

# Board's Official Business

Highlights from Monday's Commissioner Meeting

September 25, 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 citizen reviewed the efforts of Jefferson County Ecological Roadsides and asked for an ordinance prohibiting the spray of herbicides;
- A citizen presented a petition with approximately 4,000 signatures requesting the Board approve an ordinance prohibiting the spray of herbicides and they asked the Board to allocate \$4,000 to the road department from the Jefferson County Weed Control Board;
- A citizen commented on a study on rats exposed to Roundup and discussed the suicide rate among soldiers;
- A citizen stated salmon recovery operations are failing due to the environment and urged the Board to approve an ordinance prohibiting the spray of herbicides in County Rights-of-Way;
- A citizen stated the more people that are educated about weed control, the less amount of tools will be needed to control the weeds;
- A citizen asked the Board to conduct community outreach to citizens regarding weed control;
- A citizen stated Wild Chervil can be controlled without herbicides and the use of herbicides should be discouraged;
- A citizen stated the Jefferson County noxious Weed Control Board website has instructions that include the use of Roundup, which should be removed;
- A citizen stated roadside spraying could infiltrate local agriculture and organic farms and suggested the Board have a one year moratorium on the spraying of herbicides;
- A citizen stated the Board should support natural ways of controlling weeds and encourage community involvement; and
- A citizen stated a property owner has a right to tell the County they cannot spray herbicides on their property in the Rights-of-Way.

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

**HEARING NOTICE:** Proposed Ordinance to Update Fees for Recording a Public Record as Prescribed by the Survey Recording Act; Hearing scheduled for Monday, October 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers

**AGREEMENTS (2):** 1) Change Order No. 1: Installation of Metal Roof; Hoh Shop Equipment Shed Project, County Project No. 180 543 1858; Evergreen Farmers; and 2) Construction Surveying Services; Larry Scott Trail, M.P. 6.0 to M.P. 7.3, County Project No. 18010697; Wengler Surveying & Mapping

**Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants:** Dated September 17, 2012 Totaling \$1,011,734.91

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

Chairman Austin attended a presentation regarding the hazards of shellfish and a drug court graduation last week. He will be attending a ceremony at Goddard college this week.

Commissioner Sullivan attended a Marrowstone Island Community meeting and an Exit Interview with the Washington State Auditor's Office for Jefferson Transit. He will be attending a Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) and Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) meeting this week.

Commissioner Johnson announced that a conference will be occurring at Fort Worden that will attract 400 people.

**Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) County Income Report:** Staff from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources updated the Board with information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter County Income Report.

**Shoreline Management Program Response to Washington State Department of Ecology:** The Board approved, under protest, a letter informing the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) that the County will proceed with the option to develop criteria for a conditional use permit process allowing in-water finfish aquaculture in the Jefferson County Shoreline Master Program.