



Board of Commissioners Work Study Session Minutes

8:30 AM Wednesday – October 6, 2010

Port Blakely Conference Room

Attending:

County Commissioners: Steve Bauer, Charlotte Garrido

County Administrator: Nancy Buonanno-Grennan

Commissioners Office: Dana Daniels, Deanna Erstad, Eric Baker

Public Works: Randy Casteel

Information Services: Bud Harris

Juvenile: Patty Bronson

Parks & Recreation: Jim Dunwiddie

Community Development: Larry Keeton

Strategic Financial Planning: Amber D'Amato

Personnel & Human Services: Bob Potter

Citizens: Vivian Henderson

Press: Chris Henry

1. Agenda Review for 10/11/10 Meeting

Action: Item 4C Contract with Kitsap Humane Society for 2010 animal control services was added to the consent agenda.

2. Information Sharing

Bud Harris

- Follow-up on audio issues in the public meeting. We've traced down about four different items and did some testing this morning with Wave Cable, Comcast and BKAT Staff here. Some of those we can get fixed by Monday and some we can't. We will get those others fixed as soon as possible.
- At the last Commissioners meeting there was a lot of discussion about the gun club and whether or not GIS was responding properly to map request information. Chris Henry had a lengthy interview with Diane Mark, our GIS Manager, and walked through the process. We provided all the service we are supposed to provide and did so quite quickly with a one day turnaround. It's all in the article in the Sun this morning.
- Budget Process – Beverly Reeves is working with R'Lene Orr on a walkthrough of a private sector firm to provide custodial service to get a bid to see if follow-up action should be taken. Commissioner Bauer said in a Housing Kitsap meeting yesterday he heard it might be worth taking a look at some joint operations in terms of building maintenance. They have a very good group that has a wide range of responsibilities and it might be worth looking at partnering with them in some fashion to have a common group of people as we are having to reduce forces. They do everything from single family houses to the Norm Dicks Center.

Jim Dunwiddie

- Commissioner Garrido and he will be meeting with the senior golfers tomorrow morning to present our landscaping plan for Village Greens Golf Course. They are going to remove 65 trees and plant 120 and are hoping to have that done in the next couple of weeks.
- They have been working with the Sheriff's department on the missing bleachers from the South Kitsap Regional Park and will be putting out a press release. He doesn't know what they are going to do about replacing them. They have to look at other materials that are available for bleachers as they can't go with the old steel and wood slats anymore.

Larry Keeton

- On Thursday the 29th Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was here to inspect our Flood Control Program and they are coming back to continue the inspection. Good news is that last time it was inspected the County didn't fare very well – the same inspector came back and said we have made leaps and bounds and was very impressed with our work. There are actually only about 500 families in the county under this program. One of the comments he made is that if we raise the footing level by one foot we will reduce their premium by about 50%. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sued FEMA about its Flood Plane Management Program not being compliant with the Environmental Species Act, so FEMA had to change. A lot of counties and cities in the State of Washington are very concerned because it dramatically changes how the Flood Control Program is managed by those organizations. We were supposed to be compliant by the first of October. That changed – the Regional Director gave a one year extension. The state is working to figure out how to bring this ESA Management Program into compliance. Kitsap, because we have such a small flood plane, didn't have a lot of issues because our Critical Areas Ordinance covered a lot of that.
- Planning Directors at the conference he attended met to discuss the State Environmental Protection Act (SEPA). There is a movement afoot in that community to change SEPA. The reason they want to change SEPA is that they feel a lot of things that have been put into place since the origination of the document, Growth Management Act, Shoreline Master Plan Act, all if these environmental acts that now protect.
He received the Problem Statement that the Planning Directors are seeing as to why portions of SEPA need to go away. He will forward that to the Board.
- At the Planning Commission Meeting last night was an interesting meeting and lasted until about 10:30 pm. There was a lot of public testimony.
- The Shoreline Master Plan Task Force is meeting tomorrow night at the Silverdale Beach Hotel. They moved out of Island Lake due to problems with people being able to hear and will try this location.
- Wetland 4 – Ueland Tree Farm. This morning they received the information from Parametrix that Wetland 4 was considered as a part of Wetland 6. There is a clarification in the text that is being sent to them. They will send it to Mr. Stanfield and all interested parties. We are doing a press release and will come back on Monday night and present information on this issue.

Nancy Buonanno-Grennan

- Dana received a request from the Bainbridge Island City Council to schedule another joint Open Space Application hearings. They prefer to do it during the day either on a Wednesday morning or a Monday afternoon. The last couple of years we have done it jointly over the phone. She will work with Dana to get this scheduled.

- We have a need for an Executive Session today at 11:00 am – a closed session regarding Collective Bargaining.
- Medical Benefits Committee met yesterday and they heard back from all of the Collective Bargaining Units who have spend the last week and a half going out to their membership talking about the two options that have been on the table, which is a status quo option continuing with Premera and Group Health but offering “value plans”, higher point of service costs, increased co-pays and deductible but lower premium share versus the Public Employees Benefit Board (PEBB) All but one unit wanted the status quo. In the afternoon we found out from the PEBB that they didn’t want us anyway as we have too many catastrophic claims. The Board requested to see the claim information to get an idea of what is going on.

