

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

November 15, 2011

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

- A citizen asked the Board to be transparent as to what their rules are during the Commissioners meetings;
- A citizen stated the Board has the discretion on who is allowed to speak while conducting business of the meeting;
- A citizen stated that all citizens should fight for the freedom of speech and the Board should not cut people off, it is rude; spoke in favor of the new policy in place in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office not allowing Plea Bargaining in District Court; a body was found dead in Kai Tai Park last week and an autopsy should have been done;
- A citizen stated there are not any scientific documents to support the Climate Action Committee's Plan and if the Plan is approved it will result in the Port Townsend Paper Mill closing;
- A citizen asked the Board to read a book regarding global warming and stated there is no scientific evidence that global warming is a problem;
- A citizen urged the Board to wait to adopt the Climate Action Plan as the County does not have any money to support the committee's recommendations and the plan will only result in the Port Townsend Paper Mill's closure;
- A citizen stated the County needs jobs because a depression is coming that will be greater than the Great Depression; Israel and Iran are about to be at war with each other which will result in gas costing twice as much; China is becoming a Superpower country;
- A citizen stated the Associated Press released a statement that global warming gasses have exceeded what experts predicted 4 years ago;
- A citizen stated that global warming is real and asked the Board to rely on information from the International Academy of Science;
- A citizen asked the Board not to approve the Climate Action Plan and the UN appears to not have credibility;
- A citizen asked the Board to allow the Public Comment Period to be extended as there are citizens driving from far away only to not have a chance to speak.

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

7 AGREEMENTS: 1) NO. G1200127: Northeast Jefferson Clean Water Project; Washington State Department of Ecology; 2) Conservation Futures Project; Carlson Chimacum Creek Acquisition; Jefferson Land Trust; 3) Conservation Futures Project; Winona Basin - Bloedel Project; Jefferson Land Trust; 4) Jury+ Management System Software; Jury System Incorporated; 5) NO. 180-

543-1858, Change Order No. 1: Hoh Shop Roof Retrofit Project; PHC Construction, LLC; 6) 2012 Shelter and Related Animal Services; Humane Society of Jefferson County; and 7) 2011-2013 Economic Development Services; Economic Development Council Team Jefferson

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: No. FY2009-PU-T9-K044: Grant Funding; Federal Emergency Management Act (FEMA) Homeland Security Port Security Grant Program (PSGP); Northwest Maritime Advisory Service, d/b/a Marine Exchange of Puget Sound

Payment of Jefferson County Warrants: Dated November 7, 2011 Totaling \$579,164.21 and November 8, 2011 Totaling \$961.17

Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants: Dated November 4, 2011 Totaling \$799,036.49 and A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated November 4, 2011 Totaling \$641,762.29

Commissioners Briefing Session:

Chairman Austin attended a ceremony at the American Legion on Veterans Day, met with the new Director of WSU Extension and attended a meeting regarding ocean acidification last week.

Commissioner Johnson will be attending a Washington Association of Counties Conference, a Steering Committee meeting, Exploratory Regional Parks and Recreation meeting and a Coastal Caucus meeting next week.

Commissioner Sullivan will be attending an open house at the Historical Society and a meeting for an evaluation of the new Jefferson Transit manger this week.

Letter of Support: The Board approved a letter of support for the Hood Canal Coordinating Council to receive funding for the Hood Canal Regional Stormwater Retrofit Plan; Kim Harper, RFP Coordinator for Washington State Department of Ecology.

Hearing Notice: Redistricting: After the Board listened to the County Administrator explain the 3 alternatives for redistricting the Commissioners districts they approved a hearing notice for Monday, November 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers to receive public testimony.

Climate Action Plan: The Board discussed the Climate Action Plan with staff from the Department of Community Development and the City of Port Townsend. The Board approved a joint Resolution with the City of Port Townsend adopting the Climate Action Plan.