

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

October 21, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: 15 citizens commented that they support the County providing the funding requested to keep the Mountain View Elementary School pool open for many reasons including it being a place for children to exercise and participate in programs, a place for seniors and disabled people to exercise and because of the maritime activities in this community it is an essential facility to teach people swimming and water safety; a comment was made that it is felt that mismanagement of the pool is causing the funding problems; another person commented that the people that use the pool need to pay increased fees to support the operating costs; a man stated that after reviewing the preliminary budget, which includes a request for over \$219,000 for replacement of computers, that the County needs to use computers for their useful life and not just replace them because of a replacement schedule the County has adopted; another citizen commented that sales are down in the City and County and the country is in a recession and the County needs to get people to come and shop in Port Townsend; and another person pointed out that he feels that replacement of a total computer is seldom needed and that usually you can upgrade items within the computer instead of buying new ones and he added that economic resiliency is needed in this County.

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

1 RESOLUTION: Creating a County Project Designated as CR1811; Improvements to Upper Hoh Road

2 AGREEMENTS: 1) Detour from SR 104 to County Roads; Washington State Department of Transportation; 2) Grant Funding to Improve Property at Jefferson County Fairgrounds; Jefferson County Fair Association; Washington

State Department of Agriculture (Amendment #2 to Agreement)

HEARING NOTICE: Joint Hearing with Clallam County to Take Public Comment on the Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 20 Watershed Management Plan; Hearing Scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Washington State Department of Natural Resources Olympic Region Office, 411 Tillicum Lane, Forks
Payment of County Vouchers/Warrants Dated October 13, 2008 Totalling \$917,878.56
Payment of County Payroll A/P Warrants done by Payroll Dated October 4, 2008 Totalling \$102,924.21

PRESENTATION by the FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Ferry Advisory Committee Chair, Tim Caldwell, reported that they have been working with the State Ferries on an mitigation alternative when the Hood Canal Bridge is closed next year. The alternative would be to have an Edmonds to Port Townsend run in the evening primarily for commercial traffic such as the truck traffic for the Port Townsend Paper Mill and other mills on the Peninsula. It was determined that an Issaquah class ferry would not hold the number of trucks that anticipate using this service. They can get more vehicles on the vessel if they only load trailers and they are working to see how that can be done.

The vessel could also hold 1,300 walk on passengers. They want to come up with a marketing plan for the evening run into Port Townsend including a Transit pass that would allow passengers to get around once they are here.

The ferry that is making the Port Townsend/ Keystone run right now will be out of service in January for 2-3 weeks for a Coast Guard required inspection.