



Board of Commissioners Work Study Session Minutes

8:30 AM Wednesday – September 8, 2010
Port Blakely Conference Room

Attending:

County Commissioners: Josh Brown, Steve Bauer
County Administrator: Nancy Buonanno-Grennan
Commissioners Office: Opal Robertson, Dana Daniels, Deanna Erstad, Angie Silva, Autumn Salamack, Eric Baker
Strategic Financial Planning: Amber D'Amato
Personnel: Bert Furuta
Community Development: Larry Keeton, Patty Charnas, Susan Donahue
Public Works: Randy Casteel
Prosecutor's Office: Alan Miles, Jacquelyn Aufderheide, Debbie Boe
Information Services: Craig Adams
Sheriff's Office: Undersheriff Dennis Bonneville
Assessor: Maxine Schoales
Dept of Ecology: Joe Buchartt
Press: Chris Dunagan

1. Approve minutes for 8/25/10

Action: Minutes approved with several additional comments

2. Agenda Review for 9/13/10 Meeting

Action:

Item 3A, Resolution establishing an Energy Conservation Committee to develop and implement a comprehensive energy efficiency and conservation plan was removed from the agenda. Requested changes will be made and brought before the Board at their 9/13/10 afternoon briefing.

Item 4B, Contract with US Environmental Protection Agency to support the Kitsap Regional Shoreline Restoration Demonstration Project was removed from the consent agenda.

Item 5C, Contract with Seton Construction for the Indianola culvert replacement project in North Kitsap was removed from the consent agenda.

Item 5E, Contract with WA State Dept of Transportation for the Suquamish Way/Division St pedestrian safety improvements in North Kitsap was removed from the consent agenda.

Item 5F, Contract with KPFF Consulting Engineers for the Silverdale Roundabout improvements in Central Kitsap was removed from the consent agenda.

Debbie Boe from the Prosecutor's Office talked to the Board about authorizing an appeal of a particular unfair labor practice decision we received from the Public Employee Relations Commission. Commissioner Bauer moved to authorize the appeal. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

3. Information Sharing

Larry Keeton

- Last night they had the Planning Commission Chapter 3 of the Rural Element meeting. It was attended by about 50 people and was an interesting meeting. One of the issues raised by The Concerned Citizens for Chico Creek is they are not addressed in the Comprehensive Plan or in the Element as one of the compact communities. They are going to go back and run the numbers and see if they meet that criteria. There is some misconception in the Chico community and they tried to explain it last night – there is a belief they are all being rezoned. This not true. They will work through this issue.
- He has a meeting next Monday with Kitsap Economic Development Alliance to go through the Rural Element, Industrial Parks and Employment centers.
- He met with Mary McClure last night on County Wide Planning Policies (CPPs) There is a concern that all of the directors won't be able to meet prior to the next Executive Board Meeting. He suggested to Mary that they be allowed to get through the budget process and come back in either mid October or early November and schedule the hearing later in the year rather than at the end of October.

Randy Casteel - Project updates

- Southworth Drive – hope to start paving next Wednesday, weather permitting.
- Converse regional stormwater facility is complete.
- Culvert replacement on Foley is complete.
- Stavis Creek culvert replacement should be done by the end of the month.
- Cliffside should be done by the end of the week.
- They have started on Canyon Street. It's one of the 3 pervious pavement projects they have this year. They started yesterday and should be finished by the first part of next week. Commissioners Bauer and Brown suggested when we are using pervious pavement that we put up signs telling the public we are using pervious pavement so they are made aware.
- Indianola culvert will start next week
- The guardrail project the Board will be approving will start by the end of the month.

Jim Dunwiddie

- 77,000 attended the fair and stampede. They used the new electronic ticket program and it worked well.
- Commissioner Bauer said he wanted to commend Jim on the way he managed his people during the event. He trusted his folks to do their job without second guessing them. He said he empowered them to do their work while watching and paying attention without interfering.
- Horeseshoe Lake and Wildcat Lake parks will be closing next weekend for the season.
- The dedication of the Silverdale Dog Park went well. There are hundreds of people using the park on a daily basis.

- They made four of their presentations for the Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) grant requests and are in the top half of ranking. If there is any chance of getting the money for the North Kitsap Heritage Park, this is probably our best chance.

Craig Adams

- They have identified the need for a mechanism for notification if the email system is not available. As a result they have created a distribution list and tested it through the voice mail system. Commissioner Brown asked this be tied to their cell phones also.
- They are replacing the current virus protection throughout the county. Through Microsoft there is a solution that actually helps in the performance of our PCs.
- They are also in the process of Office 2007 deployments. Commissioner Bauer expressed concern that if Office 2010 is scheduled for deployment in 2011, why we are going to 2007 now. Craig said that all the testing done on our systems was done prior to Office 2010 release. At this point we don't know that 2010 is compatible with our systems.

Bert Furuta

- Last week information on the Voluntary Separation Program was sent to the Unions, asking them to contact them with concerns or issues and as of yet they haven't heard anything.
- Looking at 50-80 layoffs and our capacity for transition. They are looking at assistance from the state for layoff impact assistance.

Amber D'Amato

- They are taking an in-depth look at the cash flow as August/September has been the time of the year that they have run short in the past and are feeling pretty good at the moment. Depending on when the bulk of the property tax receipts hit in October, they may have to look at borrowing a little to make payroll in October as there are 3 payroll periods in that month. If they do have to borrow any, it will only be probably a million dollars and can turn it around pretty quickly.

Nancy Buonanno-Grennan

- She told the Board that following Information Sharing there was a need to recess into a short for short Executive Session regarding existing litigation.

