

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

May 11, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: a citizen stated that there needs to be a financial evaluation for revenues that will be generated for using County property as an equestrian center and that the agreement with Jefferson Equestrian Association needs to include an amount that will be paid to the County for the value of the timber on the property; a citizen expressed concern about the lack of communication between the Department of Community Development and the public regarding laws and regulations on setbacks; another citizen commented on the downturn in the Real Estate Market and the affect a "non-conforming use" designation will have on property mortgages and insurance; a citizen commented on the poor economy and he stated that without economic stability there will be no environmental stability; The County Clerk expressed her gratitude to the BOCC for the work that was done on a grant application to bring broadband to our area.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board approved the items on the Consent Agenda as submitted:

7 AGREEMENTS: 1) Developmental Disabilities Project SEARCH with Concerned Citizens of Forks; 2) Permit to Use County Property for a Temporary Power Pole Annually from May through December with Farmer's Market; 3, 4, and 5) Fire Alarm Monitoring for the County Courthouse, Public Works, and Public Health/Community Development with Guardian Security; 6) North Olympic Peninsula Child Passenger Safety with the Washington State Department of Health; and 7) JeffCom 911 Radio System Improvements Project with Southwick Enterprises

Authorization to Proceed with Right of Way Acquisition: Larry Scott Memorial Trail Project #CR1069, Segment 4, Parcel No. 001321001, \$2,900; Jefferson County Public Works

Final Plat Approval: #SUB03-00039/MLA03-00632 to adjust lot lines between lots E and F and the Open Space area between two (2) lots to create a more suitable building site for lot E in Brinnon; Robert Bird, Tom Couner and Wanda Falcone, Applicants

2 Advisory Board Appointments: 1) Jill Silver to fill a Citizen at Large position for a two (2) year term expiring May 10, 2012 on the North Pacific Coast Marine Resources Committee; and 2) Kim Rafferty to serve a three (3) year term expiring May 10, 2013 on the Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board

Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants: Dated May 5, 2010 totaling \$772,663.80

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Commissioners and County Administrator reported as follows:

Commissioner Austin:

- He attended a State Parks Board meeting last week where it was decided that 20 acres of land will be permanently included within the boundaries of the Dosewallips State Park to be used to house a sewage treatment plant.

- The Olympic Workforce made up of regional and local business leaders will be meeting this week. This group has input on how federal funding is used to assist many federal work programs.

Commissioner Sullivan:

- Noted that the Governor's support letter of the broadband project was, and is, key to moving forward. (Later in the afternoon the Board agreed to send a letter to the Governor thanking her for her support)

Commissioner Johnson:

- He attended a RAC meeting last week where it was decided how Secure Rural Schools funding will be spent. Youth activities including 4-H will be fully funded.

- After requesting assistance from the Port Townsend Paper Corporation about getting help with fixing the roof on Memorial Field he learned that they contract out that type of work. As an alternative, Pacific Environmental may be contacted because they do canopy roofing installations.

County Administrator Morley:

- Noted that the Governor recommended the broadband project as a top priority for the State.

- He met with PSE officials who are working on a letter of intent between PSE and PUD No. 1 regarding PUD No. 1 purchasing PSE assets and transitioning to public electricity within the next three (3) years. Energy conservation work being done by PSE will continue uninterrupted until a changeover occurs.

Briefing re: Joint Economic Development Agreement with the City of Port Townsend and the Port of Port Townsend: Community Development staff updated the Board on an agreement between Jefferson County, the City of Port Townsend and the Port of Port Townsend regarding the development of a shared economic development strategy and plan.

Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Comment Letter: The Board approved a letter to the State Department of Ecology regarding comments on the Shoreline Master Program (SMP).

Ordinance and Hearing Notice re: Moratorium on Adult

Businesses: The Board adopted an ordinance enacting a moratorium against the issuance of permits or approvals pertaining to adult businesses. A hearing notice was also approved setting a hearing on the ordinance for Monday, June 7, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Joint Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) with City of Port Townsend: The Board directed Community Development staff to work with representatives of the City of Port Townsend on a joint CDBG application for planning only grant funding.

Update re: Equestrian Events Center: Representatives of Jefferson Equestrian Association (JEA) updated the Board on the proposed equestrian events center. An agreement between Jefferson County and JEA will be submitted at a later date for the Board's review.