

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

June 29, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: a citizen commented that audio recordings of Commissioner meetings are required to be retained for 6 years; a citizen stated that the number of subsidized school lunches is a direct result of the downturn in the economy and he urged the Board to do something about economic development and making sure the County begins processing the numerous permits on file so people can get back to work; a citizen feels that government is imploding and the world economy is not improving.

CONSENT AGENDA: All the items were approved as submitted:

Hearing Notice re: Ordinance No. 03-0524-10; Mystery Bay Mooring Buoy Moratorium; Hearing scheduled for July 12, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Jefferson County Courthouse

3 Agreements: 1 & 2) Education and Specialized Therapy for the Birth to 3 Years Program with the Port Townsend School District and Concerned Citizens; and 3) Hazardous Waste Removal with Pacific Environmental Services Company

Request to Convene the Board of Equalization: to hear property valuation appeals for the year 2010

Letter: Appreciation of efforts to improve Highway safety on State Route 101 in Gardiner; Klaus Hintermayer

Payment of Vouchers/Warrants: Dated June 17, 2010 totaling \$5,933.50 and dated June 21, 2010 totaling \$300,659.42.

Payment of Payroll and A/P Payroll Warrants: Dated June 5, 2010 totaling \$109,805.05 and dated June 18, 2010 totaling \$90,911.04 and \$16,512.79

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

Commissioner Sullivan:

- Noted that Olympic Community Action Programs is a source for people to get funding assistance for essential living expenses.

- The Peninsula Development District Board on which he serves recently approved the Community Economic Development Strategy for both Clallam and Jefferson Counties so they will be eligible for funding through the EDA.

- Finn River Farm operations are growing with the sale of Apple Cider. Their Blueberry Cider is expected to be for sale in the near future.

Commissioner Austin:

- Improvements have been completed on the Quilcene Historical Museum and a scrapbook of Brinnon's History was recently published.

- He attended a ceremony welcoming the new Commanding Officer at Naval Region Northwest. It is impressive how the Navy has reached out to be good neighbor and to be involved in the community.

- The Tourism Coordinating Council has published a map for tourists which is very attractive and helpful.

Commissioner Johnson:

- There has been a tremendous amount of work to improve Memorial Field all done by volunteers.

- The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will be holding a retreat in September to discuss alternative funding options for parks and recreation services.

- Chimacum resident Roger Short now has a permit to remove invasive plant species from Chimacum Creek which will help to increase water flow.

County Administrator Phillip Morley:

- The County is attempting to address the permitting issue so individuals can get back to work and move forward with their projects. The constraint is not only the volume of permits being reduced, but also the revenue to support the permitting staff has significantly contracted. For the last 2 years the General Fund has been subsidizing permit activity in the amount of \$125,000 per year. He is working with representatives of the development industry to improve the permitting process and he is doing an analysis to see if the County can restore Department of Community Development (DCD) staff hours on a sustainable basis. The General Fund is not in a position to do an additional subsidy to DCD without significantly impacting other programs and services next year.

Planning Commission Recommendation for MLA08-00257; Unified Development Code Text Amendment for Sexually Oriented Businesses (Adult Businesses): The Board directed staff to review issues relating to licensing requirements and costs and to coordinate legal review and input from the Sheriff before bringing it back to the Board for consideration.

Jefferson County - Port Townsend Natural Hazards

Mitigation Plan: After being briefed on this plan by Emergency Management staff, the Board adopted the plan which was also recently adopted by the City of Port Townsend.

Jefferson County Housing Authority Update: The Board met with representatives of the Jefferson County Housing Authority and the Clallam County Housing Authority to discuss the possibility of merging the two agencies.

2 Letters: The Board approved a letter to U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Douglass Biesel welcoming him to Jefferson County as the new Navy Region Northwest Commanding Officer. The County Administrator was directed to review a draft letter for future consideration by the Board to the Commissioner of Public Lands requesting that the State Department of Natural Resources use property replacement funds being generated by the Dabob Bay Trust Land transfers for the purchase of private forestlands in eastern Jefferson County.