



Board of Commissioners Work Study Session Minutes

8:30 AM Wednesday – September 15, 2010

Port Blakely Conference Room

Attending:

County Commissioners: Steve Bauer, Charlotte Garrido

County Administrator: Nancy Buonanno-Grennan

Community Development: David Lynam, Steve Mount, Linda Jones

US Census: Eric Davenport

Public Works: Randy Casteel, Dave Tucker, Chris May

CenCom: Richard Kirton

Prosecutor's Office: Neil Watcher

Citizens: Vivian Henderson, Ron Ross

1. Approve minutes for 9/1/10

Action: Minutes were approved.

2. 2010 Census Update – Eric Davenport

Eric thanked the Board and staff for their hard work and cooperation and support during the census process. He said the DCD staff were great partners and were absolutely stellar in their support. He briefed the Board on the process and results. They included a notice of support on all the letterhead that came out of the department. There were a number of Complete Count Committee meetings and DCD staff did all the phoning to get members there, arranged for space (which was provided by the Parks Dept), put them in contact with the utility department for right-of-way areas so they could post signs around the county and worked hard to reach out to the community.

He said with the Boards support as leaders of the County, citizens respond. Kitsap County ranked 3rd in the state with a 77% mail return rate. This is 3% greater than the state average and 5% greater than the national average. At the national level, for every percentage point that isn't mailed back, it costs between 80-90 million dollars to send someone out and physically enumerate individuals.

He commented that in terms of total penetration after going back and doing the physical count using various tools, they identify and count every resident in the county.

He explained that they are required by constitution to deliver the Census numbers to the President by December 31, 2010. It then goes through the apportionment and redistricting process that will take a couple of months. Then it will go to the Governors and the states apportionment and redistricting efforts will then take place. The final information should be available around April/May of 2011.

The Board thanked Eric for his dedication and work on this process.

Action: No action required.

Nancy asked that the Board consider and approve a Resolution recognizing the Centennial of Keyport that takes place this coming weekend. Commissioner Garrido moved to approve and Commissioner Bauer seconded. Motion carried.

The Commissioners recessed into executive session from 9:00 – 10:00 am to discuss existing litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i). No action was taken

3. Code Enforcement Chapter – David Lynam

David presented an update on new Civil Enforcement Chapter Work and requested additional guidance to staff for ordinance development. He discussed the Enforcement Process map (see last page on packet).

Current code provisions do not provide adequate resources and enforcement tools to bring about compliance with county code. Additionally, enforcement provisions and penalties are spread throughout the county code and are inconsistent in amounts and application of penalties and the principal venue for enforcement actions are the district courts. A revised consolidated civil enforcement chapter would be beneficial to all departments for enforcing code provisions.

Discussion Points:

- Mediation – the value is that you are building capacity and coaching on how to resolve issues. This process can be more creative with solutions and has a much higher compliance rate. Many disputes can be resolved using this as a first step. Goals needs to in the best interest of the neighbors and citizens.
- The problem with all calls going to mediation is mediating compliance with code.
- Need to look at other areas where these programs have worked well.
- Better for government and citizens and better at getting problems solved.
- Would like to see something formalized in the process regarding idea of mediation
- We don't hear about most code violations unless we get a complaint call from a neighbor.
- Maybe we should call it "dispute resolution" instead of "mediation."

Action: David will work to prepare for public hearing in October.

Randy Casteel asked Board what kind of signs they would like to see at locations where the county is using pervious pavement?

- What was the thinking in using pervious pavement where they did, in residential areas, road ends and cul de sacs versus major roadways?

- Randy explained that they chose roads with little traffic so there was less disruption to citizens and it also gave them a chance to learn how to place it, make sure it works and how to maintain it.
- Commissioner Bauer asked about shoulders in Kingston where they used pervious pavement. Randy explained that the shoulders were not done in the depth the roads were.

4. Water as a Resource – Dave Tucker/Chris May

Dave Tucker briefed the Board on the implementation plan with the desired changes on the Water Policy. He said after the workshop on June 30th the Board directed them to meet with Commissioner Bauer and create an implementation plan. He reviewed:

- Supporting staff members
- Advisory community members
- Deliverables: a) A coordinated implementation plan: b) Seminar series: c) Annual plan execution budgets: d) Annual progress reports to the Board
- Milestone Dates
- Water as a Resource Policy Brown-Bag Seminars Initial List

Action: A resolution will be prepared and presented to the Board.

10 MINUTE BREAK

**5. 9/22 Earthquake Drill – Phyllis Mann/Nancy Buonanno-Grennan/
Bud Harris**

Phyllis briefed the Board on the upcoming exercise. She asked that the information not be passed around or made public prior to the drill.

Commissioners Bauer and Garrido commented how important this is to prepare for an actual disaster. If we didn't do an in-depth drill we would regret it in the event of a real disaster.

Action:

6. Ordinance Change – Cencom/Neil Wachter

Neil said they are asking that the Board consider a proposed ordinance amending the telephone excise tax provisions on the Kitsap County Code. This will allow the County to contract with the State Dept of Revenue for collection of 911 taxes levied on telephone users, will increase the 911 excise tax from fifty center per month to seventy cents per month, and will broaden the scope of the 911 excise tax to include voice over internet telephone lines.,

He explained that as of January 1, 2011, all 911 agencies in the state are required to collect 911 excise taxes through the State Dept of Revenue, instead of directly levying the tax at the local level. In order to contract with the DOR, the County's 911 excise tax ordinance must be modified to set up this new collection mechanism. Further the County must contract with DOR on or before October 31, 2010 and must first amend it's ordinance to set up this new collection

structure effective January 1, 2011. The Legislature has declared that 911 agencies should seek increases in the 911 excise tax to implement enhanced services to meet the needs of all persons using all types of telephone lines or connections that have entered into the mainstream, be it traditional land lines, cellular telephones or voice over internet services.

Action: Richard will work with Opal to schedule for a public meeting agenda.

The Board will recess into Executive Session at 11:15 to 11:30 to discuss real estate issues pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) (c). No action was taken.

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**Submitted by Deanna Erstad
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