

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting

June 16, 2009

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens at the meeting: a property owner stated that he and some of his neighbors gave the County easements across their property for the Larry Scott Trail which has become a portion of a national scenic trail without any notification to the property owners and he is concerned about liability issues; several residents of Port Ludlow asked the Board to reverse their current position on the Pope Resources/Department of Natural Resources land exchange and support the original proposal; a member of the County Ferry Advisory Committee reminded people that there is a State Ferry Commission meeting in Port Townsend and one of the items on the agenda is review of the current ferry reservation process; several people stated that they think the Board should support the changes made by the Planning Commission in the latest draft of the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) because the Planning Commission made a good faith effort to address the concerns raised by shoreline property owners; and a citizen noted that he is concerned about how the regulations in the SMP will affect property values and the long-term financial sustainability of Jefferson County.

CONSENT AGENDA: All of the items on the Consent Agenda were approved as presented.

AGREEMENTS: 1) Nursing services for school based health center with Jefferson Healthcare; 2) Mental health and substance abuse treatment services with the State Office of Financial Management; 3) Collective Bargaining and Welfare Trust Subscription for Commissioned Deputies; January 2009 through December 2014 with Teamsters Local Union #589; 4) Center Road Overlay Project, Phase 4 with

Lakeside Industries, Inc.; 5) Engineering and design services for transfer station water main extension with Northwest Territories, Inc., and; 6) Repairs to Oak Bay Road with KPFF Consulting Engineers

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY VOUCHERS/WARRANTS: Dated June 8, 2009 totaling \$557,910.19

PAYMENT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY PAYROLL WARRANTS: Dated June 5, 2009 totaling \$725,383.54 and A/P warrants done by Payroll dated June 5, 2009 totaling \$620,471.77

T1 LINE LEASES WITH QWEST: The leases are for T1 lines that provide network data connections to the County facilities at Castle Hill Mall and the Sheriff's Office. The Board had some questions about whether DSL is more efficient and/or less expensive. Information Services staff compared DSL and T1 services and discussed how each would fit the County's needs. They recommend the continued use of T1 lines this year and described it as "mission critical." They are looking into microwave as an alternative. Research was done a few years ago on fiber optic lines which would be the preferred alternative but installation is costly and would not be possible right now due to reduced County revenues and budget cuts.

PROCLAMATION: The Board signed a proclamation designating the week of June 22, 2009 as *Amateur Radio Week*. There will be a field day exercise on June 26-28 at Old Fort Townsend State Park with an additional public awareness station at Pope Marine Park in Port Townsend. The public is invited to attend.

THANK YOU LETTERS: The Board took action to sign letters thanking all the agencies that contributed to the Hood Canal Bridge closure mitigation.