and minimized for rural and environmentally sensitive areas; an individual should not have to ask twice to get public records, and concern about a Commissioner's letter to the editor; relocating elk is not a good idea, it can destroy water quality and historically it has been shown to ruin herds; it is a felony to destroy, alter or otherwise change or delete a public record, punishable by five years in prison/\$10,000 fine; any document that involves a government function is public record no matter where or on what computer the business was conducted; concern that the sign ordinance which includes the 4'x8' size restriction was discussed on a Wednesday and did not allow for public comment; Both the Critical Areas Ordinance and Shoreline Management Master Program update need timelines and there needs to be clear understanding of the legitimate basis for the creation of new critical areas since not all shoreline areas need to be considered critical areas for purposes of GMA; Some meetings concerning natural resources are overlapping making it difficult for citizens to cover each issue.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.

RESOLUTION NO. 59-06: Establishing a Code of Conduct to Ensure the Efficient, Fair and Professional Administration of Federal Grant Funds in Compliance with 24 CFR§85.36(b)(3) and Other Applicable Federal and State Standards, Regulations and Laws

HEARING NOTICE: Comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan; Hearing Scheduled for Monday, October 9, 2006 at 10:45 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers

SALE OF SURPLUS COUNTY PROPERTY: Parcel No. 979 503 511, Oil City First Addition, Block 35, Lot 20; Rob VandeWeghe

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: For Completion of Certified Building Operator Level II Training; Jeff Monroe, Facilities Management III, Department of Central Services