

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

March 15, 2011

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

- With the disaster in Japan and the nuclear fuel rods melting in 3 reactors, what impact could that have on the people of Jefferson County?; what is the County doing in the hotel business (Brinnon)?; Paradise Bay seafood provided jobs for people when the net pens were operating; and there is a tremendous amount of flooding in the Discovery Bay area
- There is concern that the Board will not separate shellfish aquaculture from net pen aquaculture in the provisions of the LASMP
- Appreciation for the Board allowing all of the changes to the LASMP to be subject of the public hearing; a comparison was made between the 2004 budget and the 2011 budget which is twice as much; the PT School District may be out of money by the end of the year and if they write checks they will draw down the County reserves.
- There is a bill to allow private corporations to build infrastructure in areas where local government doesn't have the money to do it; in the future this area will have the same type of disaster as Japan and it is imperative to get the UGA underway to broaden our economic base to take care of a tragedy.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board approved all of the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

6 AGREEMENTS: 1) 2007-2011 Consolidated Contract for Public Health; Washington State Department of Health; 2) Joint Plan of Responsibilities for Regulation of Water Systems in Jefferson County; Washington State Department of Health; 3) Developmental Disabilities Services; Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS); 4) On-Line Food Worker Training, Testing and Card Issuance; Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department; 5) Development of an On-Site Septic Loan Program; Clallam County Environmental Health Department; and 6) Public Outreach Services for Paradise Bay Road, Phase II; Triangle Associates, Inc.

2 Advisory Board Resignations; Climate Action Committee; James Fritz and Tim Behrenfeld

Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants Dated March 3, 2011 Totaling \$757,681.47 and

A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated March 7, 2011 Totaling \$606,676.38

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:

The Commissioners each provided updates on the following items:

Commissioner Sullivan said there are many challenges ahead as the State budget is balanced. This year has been different because of the unknown budget issues at the federal level; Chairman Austin reported that he was in Washington DC last week talking with the State Congressional delegation who are supporting the programs that impact our County but these programs and services are at risk. He discussed the Dosewallips River with Congressman Dicks who is enthusiastic about doing what he can to encourage the Forest Service and Park Service to fund the repair of the road. He also attended a Public Infrastructure Fund meeting last week and the Port Townsend Business Park transportation improvements and the PUD Sparling Well project were approved for funding. He will be meeting with some citizens on the Upper Hoh this week. Commissioner Johnson went to the ground breaking ceremony for 4 houses being started by Habitat for Humanity. He will be in Olympia again on Wednesday and Thursday as well as the Hood Canal Coordinating Council meeting on Wednesday.

Philip Morley explained that the Public Infrastructure Fund is an offset from the State sales tax. The PIF Board recommended that the PUD and City loan/grants be converted into 100% grants. There is still funding available through this fund and a letter of interest will be issued for projects that need funding.

2 BID AWARDS: The Board awarded the following bids as recommended by staff:

- 1) Official County Newspaper to the Port Townsend/Jefferson County Leader and 2) Recycling Services to Skookum Educational Program.

Shoreline Management Plan Review: The Board continued their review of the DOE required and recommended changes to the locally approved SMP.