

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

November 24, 2009

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** The following comments were made: a citizen thanked the residents of Jefferson County for opposing initiative 1033 and spoke in support of the jury management software agreement scheduled to be approved by the Board (consent agenda item #7); a citizen commented on the flooding problem in Chimacum valley and discussed his frustration with the Department of Community Development; a citizen asked if there was a change in the preamble and stated that he doesn't know what he is allowed to say without being gavelled down; another citizen presented two articles for the Board to review regarding pollution originating from China and Japan which is affecting the weather and regarding the strings attached to stimulus funding; a citizen stated she realizes the difficult task of balancing the budget and urged the Board to keep social programs and not eradicate them entirely; a citizen commented on the importance of planning for economic development; a citizen reported that he believes the efforts of a local property rights group have shown there is a problem with the permitting process and it was suggested that the initial permit meetings be monitored; a citizen stated that he believes economic development is a county-wide issue that needs to involve both the public and private sectors; a citizen corrected his comments made last week regarding the County only seeking reimbursement for postage for its defense in a lawsuit and stated that he meant to say "printing" not "postage" and he further explained that upon reviewing the statute he now realizes that Counties are severely limited in recovering costs; a citizen discussed the budget shortfall and suggested raising taxes to maintain services.

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

**HEARING NOTICE:** 2010 Jefferson County Budget Hearing Scheduled for Monday, December 7, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. in the Superior Court Courtroom

**CALL FOR BIDS:** JeffCom 911 Radio System Improvement Project; Bids Accepted until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 and Opened and Read Publicly Shortly Thereafter during a Special Meeting of the JeffCom Advisory Board in the First Floor conference room, Jefferson County Courthouse

**6 AGREEMENTS:** 1) Post-Closure Landfill Gas and Ground Water Monitoring and Testing with Aspect Consulting; 2) Community Access Services with Concerned Citizens; 3) Mental Health Services with Jefferson Mental Health; 4) Educational and Therapeutic

Services for South Jefferson County Families and Children Ages Birth to Three Years with Concerned Citizen; 5) Jury Management Software with Jury System Incorporated; and 6) Improving the Quality of Public Defense Services with Washington State Office of Public Defense

**LETTER:** Appreciation for Award of State and Tribal Agency Grant (STAG) Funding; Representative Norm Dicks

**ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT:** Port Townsend High School Student Annie Young to serve on the Climate Action Committee

**Payment of Vouchers/Warrants:** Dated November 16, 2009 Totaling \$349,416.97

**COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:** The Board reviewed various topics discussed during the Washington State Association of Counties conference held last week. County Administrator Philip Morley noted that Dosewallips Road washed out last week and the Board declared an emergency due to flooding to begin repair of the road.

**HEARING:** After taking public testimony the Board approved a resolution adopting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2009 Budget Appropriation/Extension for Superior Court.

## **UPDATE ON MYSTERY BAY MOORING BUOY**

**PROJECT:** Department of Community Development Director Al Scalf updated the Board on the mooring buoy project for Mystery Bay and presented a draft ordinance establishing a six month moratorium on the permitting of mooring buoys in Mystery Bay which the Board reviewed and approved.

**2 LETTERS:** The Board approved a letter to Carol Anne Roberts expressing their condolences for the loss of her husband, PUD Commissioner Dana Roberts. A letter to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission was also approved by the Board asking that funding be approved for the purchase and long term protection of the Tamanowas Rock project.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Board met in Executive Session from 11:00 to 11:50 a.m. with the County Administrator, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Community Development Director, Planning Manager and Associate Planner regarding Real Estate Negotiations, an exemption outlined in the Open Public Meetings Act RCW 42.30.110(1)(b).