

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

October 12, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting and reflect their personal opinions: The Port Townsend Paper Company biomass project raises old environmental issues such as smoke adding pollution to the air and new environmental practices are needed to correct mistakes from our past; comments were made last week that DCD was bogged down with Public Records requests and information was presented that indicated that e-mails were sent to and from an elected official that were County business from an election campaign computer which are subject to the Public Records Act; The State Supreme Court recently upheld a decision that any County business done on a personal computer is still a public record and is subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act; destruction of a public record is a Class C felony; this Board has done nothing to help the economy of the County and they have not made any regulatory changes that will invite and/or keep business in the County; the County keeps shooting itself in the foot with Mr. D'Amico who would have been happy if the County had helped him grow his business; the political campaigns need to stick to the issues and stay away from personal attacks; political campaigns need to be kept civil and the Sheriff and Public Health departments are excellent; a recent court decision against Jefferson County used the term "arbitrary and capricious" which is very harsh for a court to use and the County needs to ease up on land use regulations; one of the Commissioners should be out promoting the passage of Proposition No. 1 instead of the hired gun and the Chimacum Corners project is proceeding very slowly; the Port Townsend Paper biomass project will not provide any financial benefit to the County because the ownership of the Mill is not local; the County's attitude toward the way that it manages the public's records is costing the County a lot of money; and the correspondence received from the public used to be in the agenda packet which is no longer done because the County Administrator changed the way it is handled.

CONSENT AGENDA: All of the consent agenda items were approved as follows:

Advisory Board Appointment; Jefferson County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board; Three (3) Year Term Expires October 11, 2013; Patty Perry

Advisory Board Reappointment; Jefferson County Conservation Futures Advisory Board; Four (4) Year Term Expires October 14, 2014; Elijah Christian

Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants Dated October 5, 2010 Totaling \$813,508.35 and A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated October 6, 2010 Totaling \$642,140.94

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Austin reported on the 4-H appreciation ceremony which was very well attended and recognized accomplishments and long term volunteers; tomorrow is the change of command ceremony at the Indian Island Detachment and there is a State Board of Health meeting he will attend in Olympia on Wednesday; Commissioner Johnson then advised that he will attend the Olympic Regional Air Pollution meeting this week;

Commissioner Sullivan reported that all of the Commanders that have been at Indian Island have been very responsive to the County in the last 6 years and the Board has a good relationship with the Navy.

Hearing: Declaring Certain Real Property as Surplus County Property:

After hearing no comments on this request, the Board approved a resolution declaring a lot in Oil City (West End) surplus so that it can be sold by the County Treasurer.

Hearing and Agreement: Ordinance Amending the Enhanced 911 (E-911) Excise Tax (Additional \$.20 per line) on the Use of Switched Access Lines, Radio Access Lines and Interconnected Voice Over Internet Protocol Service Lines:

After the public hearing the Board approved the Ordinance to raise this excise tax as proposed and approved an agreement with the State Department of Revenue for the collection of the tax.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING: In the afternoon the Board was updated on the following issues:

Regional Parks and Recreation Committee
Courthouse Roof Stabilization Project
Port Hadlock Wastewater (Sewer) System Financing

Calendar Coordination

Miscellaneous; The Board approved the following items:

Letter of Support for the Re-authorization of the National Marine Sanctuary Act
Resolution for the Intention to Sell Surplus County Property;

Hearing Notice and Resolution: Intention to Declare Certain Real Property as Surplus; Hearing Scheduled for October 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers