

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

May 5, 2009

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens: One citizen feels that staffing levels in the IT Department are higher than the School District that has 800 staff and one IT position and he acknowledged that one position is too few, but feels that 7 is too many; another citizen read quotes from the 2004 Comprehensive Plan economic element regarding local government, the economic problems in the County, and the need to prepare for unexpected events; a man who has been in business in the County for 30 years said that he feels the security industry should be a good business for this County and he urged the Board to allow him to stay in the business that fits the history of this area; another citizen stated that people that aren't affected by the regulations are aggressively promoting channel migration zones; and another citizen stated that no one knows what the statement "no net loss" means in the Shoreline Management Master Program and the citizens are tired of the control that a minority group holds to make sure that they can take wealth away from others; and a citizen stated that he feels the County does not keep a comprehensive index of all County documents.

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

2 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Establishing Access For County Employees to the County Courthouse; and 2) De-Annexation of Property from Water District No. 3 (Coyle); William W. Thomas

4 AGREEMENTS: 1) E911 Program; Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division; 2) Upper Hoh Road MP 7.7 to MP 8.0 Emergency Repair Project; Washington State Department of Transportation; 3) Upper Hoh Road MP 4.0 Emergency Repair Project; Washington State Department of Transportation; and 4) Upper Hoh Road MP 9.70 to MP 9.80 Emergency Repair Project; Washington State Department of Transportation

Payment of Vouchers/Warrants Dated April 27, 2009 Totaling \$170,820.13

COMMISSIONER'S BRIEFING: Commissioner Austin reported:

- * David Turisini and the staff of Jefferson Transit deserve a pat on the back for the job

they have done getting people across the Hood Canal now that the bridge is closed for repair.

- * The Health Department's Visiting Nursing Program got the first monetary award from the Giving Circle.
- * There was a ribbon cutting at the Visitors Center at Highway 104 for the building that has been turned into a very credible museum.

Philip Morley, County Administrator stated:

- * Last Friday the County implemented budget reductions totaling around \$400,000 as part of the series of reductions over the next few months and included an hourly or salary reduction to staff.
- * Courthouse hours for the public have been reduced to 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- * County staff with the help of Commissioner Sullivan continue to track the DOE in-stream flow rule to see what can be done to influence it for agriculture and the viability of properties.

Presentation and Update on Team Jefferson:

WSU Extension Director Katherine Baril, Bill Wise and other members of Team Jefferson updated the Board on the economic development work being done by this committee on behalf of the County.

Update: Hoh Indian Tribe: Alexis Berry, Executive Director of the Hoh Tribe and several members and staff updated the Board on the Tribe's activities to acquire property and funding to relocate their Tribal Center out of the flood plain and to develop a regional EMS and Safety response facility in the area.

Revisions to the Critical Areas Ordinance: After review of the draft findings, the Board directed staff to finalize an ordinance with the amended finding statements discussed and put this on the agenda for approval next week.

Update on Swine Flu in Jefferson County: Julia Danskin, Public Health reported that the State of Washington has sent 35 lab tests to the Center for Disease Control but none of those were from Jefferson County. Everyone needs to practice good safety techniques including washing their hands or using hand sanitizer often, covering their mouths when coughing and staying home if they are sick.