

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

February 27, 2007

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made by citizens. Several people commented that the Board needs to set the tone for their meetings in the Chambers; the Auditor's Office is investigating a complaint about a citizen who did not vote legally; several people stated that the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Committee represents citizens living in rural Jefferson County whose lives will be effected by the ordinance; a petition was submitted with 427 signatures from citizens in favor of an Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) facility; the Commissioners need to be careful about what they say in the newspaper; the County needs an aggressive enforcement policy regarding junk vehicles; junk vehicles are worth money for scrap metal; property owners who have done voluntary conservation on their land will become defiant if stricter regulations are adopted; the Commissioners should development a guiding principal of public relations; Port Townsend's composting business is hurting local composting businesses; where will Port Townsend Paper Company's water allotment go if it closes down?; concerns were expressed about the methods used for growing crops for ethanol and biodiesel; there is a lack of communication between the Director of Community Development and staff and the CAO Committee; landowners should be compensated for "property rights takings"; a comment was made about how the public comment period is conducted; and people need a place to go to ride OHVs and a park would bring revenue into the County.

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

**RESOLUTION:** Urging Congress to amend necessary Federal statutes to allow Federal financial participation in payment of medical costs for incarcerated individuals

**AGREEMENTS:** 1) Alternative Response System and Early Intervention Program with DSHS; 2) Therapeutic services for children age birth to three years with Port Townsend School District, and, 3) Junk car and abandoned junk vehicles with DOE

**CALL FOR BIDS:** Pavement marking on various County roadways; Bids accepted at County Commissioners Office until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 19, 2007 and opened and read

publicly shortly thereafter in the Commissioners Chambers

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS/WARRANTS:** Dated February 20, 2007 totaling \$600,412.76

**PAYMENT OF PAYROLL WARRANTS:** Dated February 20, 2007 totaling \$111,339.88

**LETTER OF APPROVAL:** Special Occasion Permit for Port Townsend Marine Science Society to State Liquor Control Board

**PROCLAMATION:** The Board approved a proclamation designating March 2007 as Women's History Month.

**ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** The Board appointed Tim Snider, Tom Thiersch, and Peter Bonyun to the Ferry Advisory Committee. Staff will send a letter to the City and County Public Works and Planning Departments soliciting a 5<sup>th</sup> member on the Board per the statute.

**APPOINTMENT:** Mark Johnsen, Attorney at Law was appointed to serve as Special Deputy Prosecuting Attorney representing and defending the County in a lawsuit filed by SSNW.

**BUDGET HEARING:** After taking comments from citizens, the Board approved the proposed supplemental budget extensions for projects carried over from 2006.

**PW PROJECT BID OPENING:** A bid was received from Olympic Electric for \$79,265 for the Paradise Bay Road Illumination Project. Public Works Staff will review the bid and give a recommendation for bid award.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY HEARING:** After taking comments from citizens, the Board approved the findings and determination to declare certain personal property as surplus and authorize disposal.

**CERTIFICATION:** The Commissioners certified that the 2006 County Equipment Inventory is complete. It will be filed with the County Auditor.

**OHV STUDY:** Approximately 100 interested citizens were present at the Quilcene Community Center when the Board took action not to pursue an Off Highway Vehicle facility in south County.