

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

August 11, 2009

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: A citizen expressed concern about the proposed \$5.00 fee for the Clean Water District and stated that the majority of the problems in Hood Canal and Puget Sound are caused by stormwater runoff from high density areas and yet those areas are exempt from paying the fee; it was suggested that the County put together a proposal to get stimulus funding for upgrading the Courthouse and improving security; another man talked about the effects big government is having on the economy and he urged the Board to support the Planning Commission's draft of the Shoreline Master Program and invited them to attend Sunshine Forums on the SMP and water issues; A citizen expressed concern that the public has limited time to review and comment on the various drafts of the Shoreline Master Program; rising costs for the County's insurance concern another citizen who feels the Board needs to take more responsibility in this current budget crisis; as a cost saving measure, a citizen suggested the County look at how to mitigate claims and lawsuits to prevent incurring unnecessary legal costs; a citizen described his past experience with the public review and comment process and stated he feels the process is a sham; the relationship between the Board, Planning Commission and Planning Staff as outlined in the Planning Enabling Act was explained by a citizen who also stated that in his opinion the public should have an opportunity to review and comment on draft proposals submitted by Planning Staff for consideration by the Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** The Board approved all the items on the Consent Agenda as submitted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 45-09:** Adopting the Cost Allocation Plan for the Fiscal Years 2009 and 2010

**2 AGREEMENTS:** 1) Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 20 Phase IV Implementation Plan with Clallam County; and 2) Functional Family Therapy Services with Megan Smith

**Payment of Vouchers/Warrants:** Dated July 31, 2009 Totaling \$756.00

**Payment of Payroll Warrants:** Dated August 5, 2009 Totaling \$808,135.79.

**COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:**

Commissioner Austin reported that he has been called for jury duty again this week; "Port Ludlow Days" begin tomorrow and the Jefferson County Fair begins on Friday; Wednesday he will attend a State Board of Health meeting in Olympia.

Commissioner Johnson stated he is preparing to leave for vacation for 2 ½ weeks, but, he will be present for the Shoreline Master Program hearing; There may be grant funding for the Center for Historic Preservation which is creating historic preservation and architecture classes at Fort Worden.

Philip Morley, County Administrator reported the County's insurance premiums to the Washington Counties Risk Pool are going up approximately \$23,000 for the 2009/2010 policy year which is a 5.7% increase for Jefferson County; Statewide premiums will increase by roughly 29%. Representatives from the Risk Pool will be scheduling a briefing with the Board at a later date.

**2009/2010 BUDGET UPDATE:** A powerpoint presentation was given by Philip Morley.

**HEARING:** After hearing public comments on the proposed Flood Plan for the Duckabush and Dosewallips Rivers the Board approved a Resolution adopting the plan.

**PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:**

The Board appointed Richard Hull to serve as a District No. 3 representative on the Planning Commission for a four year term.

**HEARING:** After hearing public comments on the proposed amendment to the Clean Water District Ordinance to add a \$5.00 Per Parcel Fee, the Board approved the ordinance amendment.

**TWO (2) LETTERS:** The Board directed that a letter be drafted to Jefferson County Accountant Karen Bednarski congratulating her for receiving the Professional Finance Officer Award and that a letter be drafted to Jay Manning, Director at the State Department of Ecology in support of the Pleasant Harbor Resort.