Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting April 27, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: a citizen submitted and read a list of questions relating to the proposed Shoreline Master Program (SMP); a citizen stated there will be many legal challenges to the SMP and urged everyone to submit their comments on the SMP to the State Department of Ecology by the May 11th deadline; a citizen suggested that the Commissioners expand and continue the community meetings which are being held in various areas throughout the County; a citizen stated there is no need for the establishment of the Watershed Stewardship Resource Center proposal since the County already has many other educational resources; another citizen expressed concern that there was no media present at the State Department of Ecology Hearing on the SMP and he added that there will be many appeals of the SMP that will go before a Hearing Examiner at the County's expense; a citizen believes the County will go bankrupt defending itself against the many appeals of the SMP and he thinks the Watershed Stewardship Resource Center proposal is evidence that the County is for sale as long as anyone can get a grant to start a program; a citizen read an excerpt from writings by Chief Sealth and he stated that the words about how the earth is connected to humankind is why we have the SMP and other regulations on land; a citizen asked the Commissioners to enforce the fire code rules during their meetings and he also asked if the County has a procedure for responding to citizen comments?; and a citizen stated that property owners should be allowed to "tend their own garden" as the Lord intended and not be reliant on the regulations and mandates of the government.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board deleted and later approved an agreement with True Automation for annual revaluation software for the Treasurer and Assessor's offices. The following Consent Agenda items were approved as submitted:
RESOLUTION: Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies and Materials for the JeffCOM 911 Radio System Improvements; RHON Products, LLC
4 AGREEMENTS: 1) Change Order No. 9 for JeffCOM 911 Radio System Improvements with Buchanan General Contracting Company; 2) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding to Provide Public Services in 2010 to Low-Moderate Income Persons within Jefferson and Clallam Counties through Olympic Community Action Programs with the Washington State Department of Commerce; 3) County Road Project No. XO-1813, Oak Bay Road Repairs with J Bard D Construction, Inc.; and 4) Cooperative Purchasing for Various Supplies, Materials, Equipment and Services with Kitsap County
Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants: Dated April 19, 2010 totaling $571,013.68
Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants: Dated April 6, 2010 totaling $110,001.36, dated April 15, 2010 totaling $16,482.68 and dated April 20, 2010 totaling $91,182.30

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: After the following reports were given by the Commissioners and County Administrator, Department of Community Development staff responded to the Board's questions regarding the Shoreline Master Program (SMP).
Commissioner Austin:
- Reviewed new Jefferson Transit bus routes which offer convenient transportation from the Courthouse to uptown and downtown Port Townsend as well as to the park and ride facility.
Commissioner Johnson:
- Met with City Council-member Catherine Robinson to review the Transit Manager agreement which is moving forward.
Commissioner Sullivan:
- The City, County and Port are continuing to work together on an economic plan.
County Administrator Morley:
- May 11, 2010 is the deadline for submitting comments to the State Department of Ecology regarding the SMP.

PROCLAMATION: The Board approved a proclamation designating May 2010 as Older Americans Month.

HEARING: After taking public testimony, the Board approved a Resolution ordering the 2010 first quarter budget appropriations/extension for various County funds.

WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (WSAC) 2010 ANNUAL COURTHOUSE VISIT: The Board met with WSAC representatives to discuss legislative issues, trainings and conferences, and various other information.