

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

May 20, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: The County needs to build a modern courthouse and administrative building because it is doubtful that the current facility will withstand an earthquake; ridership on the ferries is decreasing and tourism is declining in Port Townsend; the Master Gardeners in Washington State are celebrating their 35th anniversary and the Board was invited to attend their conference on June 12-14 at Fort Worden; the 100 Master Gardeners in Jefferson County log 7,000 volunteer hours per year; a citizen expressed concerns about Jefferson County's complaint and enforcement procedures regarding landuse violations; housing values are continuing to decline and the Board needs a plan in place to address decreasing revenue caused by decreasing property values; it appears that the logging regulations on State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) property are not as strict as the rules for logging on private property; a citizen made a comment about the April 28, 2008 minutes; if the County plans to surplus computers, the hard drives should be erased instead of destroyed; and a citizen asked that Commissioner Austin respond regarding a comment he made about quasi-judicial powers of the County Commissioners.

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

RESOLUTION: Naming a private road Radio Lane; Bruce S. Klanke, Brian and Leona Jones, John and Diana Zander, and John Minahan, Petitioners

BID AWARD: Upper Hoh Road Repair, County Project No. XO1781 awarded to Lakeside Industries

CANCELLATION OF HEARING NOTICE: For 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program; Hearing cancelled on Monday, June 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, Jefferson County Courthouse

4 AGREEMENTS: 1) 2008 supply of liquid asphalt for various County road maintenance projects with Albina Asphalt; 2) Professional services for removal of solid waste with Trash Removal Services; 3) Amendment 2 to agreement regarding individual employment with Concerned Citizens of Forks; and, 4) Amendment 4 to agreement regarding Community Access with Concerned Citizens of Forks

SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION FORM: For grant/loan recipients from Jefferson County Public Health with the State Department of Ecology

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated May 12, 2008 totaling \$821,242.65

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB REQUEST: The County received a request from the Jefferson County Sportsmen's Club to occasionally extend their shooting hours on Saturdays for special shooting events. Representatives from the Club estimated 4 to 6 events per year. In their request they outlined a proposed procedure for altering their schedule for the events which includes notification of the County Commissioners at least 30 days prior to the event and advertisement of a public notice in the newspaper at least two week before the event. The Board took action to schedule a public hearing regarding the request.

HEARING NOTICE: The Treasurer presented a list of miscellaneous County equipment that she has separated into 7 lots according to categories. The Board is required to hold a public hearing to declare the equipment surplus and the County's intent to sell it. The equipment will be sold through a sealed bid process and 3 public viewings will be scheduled for interested parties. The Board approved the public hearing notice on the intention to sell surplus property. The hearing is scheduled for June 9 at 10:00 a.m.

PROCLAMATION: The Superior Court Judge and representatives from Safe Harbor Recovery Center were present when the Board approved the proclamation designating May as *Drug Court Month*. The program has made a significant contribution in reducing drug usage and crime in the County.

REDUCED CAMPING FEES: Currently the County grants free camping passes for disabled Veterans at the County parks at Lake Leland, Chimacum, Upper and Lower Oak Bay, and Quilcene. The Parks and Recreation Department has requested that the ordinance setting the camping fees in County parks be revised to allow a 50% discount in the camping fee for Washington State residents with disabilities and senior citizens with limited incomes. They think that the fee reduction will draw more campers and the additional revenue would outweigh the cost of administering the program. The Parks Board is in favor of the proposed program. The Board directed staff to revise the current ordinance to allow for the discount and to schedule a public hearing.