

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

June 15, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: a citizen commented on the need to process permits to promote jobs and the building industry and he asked the Board to direct the County Administrator to authorize the Department of Community Development to hire staff to help with processing permits; 5 citizens spoke in support of the proposed Equestrian Events Center and 1 citizen spoke in opposition to it; a citizen asked for a response to a letter he sent to the Board six months ago and he added that he feels the Board should hold hearings on issues such as the Equestrian Events Center, so that the public comment period is not the only venue for people to provide public comment and to allow comments to be kept for the record; a citizen expressed his concerns about the Equestrian Events Center agreement and he stated that there needs to be a financial plan and revenue projection in place before the agreement is approved to determine if it is in the best interest of the citizens of the County; a citizen commented on the oversight of the County budget; a citizen stated that the County should take action to insure that the proposed equestrian facility does not affect neighboring property owners and he also commented on the decrease in student enrollment and how he feels the Board's management of land use is affecting the growth in the County.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board deleted and later approved a proclamation designating June 17, 2010 as Dump the Pump Day. The balance of the consent agenda was approved as submitted:

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: Jeffcom 911 Procurement and Installation of VHG and UHF Simulcast Radio System Improvements; Proposals Accepted Until 9:30 a.m. on July 6, 2010 to be opened and read thereafter in the Jefferson County Commissioners' Chambers

13 AGREEMENTS: 1) Quilcene-Snow Watershed Implementation Phase 4 with the Washington State Department of Ecology; 2) U.S. Locality Domain Name Registration with Neustar, Inc.; 3) Castle Hill HVAC Maintenance Service with Mayda & Sons Mechanical; 4) Adding Jefferson County as a Secondary Sponsor of the Dosewallips State Park Riparian Acquisition with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office; 5) Reimbursement of Medicaid Administrative Cost for Public Health Medicaid Patients with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services; 6) Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 17 Watershed Water Availability, Supply and Demand Assessment with the Public Utility District No. 1; 7) Hood Canal On-Site Septic Repair Revolving Loan Fund No. L0700001 with the Washington State Department of Ecology; 8) Emergency Management Program Grant for Operations Support and Enhancement with the Washington State Emergency Management Division; 9 & 10) Various Road Improvement Projects with Wengler Surveying and Mapping and Van Aller Surveying; 11) Willougby Creek Bridge Emergency Repair and Easement Supplement with the Washington State Department of Natural Resources; 12) Timber Thinning Services at Upper Donovan Creek Timber Site with Resource Renewal, Inc.; and 13) Economic Development Services with E.D. Hovee and Company.

2 ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATIONS: Helen Morrison and Therese Lindstorm from the Peninsula Regional Support Network Advisory Board

Payment of Payroll Warrants: Dated June 4, 2010 totaling \$757,333.80 and \$619,519.62

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Sullivan:

- The Watershed Planning Act is being updated to create a vision for the future.
 - Members of the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization participated in a bus tour in Jefferson County to view various local transportation projects which will aid in determining funding priorities between the projects of all the participating Counties.
- Commissioner Austin:
- Many residents in Gardiner support a left-hand turn lane on Highway 101 at the entrance to the R.V. park, and there have been some complaints by Gardiner residents regarding the noise caused by the rumble strips along Highway 101.
 - He will be lobbying in Olympia this week to keep a strong presence of higher education in Jefferson County, because there is a risk that the State may cut funding to the education programs offered at the Shold Business Center.

- In an effort to save money the State Board of Health members will be meeting via teleconference rather than traveling to meet in person. In the event of a required hearing, the Board is applying to the State Office of Financial Management to fund one face-to-face meeting in November.

Commissioner Johnson:

- A bench has been placed at North Beach Park in memory of Byron Ruby who was instrumental in establishing the park.

County Administrator Philip Morley:

- In response to a public comment, he reported that audio recordings of the Commissioner proceedings are retained for 6 years.
- Applicants for the JeffCom Director position will be interviewed this Friday.

Presentation and Hearing re: 2010 Conservation Futures Funding Projects: Staff gave a presentation on 2 proposed projects recommended for Conservation Futures funding in 2010: 1) Salmon Creek Riparian Acquisition; and 2) Tamanowas Rock and Nicholson Short Plat. After holding a hearing to take public testimony on the projects, the Board agreed to fully fund them.

Planning Commission Recommendation re Unified Development Code Text Amendment: The Board approved the Planning Commission's recommendation and directed staff to prepare an ordinance to amend text in the Unified Development Code to allow underground storage tanks containing hazardous substances within Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas.

AGREEMENT re: Jefferson County Equestrian Events Center: The Board approved a license and operating agreement with Jefferson Equestrian Association to lease County-owned land for the establishment of an equestrian events center.

Washington Counties Risk Pool Update: Representatives from the Washington Counties Risk Pool updated the Board on the Risk Pool program.

Letter of Support: The Board approved a letter of support for the Port Townsend School of Woodworking and the Northwest Natural Resource Group to receive a USDA Regional Business Opportunity Grant.