

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

January 13, 2009

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: In reference to a comment made by a County Planner a citizen noted that it is his understanding that there are not many buildable lots left in the County and the ones that are left have problems and Planning should be doing long range planning to help us have a sustainable economy; another citizen said that he feels the emergency load limits on County roads is concerning because it is putting in place civil penalties and restrictions and there has not been a hearing on it; a planned Kayak park on an island near the Hood Canal Bridge has had a SEPA review done by the State Parks Department and there have been a number of fires and break-ins in that location and this park would impact many County services and should be watched by the County even though the SEPA deadline has passed; There are issues with the land swap proposed between DNR and Pope Resources; The DOE will be bringing forward a draft of the in-stream flow rule for WRIA17 tomorrow night and the County needs to encourage and work at a relationship with the DOE to work on water issues in the County; and a citizen asked why the Board changed the preamble to the Public Comment Period and asked if the rules apply to everyone?; and a comment was made that there are actually 60 Jefferson County students that attend Sequim schools.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board deleted Item 2 and then approved it later and approved the balance of the items.

2) RESOLUTIONS: 1) Establishing New Salaries for the Elected Offices of Jefferson County for 2009 and 2) Imposing Emergency Load Limits on County Roads

3 AGREEMENTS: 1) 2009 Hearing Examiner Services; Steven Causseaux; 2) Mandatory Training for County Employees; Peninsula College; and 3) Application for Community Litter Cleanup Program Funding; Washington State Department of Ecology
Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants Dated January 5, 2009 Totaling \$773,262.92 and January 6, 2009 Totaling \$87.07 and A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated January 6, 2009 Totaling \$18.10 and \$655,659.12

BID OPENING: Supply of Aggregate Products: No Bids were received. The bid call will be re-advertised.

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Johnson:

- He met with County Administrator, and the City Manager, to discuss the future of the Post Office Building (Old Customs House.) The City has researched how to create a Public Development Authority (PDA) which could be used to handle the Old Customs House if the County is willing to provide the USPS property to develop a distribution center. The proposal is vague at this point but suggestion is for the County to move the Department of Community Development into that building which would then provide the room at Castle Hill for QFC to expand. It's an interesting idea and will take much more study to determine if this will work. There may be an opportunity to use the PDA to address affordable housing. He pointed out that the County owns the property at Castle Hill to the north of the DCD offices and if QFC wants to expand the County may be able to develop that property.

Commissioner Sullivan:

- There is a joint City/County meeting tonight in City Hall.
- The draft in-stream flow rule for WRIA17 will be discussed at a meeting on Tuesday and after the meeting the County needs to organize a comment to submit to the State DOE.
- The long term plan for the State Ferry System.
- The Commissioners held an Emergency meeting last week and approved an emergency declaration due to damage from storms. Work was started right away on the Hoh River Road. The wash outs are being dealt with and the Hoh River Road is currently open from Highway 101 to milepost 9.7.

Commissioner Austin:

- The State Parks Department had a local meeting about the possibility of closing Old Fort Townsend State Park. He presented a draft letter for the Board members to review and possibly adopt to send to State Parks regarding this matter. Commissioner Johnson added that it would be a shame to lose Old Fort Townsend as a State Park.