

County Administrator's Briefing Notes

2:00 PM Monday – February 28, 2005

Commissioners' Conference Room

What are we asking for?
Why is it important?
Is it realistic?

Attendance: Chair Chris Endresen, Commissioner Patty Lent, Commissioner Jan Angel, Administrator Cris Gears, Ben Holland and Arley Bright Administrative Services, Bud Harris Information Services, Jeff McCormick (HBA), Tim Mathes (KAPO) and Administrative Specialist Deborah Heller.

2:00

1. Convene Meeting & Approve Minutes of Previous Briefing:

2/14 PM Brief: approved with corrections

2:10

2. Broadband Issues and Background (Bud Harris)

Action: Refer to Executive Summary.

Commissioner Endresen:

- BOCC will schedule a separate franchise discussion.
- Tasked Bud Harris to provide a diagram that delineates service providers.
- Tasked Bud Harris to talk to Mayor Abel and to check with legal about talking to Port Orchard regarding splitting the cost of Wave Cable contract.
- Requested to know if this can be accomplished and final costs involved.

Commissioner Lent:

- Executive Council of KRCC is voting tomorrow on the funding that has been requested to study the future implementation of broadband in the county.
- Agreed with Commissioner Endresen about getting a good contract with options.

Commissioner Angel:

- Requested to know if one consultant could accomplish negotiations, and at what cost.

Ben Holland:

- County does not have the funds in the current biennial budget to move up franchise negotiations with Wave Cable.
- Differences in housing densities may impact franchise contract.

Cris Gears:

- County has two roles: user and coordination/partner to ensure there is seamless service countywide as other customers look to us.
- Requested to know if there are currently any urban growth areas that could effect this program.

3:00

3. Administration Building Topping-Off Ceremony (BOCC)

Action:

Adjourn to topping off ceremony.

3:30

3. Distribution of Hotel/Motel Tax (Ben Holland)

Action: Refer to Executive Summary

Commissioner Endresen:

- The BOCC needs to discuss the Lodging Tax Policy. These funds are distributed to promote tourism and the arts.
- There needs to be written criteria. The Lodging Tax committee is a recommending body only; the BOCC is the decision maker. Board will work on criteria in June.
- Dance Group does not need all the money in 2005 as the event is in May 2006, will address 2006 needs next year.
- Would like to see the VCB get more private funding. As the Hampton inn generates more revenue for Bremerton they should take on more of the responsibility of funding the entities in their jurisdictions.
- Commissioners will give \$333 from each District to Science fair. \$106,000 to the VCB, \$10,000 this year to dance group, \$10,000 to the Symphony, \$40,000 to the Admiral Theatre, \$28,000 to Quicksilver Hydroplane Races and \$24,000 to debt service.

Commissioner Lent:

- Quicksilver Hydroplane Races were discussed last year and the BOCC did give approval of the entire \$35,000. If the Board does not give them the remainder of \$28,000 they cannot move forward.
- Approves the concept of setting aside a certain amount of the Lodging Tax funds to other venues that have matching funds.
- All but 20% of the Kitsap Peninsula Visitor and Convention Bureau funds go to administration, not tourism.
- Silverdale does not have a city to draw from. They rely totally on the County.
- Commissioner Lent will write the letters to applicants thanking them for their participation and advising a breakdown of lodging tax distribution.

Commissioner Angel

- The money needs to be put where it will give the County the best return.
- Agrees to support the arts through the Admiral and Symphony, but the VCB is the County vehicle for tourism and a \$30,000 reduction is quite a lot. Believes they need closer to \$100,000.
- Recommends \$106,000 to VCB, \$10,000 to the Symphony, and funds from each district to support the Washington Science Fair.

- Would like to develop the VCB to work directly with other groups seeking funding.

Cris Gears:

- Envision scoring criteria for the applications to be evaluated.
- Put this on the March 14 BOCC agenda with resolution; \$106,000 Kitsap Peninsula Visitor and Convention Bureau, \$24,000 Debt Service, \$28,000 Quicksilver, \$40,000 Admiral Theatre, \$10,000 Bremerton Symphony, \$10,000 Dance Group in 2005.

