

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

October 13, 2009

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: A citizen commented on the need for additional security at the Courthouse and the need for the County to adequately fund Safe Harbor Substance Abuse Counseling Center; a citizen feels there needs to be a wise community thought process established to bring the citizenry together to deal with the difficult issues facing the County without anger; another citizen commented that Jefferson County needs to do more to provide an open government especially since the Risk Pool no longer covers Public Records Act violations; a citizen suggested Jefferson County conduct water testing on the shorelines to determine if wildlife is a major contributor to fecal coliform in the Hood Canal and other places; a citizen commented on the Port Gamble Tribe's response to a man who was hunting legally on private property and stated that there is a problem with operational jurisdictions and authority; a citizen agrees there needs to be better communication to discuss issues openly and to prevent costly lawsuits; three citizens commented on the issues of open government and the need for accessibility; a citizen urged the Board to take a reasonable approach in dealing with the issue of Courthouse security.

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

2 AGREEMENTS: 1) Marine Resources Committee Northwest Straits Olympic Oyster Project with Port Townsend Marine Science Center; and 2) JeffCom Director Recruitment Services with Prothman Company

ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION: Jefferson County Tourism Coordinating Council; Crystal Hudson

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Chuck Russell to serve on the Jefferson County Tourism Coordinating Council (TCC) representing Port Hadlock/Tri Area/Discovery Bay

Payment of Vouchers/Warrants: Dated October 7, 2009 Totaling \$10,755.50

Payment of Payroll Warrants: Dated October 5, 2009 Totaling \$761,523.99 and Totaling \$572,552.43

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Austin:

- Will be attending the drug court graduation ceremony being held this Thursday at 8:30 a.m.
- Noted that the \$5.00 State Parks donations were over 80% in Jefferson County

Commissioner Sullivan:

- He and a group of citizens from Jefferson County will be meeting with State Representative Lynn Kessler in Olympia on Tuesday to discuss funding support for the Tri Area Sewer System Project
- Commented that a decision was rendered on the Public Records Act violation lawsuit filed by Joe D'Amico. The fine was set at \$10.00 per day which is low and indicates that the Court did not see it as an egregious or willful decision of the County to withhold the information. He has always thought that this is about employee security and the affect on innocent citizens.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Commented on the County's Adopt-a-Park program and noted that volunteers have already taken over the management of East Beach Park and other volunteers are considering the management of North Beach Park and Memorial Field

County Administrator Philip Morley:

- Port Townsend Paper Corporation received a \$2 million energy grant which leverages additional capital investment funding and helps to support our community
- The economy of Jefferson County is doing better than most of our neighboring Counties.

2010 BUDGET UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF

INITIATIVE 1033: County Administrator Philip Morley updated the Board on the 2010 budget and discussed the impacts of Initiative 1033 if passed by the voters.

EVERGREEN GROUP: The Board listened to a presentation by Robert Weidner with the Forest Counties of Washington State regarding natural resources issues and efforts to preserve Secure Rural Schools and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding.