

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

December 15, 2009

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: a citizen expressed his concern about protecting property owned by the State Department of Natural Resources which may soon be put up for sale; a citizen stated he feels the County needs to do economic development planning for Jefferson County; four (4) citizens thanked the Board for continuing the "Public Comment Period" and expressed the importance of allowing citizens to speak; a citizen stated that his comment made to the Board regarding possible vandalism to the Courthouse was mis-quoted in an article in the "Leader" newspaper and that a correction will be published; a citizen presented the Board with a letter asking ten (10) questions about the rules of procedure for "optional" public comment period at the Board's weekly meetings; a citizen commented on the work being done by a local property rights group to increase economic development and urged the Board to support their effort; a citizen stated that he believes a certain amount of respect and decorum for the elected office of Commissioner is due to the members; two (2) citizens encouraged those who are critical of the County's economic development effort to attend Planning Commission meetings and other meetings where economic development is discussed; a citizen commented that County officials need to follow public records laws to prevent the release of personal information; a citizen stated that he believes County government censors information and restricts free speech.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board deleted and later approved after confirming the amount of \$2,850 for an agreement with the Gardiner Community Center Board for 2010 Community Services Grant Funding. The balance of the Consent Agenda was approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION: Closing County Administrative Offices at Noon on Christmas Eve 2009

3 AGREEMENTS: 1) Substance Abuse Treatment Services with Safe Harbor Recovery Center; 2) Amendment No. 5 for the Quilcene-Snow Watershed Implementation Phase Four (4) Water Resource Inventory Area 17 Planning Unit with the State Department of Ecology; and 3) School-Based Mental Health Services with the Quilcene School District

Authorization to Proceed with Right of Way

Acquisition: Larry Scott Memorial Trail Segment Four (4), Parcel No. 001323019, \$23,500; Jefferson

County Public Works Project #CR1069, STPE-2016(015)

Advisory Board Appointment: Nathanael O'Hara to Serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a Two (2) Year Term Expiring December 14, 2011

Payment of Vouchers/Warrants: Dated November 23, 2009 Totaling \$696,691.43

Payment of Payroll Warrants: Dated December 4, 2009 Totaling \$729,696.52 and Totaling \$562,819.45

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Commissioners reviewed their meeting calendar and discussed various meetings they recently attended. County Administrator Philip Morley noted that the County received a grant from the Washington State Historic Trust in the amount of \$300,000 for Improvements to the Courthouse roof.

Washington State Department of Natural Resources Update: Susan Trettevikk and Drew Rosanbalm from the State Department of Natural Resources reported on County Timber Income and Forest Funds.

Presentation on Conservation Futures Easements: The Board approved the Assignment of Rights and Resolutions relating to conservation futures easements for Brown Dairy and Finn River Farm.

2010 Budget: The Board approved four (4) Resolutions to: 1) Adopt the 2010 Annual Budget Including the General Fund, Public Works, Special Funds and the Jefferson County Road Construction Program; 2) Adopt a Salary Schedule for the FLSA and Union Exempt Management and Professional Employees for 2010; 3) Establish New Salaries for the Elected Offices of Jefferson County; and 4) Continue a Workweek Reduction in 2010 for Specific County Departments.

HEARING (Continued from December 7, 2009): After hearing public testimony on the proposed airport rezone submitted by the Port of Port Townsend #MLA09-0007, the Board agreed to schedule a special meeting on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers to continue deliberations and possibly make a decision on the proposal.