

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting

September 3, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: Security Services Northwest had twenty-five members of their Maritime Security Team on standby to be shipped to Louisiana depending on the damage from Hurricane Gustav; a citizen stated his opinion that it is greener and faster for people to access public records electronically because they don't have to drive into the Courthouse; a representative of Fred Hill Materials reported that the Board of Directors has directed that a law suit be filed against the County for breach of the Environmental Impact Statement Contract on the Pit to Pier Project; and a citizen commented that public records requests could be sent by e-mail if they were stored electronically.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items on the Consent Agenda were approved.

ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION: Stephen Paysse from the Housing Authority of Jefferson County

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated August 25, 2008 Totaling \$455,369.29

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

- Commissioner Sullivan had several meetings last week to discuss options for the financing for the Irondale/Port Hadlock Area Sewer System.
- Commissioner Sullivan will attend the Olympic Area Agency on Aging meeting this week where they will be discussing the Area Aging Plan. He thinks that the Legislature will be focusing more on aging readiness this year, especially regarding building and housing codes.
- Commissioner Austin reported that Representative Kessler has spoken with David Moseley of the State Ferries in favor of the suggested mitigation for the Hood Canal Bridge closure to have one ferry run in the evening from Port Townsend to Edmonds for commercial trucks.

- Commissioner Austin will attend a meeting at the Mason County PUD with the State to discuss the proposed large onsite septic system project at Dosewallips State Park that would include a portion of Brinnon. He has some concerns that the State may be looking at other options because of the cost.
- The Puget Sound Partnership Action Group has listed the clean up of Discovery Bay as a high priority.
- The Jefferson County Drug Court Graduation Ceremony is scheduled this Thursday at the Courthouse.
- Chairman Johnson talked with the Puget Sound Partnership about the Paradise Bay large onsite septic system project. The Department of Natural Resources owns the property where the drainfield will be located.
- Chairman Johnson will be interviewing candidates for the Executive Director of the Hood Canal Coordinating Council this week.

WORKSHOP: Public Works staff briefed the Board on a proposed ordinance amending the current ordinance regarding fees for the Solid Waste Division that would implement a fee for yard debris disposal. An interlocal agreement with the City of Port Townsend would also need to be amended. Currently the fees for solid waste are subsidizing the yard debris disposal operation at the Jefferson County landfill. The Solid Waste Advisory Committee has done a thorough review of the fees that other jurisdictions charge for yard debris disposal and recommend that the Board hold a public hearing to amend the fee ordinance. Jefferson County is one of the few jurisdictions that doesn't have a fee in place at this time. Commissioner Sullivan noted his concern about unintended consequences such as illegal dumping or burning of yard debris. Five percent of the revenue from the fees collected would be used for public education which may include composting classes. The Board directed staff to schedule a public hearing on the proposal.