

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

November 4, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: several citizens stated that they would like the County Commissioner's meetings to be broadcast or webcast so they don't have to drive into the Courthouse; an elections observer stated that he is pleased that over 15,000 Jefferson County voters have returned their general election ballots to the Auditor's Office; a citizen stated that she thinks the proposed waterfront setbacks in the draft Shoreline Master Program are onerous and will lead to the devaluation of waterfront property; a person stated his opinion that the Commissioners need to meet together more often as a Board to conduct County business effectively and efficiently; a person stated that he thinks within the next few years the County will have to cut staffing and services by 25-35% because of the current economic downturn; two people mentioned that they think the public needs to have more input on County issues and more access to the Commissioners; a person stated that he would like the County Commissioners to appoint a Citizen Oversight Committee of stakeholders to look at concerns about the permitting process; and a resident said that he thinks funding for Courthouse security should be included in the 2009 budget.

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

RESOLUTION: Hearing notice for 2008 supplemental budget appropriations and extensions for various County funds; Hearing scheduled on Monday, November 17, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers

AGREEMENTS: 1) Pole Creek culvert replacement, Upper Hoh Road with Pacific Coast Salmon Coalition (PCSC), and 2) Facilitation services for Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan town meetings with Jim Rough and Associates

ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATIONS: Davis Steelquist and Steve Crosland from the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated October 27, 2008 totaling \$252,396.95 and dated October 29, 2008 totaling \$12,000.00

2009 BUDGET PROCESS AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: The County Administrator stated that there are 7 weeks until the proposed adoption of the 2009 budget by the County Commissioners. He noted that all local governments in Washington are being faced with challenges over the next several years due to the uncertain future of the economy. He has scheduled individual meetings with the Elected Officials and Department Heads in the next few weeks to discuss how to close the gap between revenues and expenditures. A second public hearing on the 2009 budget is planned for December 8.

ADULT BUSINESS MORATORIUM

EMERGENCY ORDINANCE: The Board was asked to approve a 6-month emergency ordinance to re-establish an adult business moratorium. Staff is currently reviewing draft code language from a Planning Commission sub-committee. It will then go back to the Planning Commission and to public hearing before it is approved by the County Commissioners. The remainder of the process is expected to take less than 6 months. The Board approved the emergency ordinance as presented.

MATS MATS BAY WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AGREEMENT:

Water Quality Staff explained that the funding from this State Department of Ecology grant will be used to address the "threatened" water quality status of Mats Mats Bay. The goal is to prevent a further downgrade and to protect shellfish production. They will be looking at potential sources of pollution including septic systems, wildlife, and boat discharge. The project is consistent with the County's Clean Water District's Water Quality Improvement Plan. The local match is \$56,000 over a 3-year period. The Board approved the agreement.

WRIA 20 WATERSHED PLAN PUBLIC HEARING:

A Special Meeting of the Jefferson County Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, November 5, 2008 at 1 p.m. in Forks at the Department of Natural Resources Olympic Region Office. The purpose of this meeting is a joint public hearing with the Clallam County Commissioners to take public testimony and vote on the final WRIA 20 Watershed Plan.