

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

August 24, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting and reflect their personal opinions:

- A more neutral location than the Sheriff's Office may be needed for a drop box for prescriptions that are no longer needed because the Sheriff's Office can be intimidating for some people;
- The sidewalk is closed adjacent to the roundabouts on Highway 20 in Port Townsend and a citizen said he is against all of the vegetation planted down the center this portion of that Highway;
- The broadband project is exciting but a citizen said he feels that people need to be careful in what they wish for because it may bring more people into the area;
- A citizen said that he feels the world is closer to a nuclear war than it has ever been;
- Financial experts feel that there will be a run on the dollar and interest rates will go much higher in the next 18 months;
- The politics in Jefferson County in general are such that a citizen feels that people won't vote for any incumbent and this is not a good time for the County to think about raising taxes;
- A citizen wondered what will happen if the County's proposed sales tax increase doesn't pass in November?
- There was a fund raiser at the Drive-In Theater for the Recreation Center and Memorial Field;
- A citizen feels a tax increase is needed, but this is not a good time to try to get one approved and he suggested that a sunset provision be placed on the sales tax increase;
- All tax increases on the ballot in November will fail another citizen stated and the Board needs to think of other options for doing the work;
- The County should not hire so many consultants;
- This economic downturn will continue for a number of years;
- Is the County trying to get businesses to come here and doing what it can to help businesses that are here?;
- The broadband infrastructure project is a long term project and a citizen hopes this County will now put more public records on-line and broadcast the public meetings;
- Citizens have difficulty trusting government and any proposed tax increase should be clearly targeted, clearly limited and clearly set to end on a specific date and a citizen asked if the County understands how this tax will impact the community?;
- The Board of Commissioners should consider a sunset clause when a program, project or even an ordinance is proposed.

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

PROCLAMATION: Jefferson County Employee Appreciation Week; August 23 through 27, 2010
2 AGREEMENTS: 1) Provide Appraisal Services for Various Projects; Washington Appraisal Services; and 2) Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) County Service Program; Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
Letter of Support: HUD-Economic Development Initiative Grants for Funding of the Courthouse Roof Stabilization Project; Representative Norm Dicks, Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell
Advisory Board Resignation; North Pacific Coast Marine Resources Committee (NPC MRC); Marjorie Dickson, Citizen at Large
Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants: Dated August 16, 2010 Totaling \$624,758.35 and Dated August 18, 2010 Totaling \$1,454.50

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Katherine Baril, WSU Extension Agent reported on the grant received through the efforts of Team Jefferson to improve broadband infrastructure in east Jefferson County.

Commissioner Austin reported that the State Department of Health is coordinating a series of meetings on providing health care across the State. Commissioner Johnson said that the Timber Framers Conference will bring about 400 people to Fort Worden. The School of Fine Woodworking and Preservation is doing well and are at the end of a project to restore windows on some of the buildings at Fort Worden. Commissioner Sullivan reported that there is a time line for tank removal when a fuel station is no longer used or is waiting to be sold.

RFP (Bid) Opening for Recycling and Moderate Risk Waste Facility Operations Services County Project No. 40118460: Proposals were received from PSC (Philips Services Corporation); Skookum Corporation; and Waste Connections. The proposals will be reviewed and a recommendation for contract negotiations will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

Second Quarter Income Update from the State Department of Natural Resources: Sue Trettevik, DNR Regional Manager reported that revenue through the second quarter of the 2010 calendar year is \$131,136.00. Revenue projected for the full calendar year has been revised downward to \$550,000.00 which is \$119,000 less than was received last year.

Letter of Support: The Board approved and signed a letter of support for the Port Townsend Paper Company biomass generation project.