Commissioner Bauer

- Good news – we have been dealing with Fish and Wildlife on the Point No Point boat launch for about 4 years now. They started out just to replace the existing rail system. It then transmogrified into a great big concrete ramp that would have had crab boats, fishing boats, 25-30 foot boats going out of there instead of the rail launch 18 footers. As of Monday, they indicated they would now agree to a hand launch with the county taking over operation of the site. He would like to be able to go ahead and start working with our attorneys to draft an agreement with them. He feels this is a great solution. We will also look at charging a fee for launching to be used for management of the site.
- Had a meeting yesterday with some neighbors regarding the Hood Canal Bridge. They are really upset about all of the noise and traffic around the bridge. Since they replaced that bridge they put in metal grating that wasn’t there before, a rough surface concrete that wasn’t there before and the noise is, according to them, is intolerable. The state spent all of their money building it and don’t have the money to fix all of these problems.

Commissioner Garrido

- One of the citizens who lives out by Harper – Southwest Drive – had been in Bend last week and said there was a roadway that was painted red color. This is like what we are talking about doing to separate the bike lane from the roadway. He thought it was really great. She asked Jon Brand to call Deschutes County and see if there were any photos available. The citizens are really happy with the way it’s coming along out there.

3. McCormick East Annexation – Eric Baker

Eric briefed the Board on the status of McCormick East Annexation and reviewed its contents and issues. The City of Port Orchard has received an annexation proposal from GEM I regarding an area between McCormick Woods and the City of Port Orchard City limits. This annexation proposal included only two parcels, both owned by GEM I. The boundary of the annexation omitted a thin strip of residential properties between the existing city limits and the annexation boundary as well as a property owned by the South Kitsap Fire District No. 7.

The City staff opposed the annexation in its submitted form and proposed the inclusion of both the thin strip of residential properties and the Fire District site. However, the City Council approved the 10% petition with only the inclusion of the Fire District site. The County has submitted verbal and written concerns regarding potential issues with this annexation

boundary. The City Council indicated they didn't want to force folks into the annexation area even though they roughly had a 100% petition. There is some concern that potentially this land due to its current status does not have the assessed value you would expect from a land that size. That being said, there was definitely enough value for them to take it portions of this upper strip.

If the Port Orchard City Council approves the annexation for forwarding to the Boundary Review Board, the County will need to decide whether the boundary issues are of significance to invoke jurisdiction.

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4. Revenue Sharing Discussions with City of Port Orchard – Eric Baker

Eric said Kitsap County and the City of Port Orchard have been discussing potential revenue sharing and contracting opportunities as a replacement for the Countywide Revenue Sharing Agreement currently in place. The City of Port Orchard has requested termination of their participating in the existing agreement effective November 24, 2010. After this date, the City is no longer responsible for any revenue sharing unless a new agreement is reached.

In August the Board discussed a revised sharing proposal drafted by Mayor Coppola that would replace the existing agreement and provide revenue (sales tax, road fund and admissions tax) to the County upon finalized annexations. This proposal has multiple options: one for all non-Bethel annexations and two others for annexation along the Bethel Corridor. All three proposals include the County waiving its rights to invoke jurisdiction at the Boundary Review Board. Eric reviewed the three proposals.

Commissioner Garrido said the Mayor actually presented this letter to them at the first Revenue Sharing Meeting in April 2010. They haven't deal with the letter directly because they felt it was much more important to begin to figure out where the transfer of services best made sense for both jurisdictions. She felt they've had some fairly mutually enlightening conversations over the last few months. She added that we need to begin to formulate some of the needs and expectations the County has just as much as those of the city. It is important to do these with as little disruption to the citizens as possible. The Board needs to look a little more specifically at some of the conversations they've had and some of the information from Eric and Angie and also from Mary McClure who has been staffing and coordinating these meetings. She doesn't feel the Board can make any policy suggestions until they have some basic information in front of them.

Eric said there were some regionalization services that did come out of this such as traffic signal maintenance, striping and potential storm water. Whether it is through KRCC or our putting together a proposal, it might be an avenue to talking about some regionalization issues.

Commissioner Bauer said he is trying to figure out what that process looks like and how we get it going. There has been a lot of interest and expectation that sort of dulls with time.

Randy commented that they had talked about things they could do for the city. It just seemed easier in their discussions with Public Works people if the City took over everything and before they annexed they had some interlocal agreements in place to provide whatever services

they felt they weren't going to be able to provide, such as signal maintenance, any maintenance of the larger regional ponds, striping (but we already have an interlocal with them for that) and then if there were other services they didn't feel they could provide, we can work that. That just seemed like the most straight forward thing to do. They do that now with most of the cities anyway for some services.

Commissioner Bauer said this kind of agreement might make sense if it were in the context of a bigger plan. We have been talking with them from day one about wanting to see a game plan and a commitment to the whole area. That is what he still doesn't see. If they really going to annex the entire UGA then we work together to have some kind of schedule and an agreement that we do it in a way that works for both us. The City needs to help us by being a little clearer and working with us on the bigger picture of what we are going to do and how we are going to do it.

Commissioner Garrido would like to have an outline from staff of some of our discussions and findings.

Commissioner Bauer asked Randy what ever came out of the discussions with Bainbridge about sewer service. Randy said we have some information from them and have talked with Brenda from the City and she is supposed to get back to him. She said she needs some time on this.

Action: Eric will talk with KRCC about the information we have been asking for and also provide the Board with the requested outline.

**The Board recessed into Executive Session at 10:30 – 11:00 to discuss real estate issues.
No action was taken.**

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Submitted by Deanna Erstad
Commissioners Office