



Board of Commissioners AM Meeting Minutes

10:00 AM Monday – July 19, 2010

Port Blakely Conference Room

Approved

Attending:

County Commissioners: Josh Brown, Steve Bauer, Charlotte Garrido

Commissioners Office: Dana Daniels, Nancy Hahn

Press: Steve Gardner, Kitsap Sun

10:00 AM – Information Sharing

- 1. Administrator Grennan's performance review:** Reviewed write up of Administrator Grennan's performance evaluation. OK to get finalized. Review completed; now just need to know what we can and cannot release.

ACTION: Steve will email the draft to Dana for completion, and Dana will talk with Jacquelyn regarding whether or not the performance review is public information, release of documents, etc.

- 2. Water as a Resource** – need to discuss further. The Board of Commissioners needs to be driving this program rather than letting the staff dictate what gets done. The policy statement needs to have the umbrella of Board of Commissioners oversight before it can be approved. Dave Tucker & staff will be presenting this afternoon in the PM Briefing and funding of projects needs to be revisited.
 - a. Discuss this afternoon. Do we take \$2M from Public Works to pay for roads? – only if the retrofits benefit Water as A Resource projects.
 - b. Commissioner Garrido didn't see anything about performance measures – lack of targets. They have a good program, it just needs to be tweaked & honed.
 - c. Commissioner Garrido would like to see the policy statement for Water as a Resource. She also made the observation that although public education & outreach is included in the plans, the capacity of local public institutions of higher education isn't utilized fully. Perhaps they (WSU), rather than Public Works, should be the contact.

ACTION: Steve will meet with Dave Tucker and Chris May today. He will bring feedback to the Board of Commissioners.

- 3. Housing Authority:** Mayor Erickson met with Mayor Lent on Thursday to talk about them buying the building, but Commissioner Bauer has not heard back from her regarding the need to vacate the County-owned buildings they are in and decide where to move. The County's draft letter is good, but too strong. We did the right thing by taking a stand, and need to keep the pressure on. But, we want to keep the dialog open and not alienate the rest of the Board. Becky assured Commissioner Bauer that the \$2 million would not be co-mingled.
 - a. They have had plenty of time to come up with viable options.
 - b. Bremerton Mayor Patty Lent has talked to Commissioner Bauer.
 - c. The third paragraph is particularly important. Although we haven't received an offer worth accepting yet, we will, and we want to be able to move quickly to sell them to reduce the trip-party debt.
 - i. If consolidating at Norm Dicks Government Center (NDGC) isn't the best answer for them, the Housing Authority needs to share why.

- d. We need to see the numbers to show why the Housing Authority shouldn't be at NDGC. It should not involve the \$2million CLA. But, those numbers haven't been crunched.
- e. The Housing Authority needs to do an analysis and bring back the numbers to show publicly why consolidating at NDGC is not the right decision, or if it is.
- f. Chair Brown is not comfortable with 60-day order to vacate, but would rather state that the County expects an irrevocable decision on this matter in 60 days and the Housing Authority would then have 30 days to move out.
- g. Tony Caldwell promised a resolution in June or July, and our assumption right now is that the Housing Authority is going to consolidate in NDGC, and they have 60 days to finalize their decision, and another 30 days to vacate the premises. State this publicly.
- h. Include some kind of analysis on the pros and cons of moving into NDGC.
 - ii. Commissioner Bauer hears that the housing board wants out of the building entirely. We need to either get a long term contract with them, so we're off the hook, or have them take the whole building – so it's truly the Bremerton Government Center.
- i. The optimal thing would be for Chair Brown to talk to Mayor Lent regarding our shared interest in having them take over the whole thing. We have to market the space to pay down the debt from the tri-party agreement.
- j. This is a fair; we were supposed to have received this information long ago, and the HA has not been forthcoming.
- k. Do we use the new name – Housing Kitsap - ?

ACTION: Chair Brown will redraft the letter and get it back to the Board of Commissioners. The third paragraph is the key – we need to market the building, so we will reword the letter to reflect that they have 60 days to finalize their decision and then another 30 days to vacate. They need to do an analysis and bring back alternatives. Chair Brown will meet with the partners individually.

- 4. **Health District** – Scott Daniels sent a contract approval request via email, but no meeting was set. Commissioner Garrido is troubled by the lack of public process; but Commissioner Bauer reminded her that contracts over \$50k have to go to Board, so this email was appropriate and consistent with policy.

ACTION: Commissioner Garrido wants to talk about process next meeting.

- 5. **Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC)** – The FAC is unhappy with a letter sent by The Ferry Partnership, because it didn't meet some of their issues - regarding operating funds and specific issues for each FAC area. Commissioner Garrido mentioned that the Ferry Partnership is meeting with the Governor in Olympia and they are going up to Jefferson County in August to participate in a forum in Pt. Townsend about joining forces.

ACTION: Commissioner Bauer will bring back a letter and would like the board to put its stamp on it and send it to Tom McBride Commissioner Bauer didn't see anything that was inconsistent with what we've been saying or doing.

