

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

June 7, 2011

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

- The collection and burning of forest waste, known as biomass, to produce energy is especially hazardous to human health and current regulation will not protect the public. The County should impose a moratorium on biomass projects to provide time to review the impacts of these projects
- A petition of over 180 clients of Arrow Lumber was presented to support the Arrow Lumber application to add a second building at their site on Highway 20
- The biomass project should not be approved and a letter to the Leader was read regarding this project
- Quilcene residents and local agencies have met and developed a letter of intent on fire flow for the commercial area and they are going to apply for PIF funding which would cover approximately ½ of the cost of the system;
- Biomass projects like the one at PT Paper Company depend on 2 conditions which are bad forest management practices and bad emission controls
- There is no mention of what happened on the fee waiver requested by a non-profit group last week; Information about the Arrow Lumber request should not come to the Board, it should go directly to the County Administrator because the County Code delegates that authority to the County Administrator
- A clarification of information given to the Board on the Sportsmen's Club range by the Environmental Health Department. The EPA has been to the range site and made recommendations on storm water drainage which have been corrected and it has not been proven that the storm runoff contains any lead
- The business at restaurants around the County is declining and the economy is going to be worse than it was during the great depression. The Board should do everything they can to do improve the local economy
- The preamble to the public comment period was eliminated and now there is good public discourse during this time, however, the original purpose of the preamble was to keep people from making land use comments that are not properly made to the Board of Commissioners.

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

**HEARING NOTICE:** Six Year Transportation Improvement Plan; Hearing Scheduled for June 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers

**RESOLUTION:** Establishing the Date for 2012 Budget Submissions, Review Hearings and Final Adoption

**2 AGREEMENTS:** 1) Preliminary Level Coastal Processes Assessment for Jefferson County Marine Resources Committee (MRC); Coast and Harbor Engineering, Inc.; and 2) Management and Coordination Services for the Jefferson County Marine Resource Committee (MRC); LaRoche and Associates

**PAYMENT; JC Vouchers / Warrants:** Dated May 23, 2011 totaling \$650,452.60

**PAYMENT; JC Vouchers/ Warrants:** Dated May 23, 2011 totaling \$1,071.62 and Payroll Warrants dated May 20, 2011 totaling \$89,173.81 and A/P Warrants done by Payroll dated May 6, 2011 totaling \$108,173.24 and dated May 20, 2011 totaling \$16,491.13

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

Chairman Austin reported that the State Board of Health, which he Chairs, is meeting this week in the first face to face meeting this year. The funding for Building 202 was included in the State Capital budget. He attended a Timber Counties meeting last week and the timber market is improving because of the need for building materials in Asian countries.

Commissioner Sullivan reported he will be meeting with the search committee for a new WSU Extension Agent tomorrow and then on Friday he will be meeting with a sub-committee of the PDD to draft the group's development strategy.

Commissioner Johnson reported that he will be attending meetings in several areas this week. He noted that improving timber sales don't mean that there is any more work for local lumber mills because the timber processing is done in the Asian countries that purchase the timber.

**PROCLAMATION:** The Board approved a proclamation recognizing Port Townsend's first community radio station (KPTZ 91.9) and the volunteers who worked to establish it.

**Support for Team Jefferson:** The Board guaranteed an additional \$12,500 from the dedicated Economic Development Fund for the 2011 allocation to Team Jefferson in the event other funding partners are not able to perform.

**City of Port Townsend Interlocal Agreement Changes:** The Board approved changes to the Interlocal agreement with the City of Port Townsend as presented by the County Administrator.