

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Today's Commissioner Meeting

October 15, 2007

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens. A suggestion was made that the Commissioners establish a committee to review water issues and the need for a Clean Water District; there is no justification for a countywide Clean Water District; the Board needs to listen to the people who have made the County what it is; there is a new Supreme Court decision on Critical Areas Ordinances which the County should review carefully; the Board was urged to provide independent legal instruction to the Planning Commission so that the time frame that the Board has established can be met; the Board needs to look at cases in the Courts as well as what the costs of various regulations will do to homeowners on a fixed income; the meeting on the Clean Water District is being scheduled in the middle of the day, in a room that has been too small for the public in the past; people are costing the public money by asking to review so many public records; the need for electronic copies of public records, and an expression of appreciation for the work Herb Beck has done in the Quilcene community.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board deleted Item 1 (Resolution regarding the temporary closure of McInnis Road, County Road No. 336109, Quilcene) and approved the balance of the items as submitted including:

HEARING NOTICE: Intent to Declare Surplus County Property; Hearing Scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers

2 AGREEMENTS: 1) Supplemental for the Post-Closure Landfill Gas and Ground Water Monitoring and Testing with Aspect Consulting; and 2) Stream Flow Gaging with the Washington State Department of Ecology

Payment of Vouchers and Warrants: 1) Dated October 8, 2007 Totaling \$314,067.89 and 2) Payroll Warrants Dated October 5, 2007 Totaling \$677,034.88 and A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated October 8, 2007 Totaling \$535,933.

APPOINTMENT TO PARKS ADVISORY

BOARD: After the Board interviewed Jane Storm, they appointed her to a two year term on the Parks Advisory Board representing Commissioner District #1.

County Administrator Briefing Session:

John Fischbach reviewed the following items:

- * There have been statements made that 13 of the 39 counties in the State are having financial difficulty. He handed out copies of information that confirms there are actually 18 counties that get State assistance. Jefferson County does not qualify for this assistance.
- * The parties involved in appealing the Hearing Examiner's decision regarding Port Ludlow are re-entering the mediation process. The County is not participating financially because the County doesn't have a part in this issue. The County will, however, be at the table with the appellants and PLA.
- * Saturday, December 1, 2007 has been scheduled for the meeting with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe (here in the Courthouse.) The meeting with the Quinault Nation will be held in Grays Harbor County with both Boards of Commissioners on Wednesday, November 28, 2007.
- * The City was asked to re-calculate the capacity of the Superior Courtroom. The occupant load for this courtroom has been increased to 173 per the floor plan provided to the City Planning Department. It could go higher with a new floor plan. The courtroom will be posted with this new occupancy for Wednesday's meeting.
- * A copy of a letter stating opposition to the National Animal Identification system was reviewed. WSU Extension and the County Animal Control will be asked for their opinion of this program.
- * Wednesday - 9 to 11 a.m. the meeting on the Clean Water District will be held in the Superior Courtroom.
- * Chairman Johnson asked for a briefing next week on the project that requires the temporary closure of McInnis Road in Quilcene.