

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

May 24, 2011

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

- Sunfield School has brought many economic benefits to the County the past 4 years. They are a struggling non-profit corporation and the Board was urged to support their request for a fee waiver.
- A listing of binding site plan fees for several counties in Washington was provided to the Board. Jefferson County's fee is higher than many other counties. Support was expressed for the County waiving, in whole or in part, the binding site plan fee for Sunfield Farm.
- Sunfield Farm operates programs for children and the cost of the binding site plan fee will cut into the ability to provide these programs.
- DCD gave Sunfield Farm 5 years to finish the Conditional Use Permit and they have done that. \$11,000 in fees has been imposed on Sunfield Farm and it is an agricultural accessory use and there is an exemption that allows fees to be waived for agricultural projects and the County should grant Sunfield's request.
- Quilcene volunteers are concentrating their efforts on many community projects but the business group is not making any headway because of 2 main barriers which are water (fire flow) and wastewater (sewer or septic).
- Maritime security teams from Security Services NW provided water borne security for a large asset that went through the Straits of Juan de Fuca last week and they are working on a "Shoot House" for training security and law enforcement agencies.
- Quilcene was a major economic driver in Jefferson County a number of years ago and was a tremendous asset; if a major forest fire breaks out it will burn itself out because there isn't enough local equipment and other resources to fight a forest fire as a result of the decline of the timber industry.
- There are still concerns about the item that the Board pulled from the Consent Agenda last week which is back on the consent agenda today. It is a bad deal. How did the fee waiver for DCD fees even get on the agenda? Sunfield Farm is a private school and every child that doesn't go to the public schools takes \$5,500 in funding away from public schools that are struggling for money and the DCD recommendation to deny this waiver should be followed.
- Why does the Board have the fee waiver on the Board's agenda when the County Administrator has been delegated to do this type of work? The Board should not be reviewing legislative actions. The Board should stop interjecting themselves to the administrative decisions that have been delegated to the County Administrator.

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

**HEARING NOTICE:** 2011 Conservation Futures Funding Program Applications; Hearing Scheduled for June 27, 2011 at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Jefferson County Courthouse

**5 AGREEMENTS:** 1) Website Hosting and Maintenance; LineAngle Internet Solutions; 2) Hood Canal Watershed Clean Water Project; Jefferson County Conservation District; 3) Courthouse ADA Door Modernization Project; Little and Little Construction; 4) E. Price Street Improvement Project, County Road No. 667009, M.P. 0.00 to M.P. 0.25; Shold Excavating, Inc.; and 5) Willoughby Creek Bridge Emergency Repair, County Project No. XO1825, Upper Hoh Road M.P. 3.50; Seton Construction

**MOU/MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT:** Washington Counties Select Retrospective Rating Program; Washington State Association of Counties

**Request to Convene** for the Purpose of Hearing Property Tax Appeals for the Year 2011; Jefferson County Board of Equalization

**Advisory Board Resignation;** Jefferson County Lodging Tax Advisory Council (LTAC); Miriam Villiard, Inn at Port Ludlow  
**Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants Dated** May 16, 2011 Totaling \$595,963.76

**COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION:** The Commissioners each provided updates on the following items: Chairman Austin reported that he met with the Director of the Island County Health Department and discussed how Island County handles fees especially for food establishments. The State Board of Health discussed Class B water systems and they are changing the definition; He will be going to the first meeting of the Regional Parks Advisory Board in place of Commissioner Johnson. The JEFFCom meeting on Thursday has been cancelled and moved to a week later. Commissioner Sullivan said that he has heard many people asking for the ferry service to Whidbey Island to run later in the evening once 2 ferries are working again. The ADO designation will be discussed at a meeting of Joint Economic Development officials tomorrow.

**Mats Mats Beach Homeowner's Association Water and Effluent Line Franchise:** At the conclusion of the public hearing the Board approved the franchise as presented by Public Works.

**Fee Waiver; DCD Binding Site Plan Permit Fee; Sunfield Farm:** The Board postponed action on this fee waiver request to obtain a legal opinion on whether the Board or the County Administrator should act on this.