

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

August 5, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: a citizen stated that he thinks it is important for the County to encourage local entrepreneurs and bring in new businesses; a citizen mentioned his concerns about layoffs at several local businesses and the County's need for a contingency plan as the economy continues to decline; two people suggested that the County should review recent Court decisions regarding critical areas and shorelines master plan regulations; a citizen suggested that the County would save money if the policy regarding the retention of public records is changed to allow permanent documents to be stored using electronic means; a person mentioned that the stewardship plan option in the Critical Areas Ordinance gives property owners flexibility to address the regulations; several people thanked the Board for their initiative; several people commented on the current political climate in the County and the recent candidates' forum; a citizen suggested that the County pay for Environmental Impact Statements that are required on projects; and a citizen encouraged the Board to support an evening auto ferry run from Port Townsend to Edmonds for commercial traffic when the Hood Canal Bridge is closed for repairs.

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

2 HEARING NOTICES: 1) Proposed ordinance amending Ordinance No. 06-0726-93 fees for the Solid Waste Division; Implement a fee for yard debris disposal; Hearing scheduled for Monday, August 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers, and 2) Proposed ordinance re-establishing a system of assessment for the Port Ludlow Drainage District; Hearing scheduled for Friday, August 29, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers

4 AGREEMENTS: 1) Disclosure Driver and Plate Search data sharing; with the State DOL; 2) Birth to Three Years services with Port Townsend School District; 3) Regional Services for municipal court and jail services with the City of Port Townsend; and, 4) Professional services to facilitate meetings with Sound Knowledge Strategies

ADVISORY BOARD REAPPOINTMENT: Valerie Johnstone was reappointed to a 2 year term expiring June 7, 2010 on the Solid

Waste Advisory Committee representing District #2

LETTER OF WELCOME: To Karen Gustin; recently appointed Superintendent of the Olympic National Park

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated July 28, 2008 totaling \$369,872.26 and \$1,302.23

CDBG GRANT CLOSE OUT HEARING: Nine counties participated over the past two years in the Olympic Microloan Fund administered by Shorebank Enterprise Cascadia. The fund lends money to people with low to moderate incomes who want to start their own businesses. The State CDBG grant closed on June 30, 2008. After the hearing, the Chair signed the close out papers.

INTERIM ORDINANCE HEARING: This emergency ordinance rescinds Chapter 18.18 of the Jefferson County Code which applies rural designations and standards to the Irondale/Port Hadlock UGA Planning Area, prohibits mini-storage facilities in rural commercial areas within the UGA Planning Area (with some exceptions) and requires a No Protest Agreement that mandates future connection to an established wastewater treatment system. It was approved by the Board on June 16 and is in effect for 6 months. This public hearing was required within 60 days of adoption of the ordinance.

MID HOOD CANAL ACQUISITION PROJECT:

A State Recreation and Conservation Office grant for salmon recovery would help fund the purchase of 16 acres near the Dosewallips and Duckabush Rivers. The property includes a fire station which would be moved to a location outside of the flood plain. The Board approved the grant agreement.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: The Board approved a letter of support to the Governor, several State Legislators, the State Department of Transportation, and the State Ferry System to request an evening auto ferry run from Port Townsend to Edmonds for commercial traffic when the Hood Canal Bridge is closed for repairs.