

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

July 29, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: a citizen asked if the County has a performance bond from the Statesman Group regarding the proposed Master Planned Resort in Brinnon?; several people voiced their concerns about the proposed Iron Mountain Quarry operation in Port Ludlow and a petition was submitted; a citizen stated his concerns about the economic future of the County; a person commented on the recent actions taken by the Board on the Fred Hill Materials contract regarding the environmental impact statement for the Pit-to-Pier project; a citizen stated that he thinks it is important to hear both sides of an issue in order to make an informed decision; two people stated their opinion that rules and regulations need to be applied the same way for everyone; a person mentioned that it is difficult to find a parking place near the Courthouse on Monday mornings; and a citizen stated that he thinks the lay offs at the Port Townsend Paper Company will have an affect on the County's economy.

CONSENT AGENDA: The 2008 regional services agreements for Public Health, Animal Services, Municipal Court and Jail Services with the City of Port Townsend were deleted from the Consent Agenda and the other items were approved.

RESOLUTION: Naming a private road Romans Road; James Rosenquist, Petitioner

AGREEMENT: Caretaker services for Gibbs Lake with Donn and Cher Albright

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated July 21, 2008 totaling \$257,993.56

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PAYROLL WARRANTS: Dated July 18, 2008 totaling \$96,374.56 and A/P warrants done by Payroll Dated July 18, 2008 totaling \$18,064.82

PETITION FOR A BALLOT

PROPOSITION: The Board approved a resolution to put a proposition on the November 4, 2008 ballot asking voters to approve or reject a proposal that would

authorize Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County to construct or acquire electric facilities for the generation, transmission or distribution of electric power. A petition was submitted to the Auditor's Office with 2,169 signatures. There were enough valid signatures to put the proposition on the ballot.

LETTER TO FRED HILL MATERIALS: The Board took action to have the County Administrator sign a letter to Fred Hill Materials that rescinds the Board's decision of July 22 regarding a 60-day notice of termination of the contract regarding the work on the Pit-to-Pier environmental impact statement.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: The Board approved a letter of support to State Commissioner of Public Lands Doug Sutherland for the proposed Upper Dabob Natural Area. In the letter they noted that they would like to see minor expansion of the boundaries that were approved by the Natural Heritage Advisory Council (NHAC). There will be a public hearing on the final recommendation in mid-August and then Doug Sutherland will make a final decision on the boundaries.

HASTINGS BUILDING PROJECT: A presentation was made regarding a proposed project to save Hastings Landing in downtown Port Townsend. The project includes plans to rehabilitate the historic Hastings Building. Development of the landing includes building a passenger-only ferry terminal with a 4-star boutique hotel. The City of Port Townsend supports the project.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH: The Board met in Executive Session regarding personnel/hiring. They came out of Executive Session and took action to have Prothman Consulting Group continue their review process of the top-rated candidates for the permanent County Administrator position.