

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

January 12, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: Seven (7) citizens spoke in support of establishing a equestrian park and urged the Board to make it a priority; a citizen complimented the Board on supporting the airport rezone proposal submitted by the Port of Port Townsend as it is good for the economy, and thanked the Board for the "Town Hall Meetings" they will be hosting for the public; after commenting on the new agenda process and how correspondence to the Board is handled, a citizen explained that a mistake made in a newspaper article regarding the MRL application of Fred Hill Materials was knowingly used by the Hood Canal Coalition to mislead the public; a citizen stated that he feels the County needs to support local and sustainable agriculture, and it was suggested that a "Farm to Cafeteria" school lunch program be established along with the creation of a "Farmers Coop" to sell more local produce which would benefit the farmers and stimulate the economy; a citizen urged the Board to support Representative Kevin Van De Wege's House Bill #2468 that will prohibit the State Department of Ecology (DOE) from metering wells that use less than 5,000 gallons of water per day because property owners do a better job of taking care of their water, property, and shorelines than the State can do; a citizen commented on a discussion he had with the Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney regarding the lawsuit about the Public Comment Period Preamble; a citizen discussed potential grant funding available for security training which would be good for the local economy, and expressed support for the creation of an equestrian park and cautioned the Commissioners to insure that they resolve any issues there may be due to the proximity of the Gun Club, which he also supports.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were approved as submitted.

Hearing Notice: Annexation of 2 Properties into Jefferson County Water District No. 3; Hearing Scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2010 at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioner's Chambers

BID AWARD: JeffCom 911 Radio System Improvement Project to Buchanan General Contracting Company

5 AGREEMENTS: 1) Extension of Transportation Forecast Model and Analysis with Transpo Group, Inc.; 2 & 3) Crane Services with Julian Arthur Equipment and A. Millican Crane Services; 4) JeffCom Computer Aided Dispatch System Study with ADCOMM Engineering Company; and 5) Emergency Management Performance Grant with the Emergency Management Division of the Washington State Military Department

Advisory Board Resignation: Lisa Lynes from the Ferry Advisory Committee

Payment of Payroll Warrants: Dated January 5, 2010 Totaling \$768,219 and Dated December 27, 2009 Totaling \$1,462.75 and Dated December 31, 2009 Totaling \$614,996.42

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Austin:

- The Board of Natural Resources has postponed the "Silent Alder" timber sale to allow more time for the County to look into opportunities for a trust land transfer or reconveyance of some of the property lying between Gibbs and Beausite Lakes.

- A sub-committee of the State Board of Health (BOH) is meeting this week to review the rules for "Class B" water systems.

Commissioner Johnson:

- He spoke with a representative from the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the possibility of a septic system for Paradise Bay and transferring land directly to the Paradise Bay Water District which would allow the County to move forward on the project regardless of the pending land swap between DNR and Pope Resources.

- The U.S. Census is moving forward and participation is important to our community because many appropriations are based on population figures.

Commissioner Sullivan:

- The Transit meeting will be focusing on the new General Manager job description.

County Administrator Morley:

- A Special meeting of the Commissioner's will be held January 11, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. to host a "Community Input Forum" at the Jefferson County Library.

- The Visitors Center has a septic permit, building permit and is currently zoned as a legal non-conforming use.

- The damage to the Visitor's Center occurred at night with no witnesses, so, there can be no cost recovery.

- He will be working with Jefferson Equestrian Association to review the equestrian park proposal.

- DCD staff is working on scheduling a Joint Growth Management Steering Committee meeting this week.

- He will research the handling of correspondence to the Commissioners.

PROCLAMATIONS: The Board approved a proclamation designating January 2010 as School Board Recognition Month for Quillayute Valley

Port Hadlock Urban Growth Area (UGA) Sewer

Preliminary Design: After hearing a report from DCD staff, the Board approved an amendment to extend the scope of services and deadline of the contract with Strategies 360, a sub-consultant of Tetra Tech, for work on the Port Hadlock UGA sewer preliminary design.