

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting

January 23, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: the proposed onsite septic regulations require a septic system inspection every 1-3 years and the cost of the inspection will create a financial burden for many homeowners; homeowners can save money if their septic systems are inspected when they are opened for pumping; the State Legislators need to address the wastewater going into Puget Sound from municipal sewer operations and not individual septic systems; concerns were expressed about the process used for writing the proposed onsite septic system ordinance; for several years citizens have told the Board that their top priority should be to encourage economic opportunities for new businesses that create jobs and now there is a serious economic downturn throughout the Country that will make the economy even worse in Jefferson County; several people want Port Townsend to become an Aspen, Colorado, where rich people build homes and come to play and these people don't want any development in the County because it would spoil the rural charm for the newcomers; young couples with families create healthy communities but they need jobs that provide a living wage and affordable housing which Jefferson County doesn't have; and a citizen voiced concerns about the "standing room only" and the room size for the public hearing on the proposed onsite sewer system ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA: The hearing notice for the proposed Paradise Bay No Shooting Zone was deleted and the remainder of the items on the Consent Agenda were approved.

RESOLUTIONS: 1) Declaration of Emergency (Portion of Dowans Creek Road); 2) Vacation of a portion of the platted alley Block 102, Irondale Division No. 4, Jefferson County, Washington; Carol & Lee Adams, Petitioners; and, 3) Vacation of a portion of the platted alley Block 114, Irondale Division No. 5, Jefferson County, Washington; Bernt Ericson, Petitioner

AGREEMENTS: 1) Supplemental agreement re: Engineering design services for Donkey

Creek Culvert and various projects; Extending time for performance with Shearer Design, LLC; 2) Computer network support with Vineyard IT Solutions, LLC; 3) 2008 Hotel-Motel Grant Funding with Port Hadlock Chamber of Commerce and Forks Chamber of Commerce; and, 4) Sub-recipient for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for Public Services with Olympic Community Action Programs (OlyCAP)
PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated December 27, 2007 Totaling \$560,017.04
PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY PAYROLL WARRANTS: Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants Dated January 15, 2008 Totaling \$59,985.18

DISCUSSION: HEARING NOTICE FOR PROPOSED PARADISE BAY NO SHOOTING ZONE:

The Board agreed that they want a larger venue for the hearing on the proposed Paradise Bay No Shooting Zone. They directed staff to reserve the Superior Courtroom and advertise the hearing once a time and date is set.

HEARING; SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE:

After hearing public testimony, the Board approved a resolution regarding the intent to sell a surplus modular home located on property in the Brinnon flood plain that was purchased by the County. They also approved a notice of sale that will be advertised in the newspaper. A sealed bid process will be used. The minimum bid is set at \$13,750. Bids must be received by 10:00 a.m. on February 12 and will be opened publicly at 11 a.m. in the Treasurer's Office.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Public Works Director Frank Gifford was appointed as Temporary Interim County Administrator beginning February 15 at 5 p.m. or sooner. The Board also directed that an RFP be sent to executive search firms to invite proposals regarding the search for an interim County Administrator and a permanent County Administrator.