

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

November 16, 2010

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting and reflect their personal opinions: The man killed by the goat in the National Park was a loss to the community; the problem with wild animals in residential areas is bigger than people realize and people need to be warned about these dangers when they move here; in the recent election the District 3 Commissioner only received 45% of the vote in his district and a change is needed to the way people are elected in this County; the people in this County want government to succeed and there are people here that voted for the person that is working hard to make sure that Jefferson County succeeds; the County is obligated to pay prosecution costs on all cases that are brought forward and there is prosecutorial discretion in what is brought to trial; questions have to be raised about the cases that the Prosecutor elect has said will be prosecuted; there is a fundamental unfairness in the boundaries of the Commissioner districts in this County; all County processes should be examined to eliminate redundancy and time lines for permit review and issuance need to be established; there is a LUPA appeal in Kitsap County which will not be pursued by Security Services Northwest and "rule 60" for misconduct and fraud means that a damage case has no statute of limitations when fraud is involved; records were supposedly withheld by the Department of Community Development because a lawyer told the DCD Director to withhold them; and some County employees have turned off the e-mail feature that allows a sender to be notified that an e-mail was received by the person to whom it was sent and this needs to be addressed by the County.

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

3 AGREEMENTS: 1) 2007-2011 Consolidated Contract; Washington State Department of Health; 2) Quilcene-Snow Watershed Implementation Phase 4; Washington State Department of Ecology; 4) Accounting and Payroll Services; Jefferson County Library

4) Payments of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants: 1) Dated November 8, 2010 Totaling \$514,946.87; 2) Dated November 9, 2010 Totaling \$6,880.54; 3) Payroll Warrants Dated November 5, 2010 Totaling \$766,605.48; 4) A/P Warrants Done by

Payroll Dated November 5, 2010 Totaling \$608,708.91,

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

Commissioner Johnson: Yesterday the new ferry was inaugurated on the Port Townsend/Keystone run; people don't trust the State Department of Ecology especially from the farmers that live on the east side of the State. **Commissioner Sullivan:** there was support from the legislature for getting the new ferries so that there will be 2 ferries on the Port Townsend/Keystone run in the future; the PRTPO is considering putting ferry services back on the top of the priority list of transportation issues as well as the SR 20 corridor study; there were discussions at the WSAC meeting last week on the Secure Rural Schools funding and there were many new Commissioners at these meetings; WSAC is made up of Commissioners that work for the common needs of Counties and there are budget issues across all the counties in the State; future health care needs will change many programs for example OlyCap is looking into developing a new health clinic based on the new health care regulations; NACO is looking for people to serve on the national committees on health care; and many State organizations are looking at their involvement in national issues due to budget constraints; and there was discussion at WSAC among neighboring Counties about the possibility of sharing resources including staff.

Commissioner Austin: County Commissioners work on Committees that address issues that benefit the whole State; the State Board of Health is working on disease rules including making it illegal to have certain types of pets so that rabies doesn't spread beyond the bat population in the State.

County Administrator Philip Morley noted that he will conduct a visioning session after the first of the year to discuss how the County can deliver services in the future with diminished resources and the proposed 2011 budget will be available to the public on Wednesday.

HEARING; Granting a Franchise to Install the Dosewallips State Park Sewer Line on County Right-of-Way;

Washington State Parks: The Board heard oral testimony on this sewer line franchise in Brinnon and left the written testimony open until Friday 11/19/2010 at 4:30 p.m.