

Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

July 3, 2012

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

- A member of the Jefferson County Ecological Roadsides group reported activities that are attended; bee colonies are declining and citizens can help them by rebuilding the environment and in the fall there will be a class for farmers on how they can help build a pollen pathway;
- A citizen read a report by the Chair of the Jefferson County Noxious Weed Board regarding herbicides and they spoke against the spraying of herbicides;
- A citizen updated the Board on events scheduled in Quilcene including the opening of the Linger Longer Road Stage and the opening of a consignment shop;
- A citizen stated Wild Chervil can be mowed three times before it seeds and non-toxic weed control is available and asked the Board to redirect funding from the Jefferson County Noxious Weed Control Board spraying herbicides to mapping the County roadside vegetation so the road crew could mow areas that need it more often resulting in the County not needing to spray herbicides;
- The County needs high paying jobs that support families of all ages for the economical stability of the County; and
- A citizen asked why a burn ban is discussed every year rather than streamlined? Departments should respond to public record requests with the original electronic processing document rather than a scanned in copy; and the use of the word emergency should not be used regarding budget appropriations.

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

2 RESOLUTIONS: 1) HEARING NOTICE: 2nd Quarter 2012 Budget Appropriations/Extensions; Various County Departments; Hearing scheduled for Monday, July 16, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers; and 2) Establishing the Prosecuting Attorney's Salary for 2012

1 AGREEMENT: NO. 180 543 1868: Provide Septic Planning and Design; Quilcene Shop Development Project; Ericson Design Inc.

Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants:
Dated June 25, 2012 Totaling \$262,105.05

Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants:
Dated June 7, 2012 Totaling \$122,710.49

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

Chairman Austin attended a change of command ceremony in Everett last week. The State Auditor has begun the annual County audit and the American Legion will have a local band performing on July 4th. Commissioner Sullivan met with staff of the Washington State Department of Commerce regarding housing issues, attended a Peninsula Development District (PDD) meeting and a Recourse Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council meeting last week. Congress approved a bill that helps the continuation of transportation projects, the Secure Rural Schools funding has been temporarily re-authorized at a minimal level and Olympic Community Action Program (OlyCap) Advisory Board has a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Johnson stated the future of a new air monitor for Port Townsend is undecided and he will know more when he attends the next Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) meeting scheduled in August.

Jefferson County Burn Ban: The Board unanimously approved a resolution declaring a Jefferson County burn ban on open debris burning other than recreation fires for the 2012 fire season.

Jefferson County Washington State University (WSU) Extension Programs: WSU Extension Director Dr. Laura Lewis gave a presentation regarding programs at the Jefferson County WSU Extension.

Letter of Support: The Board approved a letter of support to the Washington State Recreational and Conservation Office for the Nature Conservancy's Clearwater Riparian Protection project.

Hotel / Motel Funding: The Board approved an additional \$18,000 payment to the Hotel / Motel Fund for lodging tax recipients. This amount will be included in the third quarter budget appropriations.

Jefferson County 2012 Community Forest Trust Application: The Board approved the Chair to sign the Jefferson County 2012 Community Forest Trust application to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources.