

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting

January 3, 2007

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Commissioner Phil Johnson was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board for 2007.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:

The following items were discussed.

- A hearing regarding a lawsuit filed against the County by Mike Belinski will be held in Clallam County on January 26, 2007 at 1:30 p.m.
- Port Hadlock Sewer update -- the firms have begun the environmental and geotechnical evaluation.
- The Fort Worden long range plan SEPA report includes the County's North Beach Park in the boundary for Fort Worden. He asked the Board if they would like to respond to this SEPA report? Chairman Johnson stated that he feels this should be discussed with the City before any comment is made.
- The new Hearing Examiner has issued a ruling on Trendwest which will be brought to the Commissioners for a public hearing and a decision.

CHANGE IN BOARD MEETING TIMES:

The Board voted to change the starting time for their regular weekly meeting to 9 a.m. and to set the time for the County Administrator's briefing at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays beginning the first meeting in February (February 5, 2007.)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens. Some residents are self employed and would like the Board to meet earlier or at the end of the day to accommodate their schedule; Jefferson County does not have the economy to support the local government bureaucracy; a big driver of the County budget is the cost of employee wages, benefits and time off; the last few years there have been endless lawsuits to paralyze the County and now the County is going after one citizen for attorney fees on his lawsuit; a petition was submitted that was signed by Courthouse employees asking the Board to reconsider using a manned single entrance with a metal detector; the County cannot afford an ORV

park in Quilcene; there is a need for adequate fire flow in Quilcene; (The County Administrator reported that the Public Infrastructure Fund Board has provided extra funding to the Quilcene Water System for fire flow); the Board is trying to make an example out of a citizen in asking that he pay attorney fees in his lawsuit against the County; John Austin was welcomed and the Board members were thanked for their service; a suggestion was made that the Board check the RCW before changing the meeting times to be sure of what is required; is the Prosecuting Attorney trying to get back at a citizen for filing a complaint by asking for attorney fees?; there is a large discrepancy in the amount of the attorney's bills for each Commissioner on the recall petition and when did the Board approve these bills for payment?; and did the Prosecuting Attorney ask the Board for their direction in seeking legal fees on this lawsuit?

CONSENT AGENDA: The agreement with the Appraisal Group of the Northwest for appraisal review services for the Environmental Health Division of the Health Department was deleted. The following items on the Consent Agenda were approved.

RESOLUTION: Assignment of Support and Maintenance Agreement from Government e-Management Solutions, Inc. to Harris Computer Corporation

3 AGREEMENTS: 1) AIDS Omnibus Services; Clark County; 2) Subcontract Facilitation Services for the Developmental Disabilities Program on Behalf of Washington Initiative for Supported Employment (WISE); Kathy Goldenberger, and 3) Tower Creek Bridge Emergency Repair Project No. XO1735; Bruch & Bruch Construction, Inc.

2 Advisory Board Resignations: 1) Jefferson County Marine Resource Committee (MRC); District #3 Representative; Jim Donaldson and 2) Gardiner Community Center Board of Directors; Morgan Van Dyke

Advisory Board Appointment: Gardiner Community Center Board of Directors; Unexpired Three (3) Year Term Expiring September 2, 2008; Elizabeth Van Dyke