

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

June 28, 2011

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

- The Board was thanked for organizing Community Input meetings to dialogue with citizens and for the preamble language read at the beginning of the Public Comment Period. A suggestion was made that the Public Comment Period be discontinued and that a video of the Commissioners meetings be streamed to the County website. Other suggestions were also made including using the 5th Monday for the Board to meet and dialogue back and forth with citizens.
- The current Mayor of Port Townsend said that the reason people come here is because it is a funky old town and he doesn't understand why people are trying to turn it into a "boutique" town. We have to move heaven and earth to get jobs in the County and raising the building footprint to 50,000 square feet would help. The economy is going to continue to get worse and there is a long way to go before it hits bottom.
- The Jefferson Land Trust has a sign at Tamanowus Rock that portrays property as "private" land that is being called a "sanctuary." Sanctuary has spiritual significance. When public funds are used to purchase property it cannot be for spiritual reasons. RCW 84.34.250 which the Land Trust operates under does not allow them to restrict access to public land.
- When people commenting during the Public Comment Period verbally attack other people attending the meeting why isn't that put in the minutes? Why aren't certain people allowed to speak during the Commissioners meeting such as when the Representative of from the ferry system made a presentation last week?

CONSENT AGENDA: The Board approved the items on the consent agenda as presented:

CANCELLATION NOTICE: County Commissioner Regular Meeting; Scheduled for Monday, July 18, 2011

HEARING NOTICE: Hoh Tribe Water System Franchise; Hearing Scheduled for July 25, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers

2 RESOLUTIONS: 1) Vacation of a Portion of Mumby Road; James Burnell and Andrea Vitalich, Petitioners, and 2) Creation of County Project; Undie Road Realignment Acquisition Project; County Road No. 150009

2 AGREEMENTS: 1) Convert and Maintain the Jefferson County Code On-Line in HTML Format on Code Publishing Website; Code Publishing; and 2) Purchase Law and Fire RMS/Mobile Infrastructure Software; New World Systems

Approval and Expedition of Special Occasion Liquor License Application for Pleasant Harbor Yacht Club; Washington State Liquor Control Board

Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers / Warrants Dated June 20, 2011 totaling 185,614.90 and dated June 21, 2011 totaling \$1,912.00

Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants dated June 20, 2011 totaling \$89,674.73 and A/P Warrants done by Payroll dated June 4, 2011 totaling \$116,208.40 and dated June 21, 2011 totaling \$16,528.46

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Board members reviewed their calendars for the week and advised that they will be attending a Transit meeting at 1 p.m. tomorrow. They provided updates on the following items:

Chairman Austin explained that the Emergency Management Trailer was set up by the Maritime Center over the weekend and the Ham Radio operators were connecting with people across the US.

Commissioner Sullivan reported that he visited the Ham Radio site that was operating on Marrowstone Island over the weekend.

Commissioner Johnson will attend the celebration for the Salish on Thursday and attend a PDA meeting tomorrow. Philip Morley reported that a legal determination was made that the County Administrator could make the determination on the fee waiver request from Sunfield Farm. He presented a letter to Sunfield Farm which advised them that the fee waiver could not be granted because it did not meet the criteria for approval.

Re- Funding 2003 Bond: The Board approved the refinancing of a 2003 bond issue to a lower interest rate which will include funding of the new JeffCom RMS System. The County will save \$91,496.00 over the life of the issue. An ILA will be developed with the City, Sheriff (County) and the Fire Districts to assure that the County is not responsible for the entire debt. A short term loan was also approved for JeffCom to cover the payment until bond funds are received.

Conservation Futures Projects for 2011: After the public hearing, the Board approved 2 projects recommended for funding by the Conservation Futures Advisory Committee: 1) Carleson Chimacum Creek Project, and 2) the Winona Basin - Bloedel Project. The total for the 2 projects is \$69,250.