

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

February 15, 2011

A moment of silence was observed for 2 employees who passed away last week: Art Bliss, Public Works and Jodi Cossell, Assessor's Office.

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

- Jodi Cossell was generational to the community and a request was made that a counselor be appointed to provide some assistance for employees, especially in the Assessor's Office. The emotional and economic impact to the family will be tremendous. What about life insurance for employees? A suggestion was made the flag be lowered to half staff sometime this week.
- With regard to the complaint against Philip Morley about Proposition No.1, when he made a presentation to the Grange about it he gave factual and unbiased information. The actual inflation rate is 7-10% not the 1-2% the government reports and a quarter of the high paying jobs in the County are government jobs. Two more stores went out of business along Water Street and within 5 years we will be paying \$8/gallon for gas.

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

HEARING NOTICE: Amending the 2011 - 2016 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program; Hearing Scheduled for February 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers

5 AGREEMENTS: 1) 2011 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Grant Funding; Forks Chamber of Commerce; 2) Develop and/or Update Farm Conservation Plans; Jefferson County Conservation District; 3) Near Shore Restoration Design, Permitting and Related Services for Maynard Beach, Discovery Bay and Eastern Jefferson County; North Olympic Salmon Coalition; 4) Development Review Services; City of Poulsbo; and 5) Peninsula Regional Support Network; Kitsap County; Clallam County; Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe

UTILITY EASEMENT: Construction and Maintenance of the Dosewallips State Park Sewer Facility; Jefferson County Public Works; Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants Dated February 4, 2011 Totaling \$797,577.11 and A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated February 7, 2011 Totaling \$631,871.52

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

The Commissioners each provided updates on the following items:

Commissioner Johnson reported that he testified at the State Legislature Ways and Means Committee hearing on the Gravel Extraction Tax bill in Olympia last week; the State has determined that 50% of the sand and gravel extraction tax would go to transportation fund and the other 50% would go to the General Fund.

Commissioner Austin noted that he was in Olympia last Friday and met with several representatives about public health and mental health legislation; the bill that would have negatively impacted our local substance abuse treatment center has been changed to only apply to larger counties.

Commissioner Sullivan reported that there are several bills that will impact funding for mental health services and he was in Olympia discussing that with our legislators. There are many changes happening at the State and Federal levels which will impact local programs and services. He will be attending a "Community Conversation" in Quilcene this weekend.

Philip Morley noted that tomorrow at 11 a.m. there will be a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners to consider authorization of a \$2.1 million bond issue to be used for the Port Hadlock sewer and a JeffCom tower installation.

Proposals for Public Defense Services:

The Board approved the review committee's recommendation and directed that the County Administrator negotiate a contract with Jefferson Associated Council for these services.