

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

December 2, 2008

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made by citizens: a person stated that he thinks that the County needs a sustainable, self-sufficient economy with a broader tax base; a person asked that the Board lobby Federal Elected Officials to reduce the amount being budgeted for the Border Patrol; a citizen stated that in his opinion the State is proposing disproportionate budget cuts that will affect K-12 and higher education and the benefits to people on fixed incomes and he asked the Commissioners to talk to the State Legislators about restructuring State budget priorities; a person reported that he read an article about the Clean Air Agency in several Washington counties that plans to issue \$1,000 fines to people emitting wood smoke from their chimneys and he thinks that in these difficult economic times people need to be able to use supplemental wood heat; a citizen read his comments on the final decision of the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board regarding the Critical Areas Ordinance; a person stated that he thinks it is important that everyone who speaks during the Public Comment Period is treated the same; and a citizen said that he thinks the County should contract with local companies for services whenever possible.

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

**2 RESOLUTIONS:** 1) Hearing notice for supplemental budget appropriations and extensions for various County funds; Hearing scheduled on Monday, December 15, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, and 2) Closing County Administrative Offices at noon on Christmas Eve

**CANCELLATION NOTICE:** For County Commissioner regular meeting scheduled for Monday, December 22, 2008

**2 AGREEMENTS:** 1) Corrections facility maintenance with Cummins Northwest, LLC; 2) EnviroStars Servicemark License; Jefferson County Public Health with King County

**ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION:** Louise Marzyck from the Olympic Area Agency on Aging (O3A) Advisory Board

**ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Patricia Smith to serve a 3-year term expiring December 1, 2011 on the Olympic Area Agency on Aging (O3A) Advisory Board

## **PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY**

**VOUCHERS/WARRANTS:** Dated November 21, 2008 totaling \$4,571.36 and dated November 24, 2008 totaling \$933,936.78

## **PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY**

**PAYROLL WARRANTS:** Dated November 20,

2008 totaling \$97,573.38 and A/P warrants done by Payroll dated November 20, 2008 totaling \$18,288.05

## **NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL BOARD**

**PROGRAM:** The program Coordinator and four members of the Noxious Weed Control Board were present to review the work that they have done in 2008 with the help of many volunteers. For several years, the program in Jefferson County has been supported by Clallam County through Title II funding from the Secure Rural Schools Act. They asked the Commissioners for assistance to secure stable longer-term funding for the program. The RCW requires that funding for Weed Boards come from the General Fund or a parcel assessment and they proposed several assessment scenarios.

**CONSERVATION FUTURES PROGRAM:** The Conservation Futures Ordinance requires the Citizen Advisory Board to review the program principals and make recommendations to the Commissioners for modification of the program every two years. The Vice-Chair reviewed the proposed revisions which would require a property appraisal later in the process and waive appraisal requirements for acquisitions with an assessed value or opinion of value by a realtor or appraiser of less than \$20,000. The current status of the properties that have received Conservation Futures Funding was also reviewed. The Commissioners approved the changes to the program pending a legal review from the Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

## **AGREEMENT TO ACQUIRE GLENDALE FARM CONSERVATION EASEMENT:**

The Board approved this State Farmlands Preservation Project agreement for the Glendale Farm conservation easement. The Jefferson Land Trust is working with the County on the project which was awarded Conservation Futures funding in 2007. A separate agreement between the Land Trust and the County is also being developed.

## **2008 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**AMENDMENTS HEARING:** Approximately 35 interested citizens were present for this public hearing on the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket. The majority of the people commented on the Iron Mountain Quarry application for a mineral resource land (MRL) overlay. The Commissioners are scheduled for deliberations and decisions on the final docket next Monday, December 8 at 5 p.m. in the Superior Courtroom.