

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

August 25, 2009

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: A citizen praised staff efforts on the 4-H program and commented on the economy and its effect on children; comments from another citizen were made that the County needs to promote businesses that can offer family wage jobs which support families and in turn support 4-H and Little League programs for children; a citizen commented that the U.S. military in our area provides thousands of jobs and it is important to our economy; a man feels it is not fair to include undeveloped parcels under the Clean Water District Fee Ordinance; a citizen expressed concern about declining enrollment and funding for schools and stated that he believes the County can do Economic Development; the Board was urged to adopt the Planning Commission's draft of the Shoreline Master Program and not the draft submitted by DCD staff; a citizen feels that Port Townsend and Port Ludlow should not be exempt from paying the Clean Water District fee; correspondence sent to the Board was felt by a citizen to be misleading and confusing and prevents rational discussion of the Pit-to-Pier issues; a citizen stated that the County needs to enforce its rules fairly and equitably; a citizen stated that copies of the Shoreline Master Program should be made available in the public packet and not just on the County's website only.

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

**RESOLUTION:** Election to Receive National Forest Related Safety-Net Payments Under Division C, Title VI, Section 601 of the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, PL110-343

**TWO (2) AGREEMENTS:** 1) Developmental Disability Services for Children Birth -Three (3) Years of Age with the Port Townsend School District; 2) BECCA Bill Funding with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts

**Advisory Board Re-Appointment:** Lesly Sheinbaum to serve on the Jefferson County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board for a new three (3) year term expiring June 5, 2012

**Payment of Vouchers/Warrants:** Dated August 17, 2009  
Totaling \$670,141.23

**Payment of Payroll Warrants:** Dated August 18, 2009  
Totaling \$115,977.90

## COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Sullivan:

- A Government to Government meeting with the Tribes and various state and local agencies is scheduled for Friday.

- He will be attending a Peninsula Development Association meeting followed by a Resource, Conservation and Development meeting on Thursday.

- Also scheduled for Thursday is an Open House in Port Hadlock for the SR19 Corridor Study.

- Representative Norm Dicks will be attending a Health Care Forum next Monday at Fort Worden.

- Due to a 5<sup>th</sup> Monday week there will be no Commissioner's meeting on Monday, August 31, 2009.

Commissioner Austin:

- He and Public Works staff met with Representative Norm Dicks last Monday to discuss various issues including the possible transfer of the Upper Hoh Road to the Federal Government.

- He and Public Works staff also met with Washington State Department of Transportation Secretary Paula Hammond to discuss the Upper Hoh Road which may now be transferred to the Federal Government rather than the State.

- He spoke with Peter Goldmark with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources who is supportive of the County's desire to keep public lands available to the public.

- Meetings this week: NW Straits Group; Climate Action Committee; and Port Ludlow Local Disaster Group.

County Administrator Philip Morley:

- It is time to renew the County's insurance with the Washington Counties Risk Pool. He and staff have analyzed the financial impacts of maintaining a \$10,000 deductible versus increasing to a \$25,000 deductible which would require increasing the County's Risk Management Reserve fund from \$162,000 to approximately \$300,000. Due to budget constraints, he recommends the County stay with a \$10,000 deductible at this time.

**4-H Youth Development Programs Overview:** Pamela Roberts gave a power point presentation on 4-H Youth Development Programs which are funded by W.S.U Jefferson County Extension and are free to all children.

**Water/Waste System Grant Agreement:** After a presentation given by Community Development staff the Board approved a grant agreement for rural utilities service with the US Department of Agriculture.

**Shoreline Master Program Update:** Community Development staff reported on the progress and timeline for adoption of the Shoreline Master Program. The Board will hold a meeting with the Planning Commission on the SMP on September 2, 2009 and the Board will hold a hearing on the SMP on September 8, 2009.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** The Board approved the following proclamations:

- August 28-30, 2009 as Olympic Peninsula Senior Games

- September as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

- Week of August 24-28, 2009 as Jefferson County Employee Appreciation Week

**Census Bureau Update:** The Board heard an update from representatives of the Census Bureau.

**Executive Sessions:** Two Executive Sessions were held by the Board to discuss potential and actual litigation.