

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

August 3, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: a citizen submitted a petition with 306 signatures requesting that the Commissioners consider putting the Shoreline Master Program to an advisory vote of the people; a citizen suggested the Commissioners use a positive approach in dealing with economic development such as processing building permits faster to stimulate revenue rather than increasing sales tax; a citizen stated that he supports a positive change in service attitude and he also stated that the State Department of Ecology controls the Shoreline Master Program not the Commissioners; a citizen complimented the Board on their practice of honest budgeting; a citizen commented on the Board's decision to proceed with a new sales tax and asked for clarification on other issues related to outside watering and well permits; a citizen feels the County not only needs to make budget cuts, but also look at ways to generate revenue; a citizen stated that it was the Commissioners who decided on a 150' shoreline buffer as a regulation in the Shoreline Master Program, not the State Department of Ecology. He also commented on the budget and stated that he believes that calling the proposed new sales tax a "Law and Justice Tax" is misleading and dishonest because the tax can be used for other purposes; a citizen feels that the County needs to seek ways to facilitate progress and put the interest of its citizens in the forefront.

CONSENT AGENDA: After noting typographical corrections to items #2 and #6 the Board approved all the items as follows:

2 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Cancellation of Unclaimed Warrants; and 2) Providing a Loan to the Jefferson County Veterans Relief Fund (#155-000-010)

5 AGREEMENTS: 1) Coordinated Prevention Grant Enforcement for Solid Waste Management Regulations with the Washington State Department of Ecology; 2) Coordinated Prevention Grant for Solid Waste Education with the Washington State Department of Ecology; 3) Support of Chemical Dependency Prevention Services with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services; 4) Environmental Health Director Services with Kitsap County Health District; and 5) Carpet Replacement in the First Floor Conference Room and Treasurer's Office with McCrorie Carpet One

Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants Dated July 19, 2010 totaling \$520,572.07 and dated July 27, 2010 totaling \$44,446.70

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Austin:

- Reported on the Emergency Operations Center meeting held last week which was attended by representatives of the U.S. NAVY, City of Port Townsend, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Emergency Radio Network, and Neighborhood Preparedness Groups
- There will be a drug court graduation ceremony held this Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in the Superior Court Courtroom.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Reviewed his meeting schedule for the week.

Commissioner Sullivan:

- Received a telephone call from Senator Patty Murray's office and was informed that the Senator along with several other Senators, will be sending a letter in support of the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools funding to the President of the United States.
- He met with the City of Port Townsend's finance committee to discuss the proposed "Public Safety and Infrastructure" sales tax option. At least 1/3 of the tax must be dedicated to public safety. State law also requires that the tax be split 60% to the County and 40% to the City.

County Administrator Philip Morley:

- He will continue meeting with the Sportmen's Association on their permit which includes an application for an additional pistol range and possibly extending the hours of operation. Outside review of the permit is being conducted because the County is the property owner.
- He will begin looking at the possibility of changing the way the Brinnon Motel is currently operated in order to maximize its potential as a motel.

Discussion re: Jefferson County Finances:

County Administrator Philip Morley gave an update on the County's finances and discussed the proposed "Public Safety and Infrastructure" sales tax option. The Board agreed to proceed with the sales tax option. A resolution will be drafted and brought back to the Board for consideration next week.