

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

December 5, 2006

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

AND RE-APPOINTMENTS: Janet Kearsley and Jerry Gorsline were appointed to the Conservation Futures Fund Oversight Committee. Barbara McColgan Pastore, Sara Spaeth, and Lige Christian were reappointed to serve another term. The Board directed that the shellfish position and the District 3 position be readvertised.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:

A press release was issued regarding Chimacum Creek Beach Park. The site has been included in the Puget Sound Initiative, a program to accelerate protection and restoration of Puget Sound and Hood Canal. The State Department of Ecology recently did an assessment of a complaint about the presence of fuel oil on the beach. Metals and oil were found that date back to industrial activities at the site from 1881-1919.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens. Several people commented on the \$3,000 Hearing Examiner fee in the proposed Department of Community Development (DCD) fee schedule; several people commented on the high salary and good benefit package that County employees receive compared to private sector jobs in the County; it was suggested that the Board call a "tax summit" with the other taxing districts in the County; there are many vacant homes in Port Townsend in the winter because retired "snowbirds" are buying second homes here; a suggestion was made that the City of Port Townsend and Jefferson County consolidate; over-regulation regarding environmental concerns is putting companies like Port Townsend Paper Company and farmers in the County out of business; DCD's fees should be based on a sliding scale; a request that the Board vote against the proposed Off Road Vehicle park in Quilcene; a citizen thanked the Board and the County for the completion of the Quilcene water system and the Quilcene County park project; security at the Courthouse is inadequate and there

should be one entrance with a metal detector; the Board should request that the Attorney General's Office update their advisory memorandum about avoiding unconstitutional takings of private property; comments were made about the County Administrator's update on November 27 regarding the appointment of outside counsel for the Security Services Northwest lawsuit, about the timeliness of the Commissioner's minutes and about the procedures for calling the Special Meeting that the Commissioners held last week.

CONSENT AGENDA: All of the items on the Consent Agenda were approved.

2 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Hearing Notice for Proposed Supplemental Budget Appropriations/Extensions for various County funds; Hearing scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2006 at 10:05 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, and 2) Organization and declaration of result of election for the formation of Jefferson County Cemetery District No. 3 (Gardiner Area)

AGREEMENT: Transfer Site 06 Timber Salvage Sale with Hood Canal Fiber

CANCELLATION NOTICE: County Commissioner Regular Meeting; Scheduled for Tuesday, December 26, 2006

HEARING ON PARKS & RECREATION FEE

SCHEDULE FOR 2007: After the public hearing was closed, the Board asked staff for more background information on a few items and directed that some changes be made. Further deliberations and possible approval of the fee schedule will take place on December 11, 2006.

HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2007: Seven interested citizens spoke against the proposed fee ordinance and the public hearing was closed. The Board directed that DCD staff make several changes to the fee schedule including the deletion of the \$3,000 Hearing Examiner fee. DCD will schedule a workshop with the Board to discuss the fees in more detail.