

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

June 26, 2007

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: there are a lot of part-time residents living in Port Townsend; the Planning Commission is going to ask the Board to request an extension of the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) deadline, the State Department of Ecology has acknowledged that their guidelines for critical areas are based on science that addresses urbanization which doesn't apply to Jefferson County, the CAO Committee's work to develop local Best Available Science (BAS) could be used as a model by the State; a request that the Board not sign the contract for the consultant chosen to prepare the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Pit-to-Pier project; the Planning Commission needs training and instruction on the deliberation process for the draft CAO because their final recommendation needs to be strongly supported in a legal and administrative law context; a resident with a composting business stated that he is currently in competition with Port Townsend's composting business and the City and County have been talking about establishing a yard waste tipping fee that would help keep him in business; a request that the Board pass a noise ordinance because the Sheriff's Office says that they don't have the statutory authority to shut down a loud all-night party; the County didn't have a problem figuring out how to shut down Security Services Northwest; the regulations in the CAO will affect property owners and it is important that the Planning Commission review process is impartial and fair; and, a comment was made about two of the County Commissioners attending a Planning Commission meeting.

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

RESOLUTION: Establishing a JeffCom Enhancement Fund

HEARING NOTICE: Proposed Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 04-0621-99; to increase the sales and use tax from 0.08 percent to 0.09 Percent as provided by Chapter 478, Laws of 2007; Hearing

scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Monday, July 9, 2007 in the Commissioners Chamber

2 AGREEMENTS: 1) Cash handling services for Jefferson County Solid Waste with Loomis, and 2) Funding for South Discovery Road; Project No. CR1677 with the County Road Administration Board (CRAB)

PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS/WARRANTS:

Dated June 18, 2007 totaling \$386,452.11

PAYMENT OF PAYROLL WARRANTS: Dated June 20, 2007 totaling \$110,899.88 and A/P warrants done by Payroll dated June 6, 2007 totaling \$142,866.44 and June 19, 2007 totaling \$5,355.97

ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION: Peter Bonyun from the Jefferson County Ferry Advisory Committee

THANK YOU LETTERS: To participants of Flag Day Ceremony; U.S. Congressman Norm Dicks; State Representative Lynn Kessler; State Representative Kevin Van De Wege; Dr. Allyson Brooks, State Historic Preservation Officer; Kim Clarke and the Port Townsend High School Band; and, Delmer Sayer, VFW Post 7498

LETTER OF SUPPORT: The Board signed a letter supporting a grant application to the State Farmland Preservation Program from the Jefferson Land Trust. The application is for a \$500,000 grant to purchase a portion of the development rights on Glendale Farm in Chimacum.

2008 BUDGET GOALS: The Board approved a resolution prepared by the County Administrator establishing goals and objectives for the 2008 County Budget.

EXTENSION REQUEST: The Board received a request from the Planning Commission asking for an extension on the deadline for the Critical Areas Ordinance. Adoption of the ordinance is required as part of a settlement agreement with the Washington Environmental Council (WEC). The Board directed staff to talk with the County's Special Deputy Attorney and have him contact the WEC about the request. The County is asking for a three month extension.