

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting

February 9, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: a citizen asked about the County's policies on the environment and economic development and stated that he would like to see the Commissioners work on promoting economic development in the County; a citizen feels the noise created from the Port Townsend Sportsmen's Association's gun range is a public health concern and he believes the shooting facility should be located outside and away from residential neighborhoods; a citizen asked: 1) Why are the Commissioners considering creating an equestrian park when they are closing many other County parks and threatening to close Memorial Field? 2) Why are the Commissioners proposing to lease property for an equestrian park for only \$1, which he believes is gifting of public funds and will cause the County to lose the timber value on that property? 3) Why does the proposed agreement between the County and the Jefferson Equestrian Association state that the public equestrian park can be closed to the public for private events at any time without notice and for any duration, which he believes makes it a private park because no other County public park is run that way?; a citizen stated that in order for the County to impose its regulations fairly and equally he feels the County should look into the types of shooting activities taking place at the Port Townsend Sportsmen's Association shooting range; a citizen commented on the reorganization of Fred Hill Materials under Chapter 11; a citizen encouraged the Board to consider lobbying legislators to get more stimulus funding; a citizen discussed the economic opportunity and media coverage that the 2010 Winter Olympic Games in Vancouver, B.C. will bring to the Olympic Peninsula; a citizen stated that the Citizen's Alliance for Property Rights (CAPR) submits public records requests in order to become informed about government business and he noted that the CAPR will be responding to DCD staff e-mails and using the same e-mail distribution list used by DCD staff in order for people to hear both sides of an issue; a citizen reported on a survey she is conducting which shows that permit costs are higher and take longer to be reviewed in Jefferson County compared to other County's; a citizen commented on the unfair treatment in the way the County applies its rules and asked for the County's policy requiring citizens to make a point during their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA: The following items were approved as submitted:

RESOLUTION: Re-establishing Jefferson County Cash Drawer, Petty Cash Account and Revolving Fund Amounts in Various County Departments

CALL FOR BIDS re: Oak Bay Road Repair, Project No. XO1813; Bids Accepted Until 9:55 a.m. and Opened and Read Publicly at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 1, 2010 in the Commissioners' Chambers

3 AGREEMENTS: 1) 2010/2011 Coordinated Prevention Grant for Moderate Risk Waste Facility Operations with the Washington State Department of Ecology; and 2 & 3) 4-H After School Program Lead Teacher Services with Sue Hay and Virginia Beard

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL for Pike Short Plat #MLA08-00051/#SUB08-00011 to divide 40.38 acres into 2 residential lots located on South Discovery Road, Port Townsend, Eula and Donald Pike, Applicants

3 ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS: 1) Patricia Robinson to represent District No. 5 on the Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board for an unexpired term expiring March 10, 2012; and 2 & 3) Michael Pollack to represent Jefferson Transit and Barney Burke to represent Jefferson County PUD No. 1 on the Climate Action Committee

Payment of Vouchers/Warrants: Dated January 29, 2010 Totaling \$213.65

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Commissioners commented on the activities of various committees they serve on. County Administrator Philip Morley stated that the Board will be holding a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at the Port Townsend Community Center to hold a community input workshop. He also responded to public comments by noting the following: 1) the efforts to promote local tourism throughout the Olympic Peninsula during the Winter Olympic Games is appreciated; he will look into the shooting permit issues brought up about the Port Townsend Sportsmen's Association's shooting range; 3) the County does not have a policy regarding citizens speaking to point during the public comment period; and 4) the County is still in negotiations with the Jefferson County Equestrian Association for a possible equestrian events center and there is no agreement for consideration by the Board at this time. The underlying premise is that Jefferson County Equestrian Association will allow County property that is currently limited in use to be opened up for a broader purpose that could serve the citizens of our community and promote the local economy as a regional attraction.

DISCUSSION RE: UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE (UDC)

TEXT AMENDMENT #MLA09-00378: After holding a discussion with the Department of Community Development (DCD) staff, the Board approved a request to include in DCD's 2010 Long Range Work Plan, the review of the UDC text amendment #MLA09-00378 to allow underground storage tanks containing hazardous substances to be located within critical aquifer recharge areas based on new technology and best available science.

DISCUSSION RE: FOREST MANAGEMENT AND UPCOMING

TIMBER SALES: Representatives from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources updated the Board on their forest management efforts and upcoming timber sales.

2 LETTERS: The Board approved a letter to the U.S. Legislators requesting stabilized funding for storm water, and a letter to U.S. Representative Norm Dicks requesting support for the Wild Olympics Campaign.