

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

May 17, 2011

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

- Why is there a \$10,000+ contract to maintain the Jefferson County Health Department website on today's Consent Agenda? There is nothing being provided in this contract to guarantee backup of public records, availability of the site, or training for staff as stated in the agenda bill. This contract is overpriced and not well written.
- A Quilcene resident updated the Board on community activities in Quilcene and then asked who will be in charge of any additional volunteers when the MOU for the Quilcene Park re-opening is approved?
- There is a science war going on about net pens and DOE would like the County to make the decision through a local Conditional Use Permit process. The Board should not make such approvals by a conditional use permit. The State DOE should approve netpens not the County; the meeting on a new voluntary process for agriculture is a breath of fresh air and a good approach to use.
- The DOE sent a letter to the County dated May 9 regarding the County's prohibition of netpens and other water dependent uses in the LASMP. Water dependent uses are preferred uses under the SMA and the County will be sued if this prohibition is retained. DOE is the approving agency for the SMP.
- The Port Townsend Paper Biomass project will burn slash and it has been said this will reduce slash burning in the woods. Information was provided about how much slash is actually available on the Peninsula at this time. The Biomass Project will burn almost anything.
- Scientists are saying that the next 10 years will be colder than normal and sun spots have slowed down which will also contribute to increased cold temperature. Many States have laid off school teachers and are cutting other services such as building officials.

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board deleted the Agreement for website hosting and maintenance for Jefferson County Public Health with LineAngle Internet Solutions and approved the balance of the items on the Consent Agenda as presented.

2 AGREEMENTS: 1) Individual Employment, Person to Person Services and Community Information and

Education for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities; Concerned Citizens and 2) Dismal Creek Culvert Replacement, Upper Hoh Road MP 9.19; Anderson Environmental Contracting LLC

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: Long Term Management of the First Twelve (12) Miles of the Upper Hoh Road; Upper Hoh Road Interagency Working Group; US Department of Interior; US Department of Transportation; and Washington State Department of Transportation

1 BID AWARD: East Price Street Improvement Project No. CR-1806; Shold Excavating, Inc.

Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants Dated May 9, 2011 Totaling \$353,713.84

Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants Dated May 5, 2011 Totaling \$786,310.35 and A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated May 5, 2011 Totaling \$627,511.07

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Commissioners each provided updates on the following items:

Chairman Austin noted that he attended the Launch Party on Saturday evening for Port Townsend's radio station (KPTZ). It can be heard around the County and Emergency Management will use it to air emergency communications. There was a film presented at Chimacum School last weekend about the pressures students face in school. He will miss the meeting for the "Hearts of Service" award given by the Peninsula Daily News. The 4 people being recognized are very deserving.

Commissioner Johnson noted that he will be going on vacation on Wednesday and will be gone 6 days total. He attended a Renewable Energy Forum last week that included a program on wind and tidal turbines. There is a lot of study to be done on the impacts of these turbines.

Commissioner Sullivan said that he will attend the "Hearts of Service" award program.

Philip Morley explained that an invitation for letters of interest for projects that qualify for Public Infrastructure Funds will be mailed this week. The applicants must be public agencies with projects geared toward infrastructure to support economic development. The first meeting of a regional parks committee is scheduled for next week.

The Board approved an agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Quilcene Campground and Day Use Park with Clayton White.