

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

December 4, 2007

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made by citizens: several ways were suggested to restructure County departments and cut programs to cut costs; the County needs to change its policy regarding the disposal of surplus computer equipment; applicants submitting landuse permits aren't treated equally by staff; the property owner in the Irondale/Port Hadlock UGA who wants to expand an existing mini-storage business is willing to sign a "no-protest" agreement for the sewer district; it is not appropriate for County staff to be rude to citizens; the Board was thanked for not raising taxes when I-747 was overturned; the County may want to purchase the Port Townsend Post Office building for offices or affordable housing; and a citizen thanked the Board for working with other agencies, stakeholders and nations such as the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe.

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

**PAYMENT OF VOUCHERS/WARRANTS:** Dated November 26, 2007 totaling \$549,542.02

**LETTER OF SUPPORT:** To Washington State Housing Finance Commission to utilize low income housing tax credits for acquiring and rehabilitating the Garden Court Apartments; G-Mat Holdings, LLC

**NOTICE OF 2008 BUDGET ADOPTION:** The Board approved a notice that they will be considering the adoption the 2008 Budget on Monday, December 17 at 10:30 a.m. A summary of the final 2008 Budget will be available on December 10.

**HEARING NOTICE FOR BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS/EXTENSIONS:** The Board approved a resolution setting a hearing for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget supplemental on Monday, December 17, 2007 at 10:15 a.m.

**HEARING:** After hearing public testimony, the Board approved a resolution regarding the sale of surplus property and a bid notice. The deadline for receipt of bids is 4 p.m. on December 13. Bids will be opened and the award made on December 17 at 10 a.m.

## **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HEARINGS:**

The County administers several CDBG grants from the State Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development for Olympic Community Action Programs. Public hearings were conducted to closeout the South Seven Senior Housing Project grant and the 2007 Public Service Grant. An application for a 2008 Public Service Grant was included in the hearing on the 2007 Public Service Grant closeout.

**MINI-STORAGE WORKSHOP:** The Board met with DCD staff and the Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney to discuss options regarding the moratorium on mini-storage units in the proposed Irondale/Port Hadlock UGA. The Board agreed that staff should put this subject back on the agenda for more discussion.

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY:** The Board approved a resolution declaring an emergency after high winds, warm temperatures, and excessive rainfall caused flooding and damage to property and roads throughout the County.

**UPDATE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN JEFFERSON COUNTY:** Katherine Baril introduced John Gardner, VP of Economic Development from WSU and "Team Jefferson." WSU Extension was designated as the Associated Development Organization for economic development in the County earlier this year. They have several ideas to improve the economy including encouraging retention and expansion of existing businesses and attracting a variety of new types of businesses.

## **MPR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT HEARING:**

Approximately 30 citizens were present in the Superior Courtroom when the Board heard public testimony on the 2007 amendment application for the Black Point Master Planned Resort in Brinnon. Due to storm damage and impassable roads, the Board continued the hearing to Thursday, December 6 at 5 p.m. in the Superior Courtroom. Written comments will be accepted until Friday, December 7 at noon in the Commissioners' Office. Deliberations and decisions on the amendments are scheduled for December 10 at 5 p.m. in the Superior Courtroom.