

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

March 4, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: An environmental element is optional in comprehensive plans because most land use must go through SEPA review, but the County's Comprehensive Pplan has 107 goals and policies in the environmental element and this is almost twice as many goals and policies than in the housing and economic elements of the plan; the County's main goal should be to create an affordable, liveable community; the Board's agenda was reviewed and several items were critiqued; the Commissioners didn't need to spend County funds to help the PUD with the Beckett Point Onsite Sewer Project and shouldn't be spending taxpayers' money on the UGA Sewer System project because funding should be available from other sources; it appears that Environmental Health is trying to build an empire by proposing more regulations and fees; Code Enforcement staff needs to follow through if the County is going to have fines for non-compliance on the books; there needs to be consistency of enforcement; people need to be educated about the harm of runoff from fertilizers and pesticides; it still has not been determined that septic systems are causing the pollution in Puget Sound; DOE has a proposal to manage instream flows but it doesn't put water back into the creeks, by 2020 Port Ludlow and Port Townsend could do tertiary treatment of water and pump it to Eaglemount where stream flows could be actively managed in low flow seasons of the year; two citizens commented for and against the three minute time limit for public testimony that was allowed at the CAO hearing; when it comes to important legislation like the CAO citizens deserve to know what the Commissioners are thinking and why they are doing what they are doing; and the Board was thanked for their continued efforts to ensure the health, safety and well-being of Jefferson County citizens.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board approved all of the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

RESOLUTION: Agreeing to pay any punitive damages that might be awarded against an

employee employed by the Jefferson County Sheriff

AGREEMENT: Supplemental agreement for Contractor's Creek Bridge Bracing Evaluation, Project No. CR1696 with David Evans and Associates, Inc. (Formerly CES, Inc.)

AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS: Article VI of the Tourism Coordinating Council By-Laws

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated February 22, 2008 Totaling \$2,392.87 and February 25, 2008 Totaling \$229,470.20

LETTER OF SUPPORT: Proposal to Designate the Pacific Northwest Trail as a National Scenic Trail

ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION: Martha A. Burns from the Jefferson County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

NOMINATION FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY REPRESENTATION ON A MULTI-COUNTY

ADVISORY BOARD: Briar Kolp, Port Townsend Food Co-op and Victoria Wideman, Alternate to the Olympic Workforce Development Council

HEARING: After hearing public testimony, the Board approved the supplemental budget appropriations and extensions for various County funds. This "carry forward" supplemental addresses those projects scheduled and begun in 2007 that were not completed by the end of the year. The unused funds from 2007 are re-appropriated for 2008.

ADVISORY BOARD INTERVIEWS AND

APPOINTMENT: After interviewing Barbara Nightingale for an open position on the Planning Commission in District #1, the Board appointed her to serve a four year term. Jim Watson was also interviewed for a position in District #3. Several more applicants for District #3 will be interviewed in the next few weeks. There are currently two open positions in District 3.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: The Board signed a letter to Representative Norm Dicks requesting that he continue to support legislation for the re-authorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act. This funding provides \$1.3 million to the County Road Fund, and Title III funds provide funding for flood plain acquisition and the 4-H Program in south Jefferson County.