

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

August 10, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: A man stated that he opposes the proposed wording of the ballot title for the sales tax increase for criminal justice purposes; another man stated that he feels speaking to the Board is an exercise in futility and has abandoned any hope of influencing the Board's position on issues; a citizen stated that he appreciates the efforts of the Commissioners in trying to increase revenues to maintain the services that this County continues to provide; another man said that he is disappointed that the Board members acting as the Transit Board did not approve a tax increase for Transit on the ballot in November and the needs of the people who use Transit services should be addressed and he asked that they reconsider; another citizen stated that he has 5 years experience with knowing what is wrong in Jefferson County and the problem is in the County's Land Use Code and he believes the philosophy of the County can change in an instant; another man stated that he warned the Board about the deficit that is being experienced by the County and a sales tax increase is not going to pass; another person noted that the Board supported the addition of several hundred acres to the Olympic National Park which took those acres off the tax rolls and he questioned the wisdom of increasing the size of the Olympic National Park by 10% when the Park Service doesn't have enough money to operate what they have and he admonished the Board to not take property off the tax rolls; a man stated that he's been coming before the Board for a year and a half talking about economic development and the Board is not listening; there are some very big problems coming up and most people go out of the area to shop; the Board refuses to allow businesses to expand and he asked that the Board members resign; and another man stated that he asked the Board to support Kittitas County on the State water code.

CONSENT AGENDA: All of the items were approved as presented:

1 RESOLUTION: Rejecting a Proposal by Day Wireless Dated July 2, 2010 and Authorizing JeffCom to Reissue a Request for Proposals, for Procurement and Installation of VHF and UHF Simulcast Radio System Improvements Version Two

10 AGREEMENTS: 1) 4-H Stewardship Program; In the Amount of \$66,365.00; USDA Forest Service, Olympic National Forest; 2) Amendment No. 1: Coordinated Prevention Grant for Operations and Maintenance Cost for the Moderate Risk Waste Facility; Washington State Department of Ecology; 3) Solid Waste Management Facility Boundary Fencing Project (Debris Removal); In the Amount of \$42,220.04; Doug Reeves, Reeves Excavating & Land Clearing; 4) Provide 2010-2011 Technical Services for Millennium Telephone Maintenance for Castle Hill Facilities; In the Amount of \$10,694.53; Stargate Technologies, Inc.; 5) Provide 2010-2011 Technical Services for Millennium Telephone

Maintenance for Sheriff's Office Facilities; In the Amount of \$12,547.19; Stargate Technologies, Inc.; 6) Provide 2010-2011 Technical Services for Millennium Telephone Maintenance for Courthouse Facilities; In the Amount of \$17,314.95; Stargate Technologies, Inc.; 7) Waste Tire Collection and Recycling; In the Amount of \$10,350.00; Washington State Department of Ecology; 8) Protect and Restore the Puget Sound; In the Amount of \$300,000.00; US Environmental Protection Agency; 9) Provide Medical Transcription Services for Nurse Practitioners; In the Amount of \$1,500.00; Brie Gutierrez; and 10) Provide Enhanced Mental Health Intervention and Treatment Services for Children or Youth Grades 6-12 who Identify with Mental Health Issues; In the Amount of \$57,750.00; Jefferson Mental Health Services

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Austin reported that the Advisory Committee for the Mental Health Tax reviewed the projects submitted for funding and approved distribution of those funds; He attended a meeting of the Forest Service in Quilcene about the uses of the Federal Park facilities; and the County Fair starts Friday.

Commissioner Sullivan noted that there are several areas in the County budget where a small amount of funding is given to a community partnership to help provide services.

Philip Morley, County Administrator said that the RCW was changed over the past several years and specifically RCW 82.14.450 was amended so that under subsection 5 it says that 1/3 of all monies received must be used for Criminal Justice and Fire Protection services so the current ballot title is correct. There are a number of things that the County is trying to do to grow the local economy.

Commissioner Johnson reported that there was a joint meeting between the Clallam and Jefferson County Marine Resource Committees and there will be a "Thank You" celebration for Rich Stapf for all his work on the Memorial Field irrigation system.

2nd Quarter Budget Appropriations/Extensions: At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Board approved a resolution authorizing all of the second quarter budget appropriations/extensions as requested.

Ordinance: An ordinance to allow underground storage tanks in Critical Aquifer Charge Areas was approved as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Resolution: The Board approved a resolution to call for an election on the levy of a County special purpose and use tax for public safety, youth and senior services, community services and basic government public services.

Letter of Support: The Board approved a letter of support for the Nature Conservancy's Clearwater Riparian Protections Project.