

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

August 18, 2009

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: A citizen commented that the annual picnic held by Security Services NW on Saturday was well attended and he hopes to see the Board attend in the future; another citizen expressed concern about the national and local economies; a citizen stated his comments made last week at the Clean Water District hearing were mis-quoted and he clarified what he said was "he will not receive any services" from the tax, he did not say he will not benefit from the district being in place; another citizen noted a correction to his hearing testimony on the Clean Water District fee that was included in an article in the newspaper which said he represented the Washington Environmental Council when in fact he represents the Olympic Environmental Council; a citizen stated the Jefferson County Fair was very successful this year and was one of the best ever.

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

**6 AGREEMENTS:** 1, 2 & 3) Annual Telephone Maintenance for the Courthouse, Sheriff's Department and Castle Hill with Stargate Technologies, Inc.; and 4) Medicaid Administrative Match Funding with Washington State Department of Health; 5) Nurse Family Partnership Program Implementation with Mason County; and 6) Stream Flow Gaging with Washington State Department of Ecology

**Advisory Board Appointment:** Patricia Teal as Resident Member on Jefferson County Housing Authority Board with a term expiring on August 17, 2011.

**Payment of Vouchers/Warrants:** Dated August 10, 2009 Totaling \$264,614.74

**Payment of Payroll Warrants:** Dated August 5, 2009 Totaling \$618,888.51.

**COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:** Commissioner Austin reported that there were many activities going on over the weekend including: The Jefferson County Fair, the Jefferson Land Trust Picnic and

Port Ludlow Days; the State Board of Health passed the environmental school rules and specific elements of those rules will be put in place when they are funded by the State legislature; Each year 200,000 to 300,000 visitors use the Upper Hoh Road which is difficult and expensive to maintain. He will be meeting with Washington State Department of Transportation Secretary Paula Hammond this week to discuss strategies for transferring the Upper Hoh Road from the jurisdiction of Jefferson County to the State or Federal Government; he expressed the value of the tremendous volunteer work that goes into putting on the Jefferson County Fair. Commissioner Sullivan stated the Upper Hoh Road provides access to the Hoh Rain Forest and is very important to the economy of the West End and City of Forks. The State has been very supportive with emergency funding for repairs and access to the park needs to be maintained; O3A is working on internal issues with the Senior Nutrition Program and In-Home Care Givers program in Pacific County and may possibly contract with a different agency to provide these services; the Board will be attending a Transit meeting and Health Board meeting later this week.

Philip Morley, County Administrator reported that this afternoon he will discuss a proposal to locate an early education program at the Port Townsend Community Recreation Center; the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) is also scheduled for discussion this afternoon. He has asked Department of Community Development staff to have their initial comments available prior to the opening of public review on the Planning Commission's draft so the public can review both at the same time; a briefing on the 2010 Census will be held next week with representatives from the Census Bureau.

**HEARING:** Treasurer Judi Morris was present to request the Board approve an intent to sell surplus County property which includes various vehicles and equipment to be auctioned on September 19, 2009 at Stokes Auction in Port Orchard. She explained that proper notice was published in the Leader. The Board approved a resolution authorizing a notice of intent to sell surplus County property.