- 6. **Puget Sound Partnership (PSP)** is pushing for local integrating groups; local coordinating groups that will oversee and push for Partnership issues - broader than watershed groups. Commissioner Bauer is working with John Myer to lay out a process, and will send them a list – 20 or 30 organizations. These are not appointed positions. His goal is to see that we break out from the usual handful of groups, as we need to get more public partnerships. He would like to name a single organization for all of Kitsap County. We need to make a connection with the County, and

just one voice for all. All groups would still do their pieces, but this would provide a broader oversight/outreach process for the County. Commissioner Garrido reminded the Board that when PSP was called the Puget Sound Action Team, they gave grants to be used for various community projects, and was an excellent resource.

ACTION: (1) Commissioner Bauer will send information to Commissioners Garrido & Brown. (2) Commissioner Garrido will share the findings from the E3 summit with Commissioner Bauer, and will keep Steve posted re: the South Sound Electeds meetings.

7. Commissioner Brown asked that the other Commissioners be patient with him next week, as he will be out of the office except for Monday and Wednesday.

8. Commissioner Brown met last week with Paladin about new software that provides a standardized public portal, which would enhance our ability to reach out to citizens and have a more interactive process for volunteerism and keeping the citizens informed about projects/status. They could view maps, timelines, costs, departments, receive updates, etc.

The program could link with the Open Line network and could be used by any County department and could really be an asset for public outreach, engagement and activism as well as being a cost-effective tool considering the upcoming budget cuts.

The other Commissioners asked about cost and timeline. Commissioner Brown said that it is ready now, and that Paladin might be willing to let us pilot the program. Using this technology puts us into the 21st century and would be a great interactive tool. However, we do not have the funds to purchase it, so if we can be a pilot/beta test, fine.

ACTION: We would need a partnership agreement with them. Chair Brown didn't get into the details of cost, etc., but Jim Nall from Paladin should follow up with the other Commissioners, and then with Administrator Buonanno Grennan, Bud Harris, and other key department heads. The Commissioners were very interested in this – especially if we can “pilot” the program rather than pay for it.

9. Discussion re: Noxious Weed Program. Dana Coggin recently sent an email commenting on how over-booked she is. The Board is unclear as to whether or not she was asking for more money, but Commissioner Bauer feels that the program should receive additional funding. However, there are some ways she could stretch what she now has. How about training a volunteer to answer the phone? Maybe she needs to train people who can then do the routine things rather than having her go out to all requests. She could help herself by looking at this more holistically & using volunteers.

ACTION: Dana needs to put together a budget-related response for the Board, assuming she wants an increase in funding. The response needs to show that it will produce a benefit, and explain how she will use volunteers in her programs.

10. North Kitsap Legacy Partnership – Commissioner Bauer stated that the meetings haven't had full attendance – tribes haven't been there. Commissioner Bauer has been meeting with them individually. S'Klallam Tribe and Olympic Property Group (OPG) have a strained relationship (over time), so it's been difficult. Commissioner Bauer will be meeting separately with John Rose (OBG) and Jeremy Sullivan (Port Gamble/S'Klallam) to help foster a better one. He will set up a joint meeting with both tribes (government/government), the Suquamish & Port S'Klallam (this

Friday), and then include OPG. Suquamish Tribe is interested in a relationship. Effort will be made to accommodate the Tribes' core concerns, but we may not be able to accommodate everything on their list.

Commissioner Bauer would prefer to resolve issues before a long, expensive Environmental Impact Statement process. There are some issues regarding density, development, etc., and some consequences now that Rural Wooded Incentive Program (RWIP) is dead, and in light of court of appeals decisions. The process may slow down a bit to allow further study of issues – especially the Tribe's. He is waiting to hear about the forestry piece. These are complicated issues, but we knew that going in.

ACTION: Commissioner Bauer will give feedback to the Board regarding Friday's meeting.

11. Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council Executive Committee met last week and reviewed the CPP process. Mary McClure will send out a summary to everyone on the Executive Board, so that everyone is ready for to make decisions in September. All jurisdictions need to hear from their planning folks before actions are taken.

12. Puget Sound Clean Air Agency – New Executive Director Craig Kenworthy met with Commissioner Garrido and Dave Peters for a very positive discussion. They discussed that our single monitoring station is not working. Commissioner Garrido feels that he will be a good advocate for Kitsap and that positive strategic things are happening. She would be glad to set up meetings with the other Commissioners.

13. Future Festival - Commissioner Garrido expressed frustration that her Great Peninsula Future Festival panels were over-staffed by others. Some of the legislators have been added into her panels, and that's been difficult to diplomatically fit everyone in.

14. When is the Transit retreat? 7/29 – Chair Brown will follow up with details.

15. ACTION: Commissioner Bauer would like to rename our retreats to “study sessions”.

16. Vision and Work Plan for 2010 - August 2nd meeting set to go over work plan for whole board and various Department Directors. Commissioner Bauer would like to see the draft prior to the meeting. The Commissioners are frustrated that they discuss issues and set direction and policy, but then the staff doesn't follow through. The Commissioners would like to have an overall document that outlines goals and objectives so that projects/policies can be monitored. A document that outlines the method for reaching the goals is needed.

ACTION: Chair Brown will ask Nancy Buonanno Grennan to provide the Board with a document that outlines goals and objectives so that projects/policies can be monitored. A document that outlines the method for reaching the goals is needed.

17. Parks Board Chili cook-off – tomorrow (7/20/10) at the Fairgrounds. Josh will try to go from noon-1pm.

Adjourn

Submitted by Nancy Hahn

Commissioners Office