

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

November 18, 2008

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: a person stated that he thinks the minority report submitted with the Planning Commission's recommendation on the Comprehensive Plan amendments addresses several amendments that did not need to be addressed; a Port Ludlow resident spoke against the Iron Mountain Quarry Comprehensive Plan amendment; several citizens expressed their concerns about the current operations of the Border Patrol on the Olympic Peninsula; a person reported that the State Department of Revenue will be addressing changes in open space taxation relating to horse boarding and he stressed the important of preserving farmland; another citizen noted that there are several horse boarding operations in Jefferson County that may be affected; a person mentioned that the County's bond rating has gone up and he suggested that public infrastructure projects such as the UGA sewer can help the local economy; a citizen said that in his opinion the economy will continue to deteriorate and he stated that he thinks it is very important for the County to stay ahead of the curve and lay off employees now so they have a chance to find other jobs; and a citizen suggested that the Commissioner's Office may want to develop a document that lists the difference between legislative and quasi-judicial actions that will help people decide if the Public Comment Period is a proper venue for their testimony.

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

RESOLUTION: Providing a positive cash balance in the Jefferson County Department of Community Development Fund

AGREEMENTS: 1) Collective Bargaining; January 2008 through December 2010; Jefferson County Uniformed Support Services (Corrections, Animal Control and Courthouse Security) with Teamsters Local Union #589, and 2) Subscription Agreement for agreement listed above.

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated November 10, 2008 totaling \$469,363.91

PRESENTATION ON 2008

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS: Staff presented the Planning Commission and the final Staff recommendations on the 2008 CP Amendment docket. The vote of the Planning Commission on each amendment and a few highlights on their findings and

conclusions were included. The Planning Commission had a tie vote on MLA08-69 and, as a result, the ordinance requires that the County Commissioners hold a public hearing. The Board approved a hearing notice for Monday, December 1, 2008 at 5 p.m. in the Superior Courtroom to take testimony from the public on all the amendments included on the 2008 CP Amendment Docket. The Board needs to take action on the docket by December 8.

2008 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING:

Superior Court and Jeffcom submitted emergency requests for appropriations and extensions that could not wait until the 4th quarter supplemental budget process and hearing in December. The Board reviewed the expenditures which were not anticipated when the 2008 Budget was adopted. After taking public testimony, the Board approved the requests.

2009 BUDGET PREPARATIONS: The County Administrator updated the Board on several policy and budget issues that will be before them within the next month. He has been gathering information to develop a conservative multi-year budget projection and determine what actions need to be taken in 2009. The cyclical downturn in the economy, the increasing cost of providing services, and the reduction in revenues have contributed to this situation. He reviewed a detailed memo which laid out several options including the possible use of banked capacity.

IRONDALE/PORT HADLOCK URBAN GROWTH AREA (UGA) SEWER FACILITY

PRELIMINARY DESIGN CONTRACT: The Port Hadlock Wastewater Facilities Plan was recently approved by the State DOE. After a brief update from DCD staff and questioning the representative from TetraTech, Inc. about the timeline for construction of the sewer facility, the Board approved the contract for preliminary design. The funding for the contract is from the Public Infrastructure Fund and a DOE Reclaimed Water grant.

CHANGES IN PROCTOR HOME PROJECT:

The current Juvenile Services Proctor Home will no longer be available after the 1st of the year. They have found a new facility in Port Townsend that is a little less money and will keep the kids local. The Board signed a contract agreement with Kelli Parcher and an amendment releasing them from the current lease.