

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

January 27, 2009

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: a person stated that in his opinion the public should be able to review all the documents on the Consent Agenda online on the day the agenda is published and not have to wait until the Commissioner's meeting day to come into the Courthouse and look at the public packet; President Obama has directed federal agencies to make information more readily available to the public; an employee found out in December that she has to pay taxes on her partner's health benefits and she and her partner both stated that they feel they are being discriminated against and they asked the Commissioners to lobby Federal Legislators to change the law; a person polled several businesses in the County and was told that business was down 20%, construction is also down in the County, and with more businesses closing everyday, what will be the impact to County revenue if the Port Townsend Paper Mill closes?; two citizens asked the Board to endorse actions to encourage the federal government to decrease the presence of the Border Patrol on the Olympic Peninsula; a person stated that he thinks the prohibition on camping needs to be lifted because there is not a permanent homeless shelter in the County; and another person suggested that the Brinnon Motel which is owned by the County, or buildings at the Fairgrounds or Fort Worden could be used as a homeless shelters.

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

HEARING NOTICE: Proposed Ordinance to Increase Department of Community Development Fee Schedule; Hearing Scheduled on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers

AGREEMENTS: 1) 2009 Hotel-Motel Lodging Tax Funding with the Forks Chamber of Commerce; 2) 2009 Hotel-Motel Lodging Tax

Funding with the Tourism Coordinating Council (TCC); 3) Transportation Forecast Model and Analysis with Transpo Group, Inc.; 4) Oak Bay Road Repair with KPFF Consulting Engineers; and, 5) Coordinated Prevention Grant with Jefferson County Public Works and the Washington State Department of Ecology

BID CALL: Publication of County legal notices; Bids accepted until 9:30 a.m. and opened and read publicly at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 9, 2009 in the Commissioners' Chamber

2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY

CANCELLATION: Macadoos, Inc.

LETTER REGARDING PERMISSION TO USE STRUCTURES AND PROPERTY: Located off of Appaloosa Drive in Brinnon for Fire Training Purposes to Fire Chief Robert Herbst, Jefferson County Fire Protection District No. 4, Brinnon Fire Department

2 ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATIONS: Port Townsend Paper Corporation Representative Kristin Marshall and Alternate Alice McConaughy Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated December 24, 2008 totaling \$397,214.53

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY A/P

WARRANTS: Done by Payroll dated January 16, 2009 totaling \$95,095.22 and January 21, 2009 totaling \$18,509.79

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Board discussed the yard waste fee that was implemented last October. Commissioner Austin reviewed yard and solid waste statistical comparisons for October, November, and December 2007 and 2008. The amount of yard waste has decreased which was part of the reason for the fee because the yard waste facility was near maximum capacity. There had been comments when the ordinance was passed that a fee would encourage increased illegal dumping or burning but an increase in these activities has not been reported.