

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

March 1, 2011

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

- The property tax for the Port Townsend Paper Company Mill changes every year and appears to have gone down over the years and the contents of an inert landfill at the Mill are monitored by the County. A chemical analysis is done but the Mill selects and submits it to the testing agency and the County may be at risk;
- Shellfish Growers are happy with the locally adopted SMP and the recommendation made and sent back to the County, but the DCD staff have made some suggested changes that will impact shellfish growing in the County;
- The Board and staff were thanked for their work on the SMP and some of the staff suggested changes to SMP have removed specificity between the types of aquaculture and that will have a negative impact on the local shellfish industry;
- The staff proposed aquaculture provision of the SMP addresses "non-native" species and this would impact the many non-native shellfish that are a large part of the shellfish industry in the County. The County needs to adopt the DOE recommendations.
- The franchise agreement for PSE needs to be amended so that it does not allow a fee to be charged for fiber optics carried on their poles. The expense to pay a person to do minutes for the Health Board is an unnecessary expense and there should be a time limit on the agreement.
- Changes need to be made to buildings in Port Townsend because of the possibility of an earthquake in the next few years. The County should require any retailer that sells products like "Weed and Feed" to hand out a material safety data sheet with it because it tells the purchaser the danger of using it due to the very toxic substances it contains;
- A representative of shellfish aquaculture growers stated that some of the DCD staff recommended changes are too broad and asked the Board to approve the DOE version of the SMP;
- A representative of the Washington Fish Growers Association urged the Board to adopt the DOE required and recommended changes to the SMP
- DOE has slapped the County's hand for banning a water dependant use in the SMP;
- The US Congress is proposing to take a large amount of funding from the Women, Infant and Children program and the Board was asked to write a note to our congressional delegation;
- Why is the County spending \$2,500 on having someone do the minutes for the Health Board? There was a question about a meeting in 2004 as well as several public records requests at that time.

CONSENT AGENDA: 3 items were deleted with 2 being approved later and the agreement for preparation of minutes for the Health Board delayed until the next agenda. The following items were approved:

HEARING NOTICE: Granting a Franchise to Install and Operate Electric Power Facilities in Eastern Jefferson County; Puget Sound Energy; Hearing Scheduled for March 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chambers

5 AGREEMENTS: 1) 2011-2013 Community Litter Cleanup Program Funds; Washington State Department of Ecology; 2) Sheriff's Office Commissary and Cash Handling Services; Swanson Services; 3) Administration of North Pacific Coast Marine Resources Committee; Clallam County; 4) Administrative Support as Assistant 4-H Coordinator; Susan Hay; and 5) For Beach Watcher Coordinator with Marine Resource Committee; Washington State University
Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants: Dated February 17, 2011 Totaling \$2,154.93 and Dated February 22, 2011 Totaling \$181,442.86 and Payroll Warrants Dated February 17, 2011 Totaling \$88,597.41 and A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated February 17, 2011 Totaling \$16,205.48

Advisory Board Appointment: Peninsula Housing Authority; Term Expires February 28, 2014; Samuel Shusterman.

Appointments to the Exploratory Regional Parks and Recreation Committee: The Board approved the following appointments to this Committee: Phil Johnson, Rich Stapf, Kathleen Kler, Brian Miller, Pamela Roberts, Brian Belmont, Jean Baldwin, Tony Hernandez, Nancy Thompson, David Anderson, Gene Laes, Craig Downs and Mike Glenn.

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Commissioners each provided updates on the following items:
Commissioner Sullivan noted that he participated in a conference call with several counties that have interest in the ferry service. The State is not considering a "ferry district" at this time. The process for appointments to the Ferry Advisory Committee will be started.

Chairman Austin complimented the County Road Department for their work to clear the roads and Jefferson Transit buses for running during the snow storm. He will be in Washington DC next week to meet with members of our Congressional Delegation about funding issues.

Commissioner Johnson noted that he will be going to Olympia on Wednesday for a meeting of the WSAC Legislative Steering Committee. The gravel extraction tax legislation is being reviewed by the Legislature's Ways and Means Committee.

Philip Morley noted that good progress is being made in negotiating regional services agreements with the City for Jail, Animal Services, Substance Abuse and the Courts.