

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

April 13, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: a citizen feels that the watershed resource stewardship grant from the EPA contains false information in the narrative and is not designed to be a warm and friendly coaching unit, but rather it is an assault on the property rights of everyone in Jefferson County; a citizen believes the Commissioners should have an attorney present during their meetings and he questioned a report in the newspaper that it would cost \$200,000 for a single attorney to attend the meetings and he plans to get clarification with future public disclosure requests that he intends to submit; a citizen discussed unemployment rates and stated the Commissioners need to create jobs for individuals when unemployment funding runs out; a citizen discussed the EPA grant being proposed to help the Department of Community Development (DCD) and he asked why he was not contacted about how to fix the problems at DCD which he believes are the result of the lack of public trust; a citizen stated that the Olympic Stewardship Foundation, Conservation District and Jefferson County Builders did not have input on the EPA grant and are not in support of it because it will only treat the symptoms of the dysfunctional DCD and will not solve the problem; a citizen stated that the concept of the Watershed Resource Center came from the Critical Areas Ordinance; a citizen commented on unemployment and the need for jobs in our area because there are no other options for people and moving is too expensive.

CONSENT AGENDA: All of the items were approved as submitted:

ORDINANCE: E911 Emergency Locator Ordinance

2 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Hearing Notice for 2010 1st Quarter Supplemental Budget Extensions/Appropriations for Various County Departments; Hearing Scheduled for April 26, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers; and 2) Road Name Change from Emil Road to Borgeson Road; Myra Tornensis, Alexander Borgeson, William Mangan and Emil Bergeson, Petitioners

3 AGREEMENTS: 1) Supply of Aggregate Products for Bituminous Surface Treatment (BST) Program with Port Orchard Sand & Gravel Company, Inc.; 2) Waterline Improvements for Latecomers at the Transfer Station Main Waterline Extension at County Landfill Road with the City of Port Townsend; and 3) Two Change Orders No. 5 & 6 for Jeffcom 911 Radio System Improvements with Buchanan General Contracting Company

2 Advisory Board Appointments: 1) Marjorie Dickson and John Richmond to fill citizen at large positions for a two year term each on the North Pacific Coast Marine Resources Committee

Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants dated April 5, 2010 totaling \$813,632.26; \$2,413.65; and \$651,719.80

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Chairman Sullivan:

- Reported that the Jefferson Transit service change has improved service to the public without using more resources and he commended the Interim Transit Manager, Transit staff and the citizens advisory group for their efforts in finding ways to make it run more efficiently.

Commissioner Austin:

- Commented on the volunteer efforts of the Jefferson Equestrian Association (JEA) in developing County land that will be available to all citizens.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Noted that there are concerns about lost timber revenue on the land being proposed for the equestrian center, however, the timber harvest growth cycle is 120 years based on the soils and the rainfall in that area.

- The Quimper Trails Association is looking to establish additional trails at their own expense located across the street from the proposed equestrian center.

County Administrator Philip Morley

- Reported that he is continuing to finalize negotiations with the Jefferson Equestrian Association (JEA) and it is expected that members of the JEA will attend a meeting next month to review a proposed operating and licensing agreement.

- Urged citizens not to rely on what they read in the newspaper, but rather go to the source with their questions before submitting a series of public records requests which may potentially save a lot of time and paperwork.

- Explained that the intent of the Watershed Resource Center Grant is not to regulate, but rather to provide guidance as a voluntary option.

- Commissioner Sullivan met with the City Mayor and a representative from the Port of Port Townsend on developing a shared economic development plan which will address concerns about the economy.

- Governor Gregoire will be in Jefferson County on April 22, 2010 to recognize and thank the students at Blue Heron for their assistance with naming the ferry. There may be an opportunity for the Commissioners to meet with the Governor later that afternoon.

- The next Community Input Workshop is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 26, 2010 at the Marrowstone Island Garden Club.

ADOPT-A-PARK PROGRAM UPDATE: Parks and Recreation Manager Matt Tyler gave an update on the Adopt-A-Park program which provides maintenance for the following parks: Chimacum Park, Courthouse Park, East Beach Park, Gibbs Lake Park, Hicks Park, Indian Island Park, Irondale Beach Park, Lake Leland Day Use Park, Memorial Field, North Beach Park, Port Townsend Community Center Park, Quilcene Day Use Park, Lower Oak Bay Park and Riverside Park in Quilcene.