Commissioner Brown

- He expressed his thanks to everyone for their hard work at the Fair & Stampede. He said he ran into someone at the fair party from Oregon who also owns a business here in Port Orchard and he talked about how having a covered arena at the fairgrounds might prove to be a revenue source for the County.

Commissioner Bauer

- The Lodging Tax Committee met with all of the recipients over the last two weeks to get updates on their performance. He is going to be recommending to the Board that we add a couple of more people to the committee and that we convene it now and get it done rather than

waiting into the fiscal year for next year. They will be bringing something forward when it is completed.

Board recessed into executive session at 10:40 to 11:00 to discuss existing litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 91) (i). No action was taken.

4. Timberland Applications – Maxine Schoales

Maxine reviewed the following applications for inclusion into the Current Use Timber Land classification:

Application for Classification as Timber Land – Robin & Joseph Fulford This application is to classify 10 acres as timber land. The parcel is zoned Rural Protection, one dwelling unit per 10 acres. The property is located at 22797 Holgar Ct. NE in Poulsbo. The tax shift would amount to \$601. Staff recommendation is approval of the 10 acres for Current Use Timber Classification subject to conditions.

Application for Classification as Timber Land – Donald & Suzanne Sandall. This application is to classify 17.84 acres as timber land. Currently 15 acres are classified as Current Use Agribultural and will be reclassified as Timber Land. The parcel is zoned Rural Residential, one dwelling unit per 5 acres. The tax shift would amount to \$1,108. The property is located at 7178 NE Buck Lake Rd in Hansville. Staff recommendation is approval of 17.84 acres for Current Use Timber and Classification subject to conditions.

Application for Classification as Timber Land – Greg & Lynette Stock. 4.8 acres have been classified as Timber Land since 1981. This application is to add the remaining 2.87 acres into Timber Land that were left off the original application. The parcel is zoned Urban Low Residential, four-nine dwelling unit per acre. The property is located at 1955 Vista Rama Dr. E in Port Orchard. The tax shift would amount to \$1,059. Staff recommendation is approval for Current Use Timber Land Classification subject to conditions.

Application for Classification as Timber Land – Chris & L Laura Strickland – 19.25 acres. This application is to classify the parcel as Timber Land. There is a 2 acre sub account that will remain fully taxable. There would be no \$ in tax shift. The parcel is zoned Rural Wooded, one dwelling per 20 acres. The property is located on Ludvick Lake Road in Central Kitsap. Staff recommendation is approval of 19.25 acres for Current Use Timber Land Classification subject to conditions.

Action: Board asked that these be put on the September 27, 2010 public meeting agenda.

10 MINUTE BREAK

5. Natural Resources Update – Patty Charnas

10:30 – 11:00

Larry reviewed and discussed the proposed joint policy of Science and the Shoreline Master Plan (SMP) with the Department of Ecology and update on Carpenter Creek estuary restoration project.

The Department of Ecology works closely with Kitsap SMP staff and is concerned about how information is determined to be acceptable for SMP scientific and technical purposes. The Department desires to develop with Kitsap County a policy on the use and determination of science in the SMP update.

Discussion Points:

- Joe Burkartt from DOE has been attending our Taskforce meetings and has been very helpful in making sure the Taskforce understands what the WAS says on this subject. Larry's view is that the Taskforce is getting it, and even though the Board is getting different versions from the public pieces of it, the Taskforce itself is asking really good questions and are not afraid to challenge each other on the things that have been coming up. One issue they are constantly being hit with is the science issue. Right now what they are proposing to the Board is a policy that says "this is how we are going to treat science in this update".
- We really need to hear from the Taskforce, as they are the ones that are really the experts now.
- It was asked if other jurisdictions have adopted this policy. Joe Buchartt of DOE said a lot of the basis for this is the guidelines have a standard that require jurisdictions come up with a processes for dealing with information and how it's relevant to this update process.
- The next meeting of the SMP Taskforce is October 7th at the Silverdale Beach Hotel. Larry will get feedback from that meeting and bring back to the Board
- Peer review is important part of this.
- It is interesting that the science doesn't always seem to be terribly precise. On the New England coast they are studying lobsters and are now collecting information from the lobster fisherman. This is known as "anecdotal" information from people who are experts and gets rolled up into the body of science. It is critical to the task to be open to different information
- Need to do updates every few years because we are always learning more.
- Local knowledge is very important.
- Asked if we have policy for how other information is included – Larry responded that is included in the update.
- We don't want to subject this to endless debates about methodology and we do want to use best science. Systems produce results that also need to be tested and challenged sometimes.
- For this to have credibility with people they need to know that the system is reflecting what they are actually observing.
- DOE headquarters read that the EPA had selected Kitsap County for a regional shoreline restoration grant. They said they are developing legislation to provide regulatory incentives under their program to assist soft bank armoring projects if they qualify to be given some regulatory relief. (See fact sheet in packet). At this point it applies to lakefront property. They asked if the Board is interested in a letter of support. Right they don't have a marine component and would like to include one. They were contemplating using Kitsap as a pilot area. Joe said this would actually be a change to the Hydraulic Code that Fish and Wildlife administers. It would more than likely be joint legislation sponsored by Ecology and Fish and Wildlife. There is an existing exemption in the existing code that allows for restoration projects.
- Timing of the EPA grant is 2012.

- Joe said that this Legislation would take out essentially all local review. Fish and Wildlife would be authorizing the exemptions. The local government would have opportunity to comment but they wouldn't be responsible for signing off on an exemption.
- Agreed it would be best to take a pass on being a pilot program and maybe take a look at it in a couple of years so we can get through this update and not confuse people.
- Looking forward to seeing outcome on the study. We can learn from it. If someone is interested in doing this, we need to encourage them. We need to find out how much of a benefit there really is and how much of a reduction of work there really is for us.

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Submitted by Deanna Erstad
Commissioners Staff