

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

March 18, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: an anonymous document was distributed in a Port Townsend neighborhood to harass an activist in favor of the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO); there is no proof that generic State DOE buffers for critical areas are going to work; if a property owner wants to develop a Stewardship Plan for critical areas on their property, why should neighbors be notified?; several people mentioned the buy-out of a multi-billion dollar financial institution, the large volume of trading on the stock market when investors heard the news, and how it relates to a failing national economy that will severely affect the County; the entire economy runs on energy; alternative energy such as biofuel and florescent light bulbs are not that good for the environment; as gas prices get higher, there will be more gas theft; many businesses that rely on gasoline and diesel will have to shut down; the Board needs to support local businesses and create regulations that help the County's economy instead of discouraging it; if more people can work out of their homes, it will save gas; the reasons the CAO will be appealed to the Growth Management Hearings Board are all in the record and the Board is directly responsible for the appeal and the related costs; a failing economy means more theft and illegal dumping in the rural part of the County; in order for a farm to survive in Jefferson County, the owner needs to align themselves with the Land Works Collaborative or the Land Trust and have grants pay for property; two applications for Conservation Futures funding should not be approved because they do not meet the criteria; the CAO buffers on seasonal streams will make farmland in the valleys unusable; the CAO will prevent people from making uninformed land use decisions in critical areas; clean water is important; when people stand in the exit door to the Commissioner's Chambers it is a violation of the fire code; and the delineation of wetland and stream buffers aren't uniform depending on who owns the property.

CONSENT AGENDA: The resolution naming a private road submitted by Port Ludlow Associates was deleted at the Petitioner's request and the Board approved the balance of the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

3 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Updating the Working Capital Reserve requirement for each County fund for years 2008 and 2009; 2) Designating

members to serve on the Jefferson County Risk Management Committee; and, 3) Creating a County project designated as the Chimacum Valley Trail Project

7 AGREEMENTS: 1) County Administrator recruitment services with Prothman Company; 2) Breast and Cervical Health Care Program services with King County; 3) Professional services for community outreach and education concerning methamphetamine treatment with Anne Winegar; 4) Professional services for the preparation of minutes for the Jefferson County Board of Health with Gail Bernhard; 5) Professional services for oral health with Cynthia Newman; 6) Agreement regarding Chimacum Valley Trail with State DOT; and, 7) HJ Carroll Park caretaker with Dennis and Kathy Young

REQUEST FOR WAIVER: Tipping fee for groups participating in the annual all-volunteer "Earth Day Cleanup" on April 18 and 19, 2008

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated March 10, 2008 totaling \$382,767.00

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY A/P WARRANTS: Done by Payroll dated March 5, 2008 totaling \$594,148.52.

ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION: JD Gallant representing District #3 on the Planning Commission,

RECOMMENDATION FOR BID AWARD: The Board accepted the recommendation to award the bid for the official County newspaper to *The Leader*.

LAND WORKS COLLABORATIVE: The make-up of this organization, their goals, and several projects were reviewed. They receive funding from local, State and Federal grants. They want to partner with Environmental Health to apply for a \$25,000 grant to support the work of the Collaborative. They also provide outreach and education to maintain or establish viable use of farmland and forestlands.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS: After the last applicant was interviewed, the Board appointed Tom Brotherton to a 4-year term and Tom Giske to an unexpired term on the Planning Commission representing District #3.

ADOPTION OF CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE: The Board approved the revised CAO after they did a final review and suggested several minor changes.