

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

May 6, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: Two hundred and sixteen years ago today, Captain Vancouver sailed into Discovery Bay and landed at Fort Discovery, and in his explorations of the area, he discovered what is now Port Townsend; there is a 35% surcharge on ferry travel and on May 1 the summer rates will go into affect; new studies show that people are moving from rural areas back into the cities to be closer to work and be able to use public transportation; 1,000 residents in Jefferson County commute out of the County to work and if the gas prices continue to rise, they will probably have to move closer to their work; a citizen who gave testimony at the Solid Waste Management Plan public hearing stated that he was pleased to receive a response from the staff person that addressed his concerns; and the proposed adult business moratorium scheduled on the Board's agenda needs to go through the appropriate public process.

CONSENT AGENDA: The appointment of Bob Hinton to the Board of Equalization was deleted and the remainder of the items on the Consent Agenda were approved.

2 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Establishing the date for 2009 Budget submissions, review hearings, and final adoption, and 2) Application for funding assistance for the Larry Scott Trail Final Phase Project with the Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program, Recreation and Conservation Office

NOTICE OF COMPLETION: Day Labor Projects for 2007

ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION: William Wheeler from the Jefferson County Conservation Futures Committee

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated April 28, 2008 totaling \$410,807.24

CLERK'S OFFICE SPACE NEEDS: The Superior Court Clerk stated that a study of her office space was done in 2007. One alternative is to move her office to the southwest corner of the Courthouse basement. The 2008 Budget does not

include funding for the project. She explained that the present office configuration for the Superior Court Clerk's employees is very cramped and there is no privacy for several of the services that they provide to citizens. Currently she has a vacant position that she cannot fill until the office is moved and more space is added for workstations. Ideally, she would like to have some private offices and conference rooms that would include an area where 45 jurors could wait instead of using the stairwell and landing on the 2nd floor of the Courthouse. She would also like to see the Law Library moved out of the Superior Courtroom. In addition, she is requesting bullet proof glass and a locked door entry similar to the entrance to the District Court Offices. The Board agreed that her office functions require more space.

PROCLAMATION: Sheriff Mike Brasfield was present when Chairman Johnson read and the Board approved a proclamation declaring the Week of May 11 through 17, 2008 as *National Police Week* and observing May 15, 2008 as *Peace Officers' Memorial Day*.

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REGARDING ADULT BUSINESS MORATORIUM: A draft emergency ordinance enacting a moratorium on adult businesses in the County was presented to the Board. This subject was first brought up in 2005 and an emergency ordinance was passed by the Board at that time. In reviewing the workplan for 2008, it was agreed that this issue should be addressed. In 2005, the City of Port Townsend was still working on their ordinance and it is now in place. The emergency ordinance would be in effect for six months and a public hearing must be held within 60 days of adoption. The process includes a study to determine the type of adult businesses that should be regulated and researching the regulations in other jurisdictions. The goal is to zone or license adult businesses while considering freedom of expression. One of the current Planning Commission members has dealt with this subject in another jurisdiction. The Board approved the emergency ordinance.