

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting

February 23, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made: a citizen noted that the interlocal agreement being considered for approval by the Board (consent agenda item #1) is a different version from the one being considered by the Port Townsend School District as shown on their website and may be different from the versions being considered by the other participating agencies; a citizen commented on the declining local economy which has resulted in a lack of jobs and a decrease in tourism; a citizen feels that economic development should be the Commissioner's first priority and that they need to reassess County land use regulations that prevent businesses from expanding or coming to the area; a citizen commented on the amount of requests for public records received by the County and noted that legislation is being proposed that will address the issue of harassment and allow public agencies to charge for time spent on requests that take more than 5 hours; a citizen stated that legislation is being proposed to merge the Growth Management Act and Shoreline Management Act and then he commented on global warming issues being based on untruths and non-facts, and expressed his concern for how much money has been spent on what many believe is a non-issue; a citizen explained that he submits public records requests as part of his lawsuit investigations and will continue to request public records because it is his lawful right; a citizen commented that global warming is based on data from NASA showing that last year was the second warmest year on record for world temperatures; the Jefferson County Auditor commented on public records training she recently attended, and after expressing the importance of building trust with the public, she urged the Board and all Elected Officials to attend this training; a citizen stated that he feels the resources of the community are not brought to bear to assist the County with doing its business, and he asked Commissioner Sullivan for a response to his correspondence previously submitted; a citizen stated that there is no limit to the number of public records requests a citizen can submit and it is a citizen's right to investigate government.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board deleted and later approved an interlocal agreement for Resource Conservation Management Services with the City of

Port Townsend, Port of Port Townsend, Port Townsend School District, Chimacum School District and Jefferson County Hospital District #2 (Jefferson Healthcare). The following items were approved as submitted.

2 AGREEMENTS re: 1) Engineering Consultant Services for East Price Street Improvement Project with SvR Design Company; and 2) WRIA 20 Phase IV Implementation Plan with Clallam County

Concurrence and Authorization to Proceed: Real Property Negotiation and Acquisition Regarding Larry Scott Memorial Trail -Segment 4, County Project #CR1069, STPE-2016(015), Jefferson County Public Works

Payment of Vouchers/Warrants: Dated February 16, 2010 Totaling \$363,017.90 and Dated February 17, 2010 Totaling \$5,187.00

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Austin:

- Noted that the Jamestown Skallam Tribe has requested representation on the Peninsula Regional Support Network Board of Directors.

Commissioner Sullivan:

- Reported that a consortium is working in coordination with other agencies statewide to prepare a proposal to receive stimulus funding as an opportunity to get public broadband technology in Jefferson County.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Advised that the number of members required for a quorum of the Hood Canal Coordinating Council was changed from 5 to 3 which may be an incentive for Counties to attend meetings.

Interim-County Administrator/Public Health Director Jean Baldwin:

- Informed the Board that many County employees have already attended, and others will be attending, the public records certification training.

CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL INVENTORY: The Board reviewed and certified the annual inventory of the County's capitalized assets as of December 31, 2009.

LETTER: The Board approved a letter to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) regarding the Silent Alder timber sale and options for transferring the property from DNR to Jefferson County.