

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

March 6, 2007

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens. Two people mentioned a memo dated October 26, 2006 that the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney sent to the Board about exemptions under State law for recreational facilities which would also apply to an Off Highway Vehicle facility; the County can only charge permit fees for the cost of the permit; a letter was read into the record responding to a letter from the Executive Director of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe regarding the work of the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Committee and the perception that the majority of the members are primarily focused on protecting property rights while the minority of members are trying to fix the WEC agreement deficiencies and an invitation was included in the letter for the Tribe to participate on the Committee; a letter was submitted from the CAO Committee requesting an extension of the April 1 deadline on the draft ordinance because the consultant who is drafting the document cannot begin work with the County until mid-March; the public wants the County to protect and preserve the environment; large houses being built in the County are contributing to global warming as well as County residents who have to drive out of the County for jobs or to go shopping because of the County's regulations on "big box stores" and letting new businesses locate here; and the Board should video record their meetings and broadcast them on PTTV.

CONSENT AGENDA: The letter opposing SSB5672 was deleted and the balance of the Consent Agenda was approved.

3 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Adopting the County's representative pursuant to the bylaws of the Washington Counties Risk Pool; 2) Designation of applicant's agent, Public Works Director Frank Gifford, Disaster No. 1671-DR-WA; and, 3) Vacation of the westerly half of the alley in Block 154, Irondale Division No. 6; Michael Regan, Petitioner

HEARING NOTICE: Community Development Block Grant; Low and moderate income housing rehabilitation; Olympic Community Action Programs; Hearing scheduled for Monday, March 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers

3 AGREEMENTS: 1) Professional services for the Developmental Disabilities Parent Coalition Program with Jenell DeMatteo; 2) Professional

services for Discovery Physical Therapy for Childbirth Education with Amy Irene Lynch, P.T.; and, 3) Big Brothers/Big Sisters Program as part of the Raising a Healthy Community Grant with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of King and Pierce Counties

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated February 26, 2007 totaling \$237,860.83

OHV STUDY: The Board voted to reaffirm their decision from the February 26 Special Meeting in Quilcene. The County will not pursue an Off Highway Vehicle facility in south County.

PROPOSAL AT TARBOO BAY: The Board took action to send a letter to the State Department of Natural Resources asking them to postpone two timber sales that are proposed in the Tarboo-Dabob area until a decision on the expanded boundary for the Dabob Bay Natural Area Preserve is made and the State Legislature decides which 2007-2009 Trust Land Transfer Projects will be funded.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS BID OPENING: The County received two bids for publication of County legal notices. The bid from *The Peninsula Daily News* was \$5.75 per column inch and the bid from *The Leader* was \$7.00 per column inch. The Board directed Staff to review the bids and report back to them with a recommendation for bid award.

SIX YEAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN HEARING: The Transportation Plan is updated each year in the summer. The County has received funding for a project to relocate a portion of S. Discovery Bay Road where the bluff is eroding. The Plan needs to be amended before the annual update in order for the County to accept the funding and begin the project. A resolution was also approved by the Board to allow the County Engineer to make minor changes to the Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan.

GLOBAL CLIMATE CRISIS: The Climate Protection Campaign Facilitator for the Volunteer Citizen Action Group gave a presentation on how the City of Port Townsend and Jefferson County can take local action to help address global warming. Several people who support the organization were present and the Board was asked to consider a proposed resolution.