Ben Holland:

- Actual revenue does appear better than projected.
- The current budget is \$200,000 but this does not take into account the revenue loss with the Hampton Inn.

4:00

4. Discuss Washington D.C. Issues/Priorities/Presentations (BOCC)

Action:

Commissioner Endresen:

Leave Seattle 3/6 at 10:55pm/returns 3/10 at 8:59am.

Staying at the Washington Hotel on Pennsylvania and 14th.

3/8 - 10am Maria Cantwell's Transit person.

6-7:30pm transit reception.

3/9 11am Jay Inslee

Issues to discuss with legislators:

Navy housing in Kingston.

Mosquito Fleet Trail/Heritage Park

Commissioner Angel:

Leave Seattle 3/4 and returns 3/9.

Issues of importance:

Consortium issues.

Workforce (local control)

Mental Health (funding)

Commissioner Lent:

Leave Seattle 3/4 at 1:15pm/ returns 3/9 at 5:30pm

Staying at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel on Woodley Rd, NW

Eight appointments set up with legislators on 3/8 and 3/9 to discuss:

Veterans fund is it state or federal for use on returning vets.

Apollo project (SEED)

TEA 21

Education/WASL

Dissolved oxygen (funding the research) sewer/septic, all 3 counties bringing forward a report, local control.

Employment/Workforce

5. Board of Commissioner's/Administrator's Issues

Action:

- Commissioner Lent and Commissioner Angel are in favor of the Auditor's request for a new full time employee in Elections. Board is not ready to go forward on the reclassification of the existing employee.
- Commissioner Endresen requested Ben Holland provide Board of County Commissioners with the financial impact of adding a program specialist to Elections.
- Cris Gears will get information on the March 14 agenda for the new position and more information on reclassifying the current position in Elections.

Commissioner Lent:

- Commissioner Angel wants to bring the solid waste program up at the Health District meeting tomorrow.
- Meeting on March 15 regarding the Geoducks settlement. Reviewing script from Shelley.
- Bremerton has the Tracyton Watershed back on the City Council agenda for consideration to sell. The County owns this property off Riddell. Can we trade this with them? Cris Gears will present this and ask them to slow down until we can give them other options. Hoping for Ninety days.
- Seabeck is foreclosing marina on March 4. Dennis McBreen, the original owner, is going to take it back. Funds for revitalization are being turned over to Port of Bremerton, as they will be lead.

Commissioner Angel:

- Gorst revitalization is ready for permitting. County is in the process of streamlining to get program going. County wants some support from the Department of Ecology. Parametrix is on contract for assistance with this.
- It would be best to schedule the PIO questions for the retreat on April 20. Commissioner Angel has questions regarding the page with percentages.

Commissioner Endresen:

- Trying to get an appointment with Ed Murray regarding the transportation bill.

Cris Gears:

- Would like to find a time to discuss things that I need to identify with each one of you.

Review Draft Agenda for Upcoming Meetings.

- a. 3/2/05 - Work/Study Session (8:30 a.m.)
- b. 3/7/05 - Monday AM Brief - No Meeting Board Attending NACO Conference
- c. 3/7/05 - Monday PM Brief - No Meeting Board Attending NACO Conference
- d. 3/9/05 - Work/Study Session - No Meeting Board Attending NACO Conference
- e. 3/14/05 - Regular Public Meeting (10:00 a.m.)
- f. 3/14/05 - Monday PM Brief (2:00 p.m.)
 - United Way Update (Dave Foote)
 - Human Rights Council (Bert Furuta/Leif Benson)
 - Policy Review – Defining Governing Values (POL-100.3)
- g. 3/16/05 - Work/Study Session (8:30 a.m.)
 - Law and Justice Levy (Russ Hauge)
 - Paladin Data Systems EKO Project (Jim Nall)
- h. 3/21/05 - Monday AM Brief (10:00 a.m.)
- i. 3/23/05 - Work/Study Session (8:30 a.m.)
 - BOCC Agenda Review for March 28

4:45

6. Adjourn

