

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting

February 2, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: 2 citizens reported that they feel it is inappropriate for DCD staff to be sending e-mails regarding high tides; a citizen feels that the County needs to work on elements in the Comprehensive Plan and the Commissioners should attend less meetings and spend more time working on County business; a citizen commented on the lack of business in downtown Port Townsend and discussed the current economic situation; a citizen commented on Memorial Field, school lunch subsidies and the need for the Commissioners to track the budget, and promote economic development and opportunity; a citizen complimented the Commissioners on a job well done; a citizen thanked the Commissioners for holding the community input workshops and he discussed comments made by a member of the Hood Canal Coalition regarding Fred Hill Materials; a citizen stated that he believes if the County gives away land for an equestrian park then the County and schools will lose money in the long term; a citizen commented on the late PUD Commissioner Dana Roberts' ability to listen to all points of view and asked that everyone attempt to model him; Treasurer Judy Morris reported that American Marine Bank has been taken over by Columbia Bank and she assured the Commissioners that the County's investments are protected; a citizen asked for clarification of the rules for the public comment period process in allowing speakers to address the audience; a citizen commented on the scientific malpractice which has taken place regarding climate changes and it was suggested that the County make no expenditures for at least a year until there is a better understanding of the actual climate situation and more data is known.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION: Cancellation of Uncollectible Personal Property Tax; Jefferson County Treasurer

5 AGREEMENTS: 1) 2010 CDBG Public Services Grant for Olympic Community Action Programs with the State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development; 2) Coordinated Prevention Grant for Solid Waste Education with the State Department of Ecology; 3) 2010 Funding Support for Extension Agent, 4-H Agent, 4-H After School Program, Water Quality Educator and Marine Resources Committee with Washington State University Extension; 4) Forest Management Services for Larry Scott Memorial Trail and other Projects with Michael R. Cronin, Forester; and 5) JeffCom Financial Services with Anne Sears & Associates

2010 ROAD LEVY CERTIFICATION: Jefferson County Public Works; Washington State County Road Administration Board

5 LETTERS: 1) Appointing Sunny Fortino to serve as Interim E911 Coordinator, Bruce Baardson, Washington State Military Department; 2) Support to expedite the appointment of Resource Advisory Committee members, U.S. Department of Agriculture; 3 & 4) Appreciation for hosting the community input workshop held at the Jefferson County Library, Director Ray Serebrin and staff; and at the Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue Station, Chief Wilkerson,

Assistant Chief Coggan and staff; and 5) Appreciation for assistance with parking and traffic control at the community input workshop held at the Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue Station, Sheriff Hernandez and volunteers

ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION: Katherine Ackerman from the Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board, District No. 5

ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENT: Sue Estes to serve a 3 year term on the Olympic Area Agency on Aging (O3A) Advisory Board

Payment of Vouchers/Warrants: Dated January 25, 2010
Totaling \$343,839.65

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Sullivan:

- Reported that the County would retain ownership of the property being proposed for an equestrian park and there will be a forestry plan.

- Jefferson County's Port Hadlock/Tri Area Urban Growth Area (UGA) was found fully compliant with the Growth Management Act. He will be meeting with staff and consultants tomorrow to discuss funding options.

- He spoke with Representative Norm Dicks staff regarding the issue with Memorial Field which is about jobs, veterans, kids and families.

Commissioner Johnson:

- There is proposed legislation to impose \$1.50 per barrel fee on petroleum but it is unknown if it will pass.

Commissioner Austin:

- The State Board of Health is working on regulations for class 'B' water systems to insure safe and healthy drinking water.

- State Department of Natural Resource (DNR) staff will be coming next week to update the Board on the County's timber harvest and to review possible options for the transfer of DNR property located between Beausite and Gibbs Lakes.

County Administrator Morley:

- The next community input workshop is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Port Townsend Community Center.

- In response to citizen comments he explained that: 1) The County tracks ongoing expenditures which are reviewed at monthly Budget Committee meetings. Budget reports are available for the public; 2) The Commissioners' participation on various Boards and Committees is important for the coordination of policy matters as well as to protect the interests of our citizens and shoulder some of the responsibilities as a County in the State.
- The County is working to find solutions to change the method of how mooring buoys and boats are stationed in Mystery Bay so the State can change the status of the Bay to prevent a seasonal closure and impact to the shellfish industry.

OLYMPIC DISCOVERY TRAIL PRESENTATION: Members of the Peninsula Trail Coalition updated the Board on their efforts to complete various segments the Olympic Discovery Trail.