

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Tuesday's Commissioner Meeting

February 23, 2011

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

- The meeting at Quilcene on Saturday was very productive and worked toward creating a positive view of the Quilcene community and it would be good if that type of meeting can be replicated in other communities in the County.
- There have been letters in the newspaper suggesting that the Commissioner's Public Comment Period be discontinued. This is the only time for the public to speak to all three Commissioners at the same time. There is no conversation with the Board at this time which needs to be changed. The Hospital Commissioners have their meetings in the evening and they have a free flowing public session.
- Commissioner Johnson was thanked for the time he has spent in Olympia representing the County. People need to be put back to work.
- The Board was asked why they are not following the strategies outlines in the Strategic Plan? Community meetings need to be held so the Board has discourse with the citizens. The suggestion was made that the Board meet on the 5th Monday for the purpose of having discourse with citizens.

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

2 RESOLUTIONS; 1) Finding and Determination to Declare Certain Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Disposal; and 2) Re-establishing Jefferson County Cash Drawer, Petty Cash Account and Revolving Fund Amounts in Various County Departments

2 AGREEMENTS: 1) 2011 Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) Grant Funding; Quilcene Historical Museum and 2) Professional Services Related to Oral Health; Cynthia Newman

Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants Dated February 14, 2011 Totaling 903,406.58

Payment of Jefferson County A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated February 5, 2011 Totaling \$110,033.56

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

The Commissioners each provided updates on the following items:

Chairman Austin noted that it was a busy weekend with a meeting of the Goddard College Board of Trustees looking at Fort Worden and Jefferson County. He added that the number one capital project in the State Capital budget is refurbishing the school building at Fort Worden. The Kiwanis are presenting a Youth Leadership recognition event on Sunday and there will be a ground breaking for the Historical Society research center.

Commissioner Johnson reported that the Quilcene Community Conversation meeting was very productive and effective and focused on what they can accomplish in a year. The City and the PDA are working diligently to keep Fort Worden open. He attended the Hood Canal Coordinating Council meeting last week where they worked on the revolving loan program for repair of faulty and installation of new septic systems. They are trying to get \$1.5 million from the State capital budget to keep this program working.

Commissioner Sullivan noted that the ideas, the work and the impetus to have the conversation is all coming from the citizens of Quilcene. He will be going to Olympia tomorrow to support O3A and then to a Peninsula Development District meeting and a RC&D meeting later in the week in Sequim.

Philip Morley, County Administrator reported that The County's strategic plan identifies supporting our unique communities which supports local efforts within each community. A news release was sent out about the Bonds that were approved last week after a thorough financial review by Standards and Poors which resulted in a bond rating of AA- which is a higher rating than the City and the Port have received. He will be meeting tomorrow with the City Manager about regional services agreements.

Board Appointment: After interviewing 4 interested citizens, the Board appointed Michael Smith to serve on the Board of Equalization.

AGREEMENT: Indigent Defense Services: After review the Board approved the agreement with Jefferson Associated Counsel to provide indigent defense services from March 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013