

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

July 20, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: A citizen discussed the declining economy for "middle-class" families and its effects on Jefferson County; a citizen commented on meetings he has attended where the 150' setback established in the recently adopted Shoreline Master Program was discussed and he asked the Board to take this issue to a vote of the public to obtain the public's opinion on an adequate shoreline setback; a citizen commented on the proposed 2010 County Strategic Plan and stated that he feels there needs to be adequate public input before the Board adopts the plan; a citizen discussed the issue about the 150' shoreline setback which has already been ruled on and upheld by the Washington State Court of Appeals in Whatcom County because it directly related to the Critical Areas Ordinance adopted by that County which is similar to the Critical Areas Ordinance adopted by Jefferson County which established that same setback and he noted that the Shoreline Master Program allows various ways to adjust the 150' buffer; a citizen stated that many people are unable to attend Commissioner meetings to provide input or feel that their input doesn't matter; the same individual suggested that the County require business licenses in order to obtain data about businesses in the County; a citizen commented on a letter from Port Ludlow residents regarding the removal of creosote pilings from Port Ludlow Bay and stated that some residents have concerns that the actual removal may be more detrimental to the environment than the contamination caused by the creosote pilings.

CONSENT AGENDA: All the items were approved as submitted:

2 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Hearing Notice for 2010 2nd Quarter Supplemental Budget Extensions/ Appropriations for Various County Departments; Hearing Scheduled for August 2, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers; and 2) Authorizing the Purchase of Supplies and Materials from or through the US General Services Administration (GSA) for the JeffCom 911 Radio System Improvement Projects

6 AGREEMENTS: 1) Material Testing Services for Various Road Improvement and Maintenance Projects with Northwestern Territories, Inc.; 2) Moderate Risk Waste Facilities Floor Repair with Contech Services, Inc.; 3) Larry Scott Memorial Trail Construction Project #CR1069 Mile Post 4.0 to Mile Post 5.6 with Shold Excavating; 4) Services for Workfirst Program with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services; 5) Facilitation and Project Management Services in Conjunction with Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 17 Planning Unit with Blackmore Consulting, LLC; and 6) Emergency Management Program Grant with the Washington State Military Department Emergency Management Division

Letter: Congratulating Jefferson County Accountant Karen Bednarski on Receiving the "Professional Finance Officer Award"

Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants

Dated July 17, 2010 Totaling \$653,560.90

Payment of Jefferson County Payroll

Vouchers/Warrants: Dated July 3, 2010 Totaling \$108,505.41

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

Commissioner Johnson:

- Reported that he recently attended a RAC meeting and noted that the following programs were voted to receive Secure Rural Schools funding: Olympic Sky Program; Quilcene Ranger Corp; Washington Conservation Corp; Falls View Campground Water System; Back County Horsemen Lower Big Quil Trail Bridges; Long Live the Kings for Steelhead Salmon Restoration in Hood Canal; and the Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board.
- He attended the National Marine Sanctuary meeting where the Integrated Ocean Observing Systems project was discussed that installed a buoy with atmospheric sensors to monitor acidification in the ocean.

Commissioner Austin:

- Commented on the removal of the creosote pilings in Port Ludlow Bay and stated that they are not good for the environment.

Philip Morley:

- Stated that the historical use of the Secure Rural Schools funding for 4-H programs is no longer allowed so the County is diligently conserving funds it previously received for future use, however, at some point the funds will be spent and 4-H will need to be funded locally.

2010 Jefferson County Strategic Plan: The Board approved the 2010 Jefferson County Strategic Plan which outlines the County's mission, vision and values; goals and strategies; and 2010-2011 priorities.

Three (3) Letters: The Board approved the following letters: 1) Letter to the Weyerhaeuser Family Foundation in support of Jefferson Land Trust's Forestland Conservancy Program grant application; 2) Letter to Senator's Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell expressing appreciation for their continued support of the long-term reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act; and 3) Letter to Bonneville Power Administration in support of Public Utility District No. 1 application for "Firm Electric Power Service."