



MINUTES

Regular Meeting – May 1, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse – Commissioners' Chambers
1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA (Hybrid)

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Greg Brotherton, Commissioner Kate Dean and Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour participated in the meeting. Chair Brotherton called the meeting to order at the appointed time.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Chair Brotherton called for public comments, and thirteen comments were received. The Commissioners addressed the comments, which were mostly pertaining to the decriminalizing of entheogens.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Dean moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, minus Consent Agenda Item No. 9 re: Letter of Appreciation to the Washington State Department of Transportation. Commissioner Eisenhour seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

1. **HEARING NOTICE** re: Washington Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2023 General Purpose Grant for Early Childcare Learning and Family Support Center Project; Hearing Scheduled for Monday, May 22, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Chambers at the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend, WA (HYBRID)
2. **AGREEMENT re:** Supply of Aggregate for Jefferson County Bituminous Surface Treatment Program; In the Amount of \$513,397; Public Works; Northwest Rock, Inc.
3. **AGREEMENT re:** Pavement Marking on County Roads for Calendar Years 2023-2025; In the Amount of \$615,320; Public Works; Specialized Pavement Marking, LLC
4. **AGREEMENT re:** Mental Health Stigma Reduction Project; In the Amount of \$7,500; Public Health; Cold Pizza, Creative, Inc.
5. **AGREEMENT re:** Port Townsend Community Center Window Rehabilitation; In the Amount of \$12,098.27; Central Services; Rainshadow Woodworks, Inc.
6. **AGREEMENT, Amendment No. 1 re:** Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Grant Program; In the Amount of \$139,859.63; Public Works; Washington State Department of Ecology
7. **AGREEMENT, Amendment No. 3 re:** Chimacum Confluence Project Phase I and II, Environmental Site Assessments; Additional Amount of \$3,900 for a total of \$47,986.30; Public Health; Evren Northwest, Inc.
8. **AGREEMENT;** Cancellation of Current Agreement and Approval of Updated Agreement re: Community Wildfire Protection Plan; In the Amount of \$167,481; Central Services; SWCA Environmental
9. **LETTER of APPRECIATION re:** Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) re: Hood Canal Bridge Construction Schedule (**REMOVED** and approved later in the meeting)

10. **ADVISORY BOARD RESIGNATION** re: re: Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) Member Representing Recipients of Lodging Tax (LTAC) Funds; Representative, Shelly Leavens
11. **ADVISORY BOARD REAPPOINTMENT(s) (2)** re: Jefferson County Ferry Advisory Committee; **1)** Four (4) Year Term to Expire May 4, 2027; Committee Member, Tom Thiersch; **2)** Four (4) Year Term to Expire June 10, 2027; Local Government Representative, Steve King
12. **MINUTES** re: Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2023 (Coordination) and April 28, 2023 (Interactive with 4th Graders)
13. **Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants** Dated April 21, 2023 Totaling \$7,185.65 and Dated April 24, 2023 Totaling \$467,122.16 (Records of all claims submitted for payment along with vouchers approved by the Board of Jefferson County Commissioners are retained by the Jefferson County Auditor and Public Works Department.)

PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month:

All three Commissioners read aloud the proclamation. Commissioner Dean moved to approve the proclamation as read. Commissioner Eisenhower seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

Staff members from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Jefferson County, and Discovery Behavioral Health were present to thank the Commissioners for the proclamation and speak to the importance of mental illness programs in the County.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Public Health

Officer Dr. Allison Berry provided information on the viruses circulating in Jefferson County. She stated that Emergency Management Director Willie Bence was unable to attend.

PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming May 12, 2023 as Child Care Provider

Appreciation Day: All three Commissioners read aloud the proclamation. Commissioner Dean moved to approve the proclamation as read. Commissioner Eisenhower seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

YMCA Chief Executive Officer Wendy Bart was present and thanked the Commissioners for approving the proclamation.

PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming May 6-12, 2023 as Nurses Week: All three

Commissioners read aloud the proclamation. Commissioner Dean moved to approve the proclamation as read. Commissioner Eisenhower seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

Community Health Director Denise Banker was present and thanked those involved with mental health in the community. She also thanked the YMCA for their work to support children and mental health in Jefferson County.

DISCUSSION re: Support of Decriminalizing Entheogens: The Commissioners

reviewed the draft resolution regarding the support of decriminalizing entheogens. After discussion and edits, Commissioner Eisenhower moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 19-23 re: Requesting that the Arrest, Investigation, and Prosecution of Individuals Involved with Entheogen-related Activities be**

Amongst the Lowest Priority in Jefferson County and Declaring Support for Full Decriminalization of these Activities. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. Chair Brotherton called for public comments, and six comments were received. He called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:13 a.m. with all three Commissioners present.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Review items to discuss
- **Continued Discussion re: Letter of Appreciation re: Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) re: Hood Canal Bridge Construction Schedule (Consent Agenda Item No. 9):** The Commissioners reviewed edits to the draft letter proposed by Commissioner Eisenhower. After further edits, Commissioner Dean moved to approve the letter to WSDOT as edited and presented today. Commissioner Eisenhower seconded the motion. Chair Brotherton called for public comments, and none were received. He called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS: Letter of Appreciation re: Arlene Alen:** Commissioner Dean presented a draft letter regarding Arlene Alen's farewell to the Planning Commission and the position of Executive Director of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. After review of the letter, Commissioner Eisenhower moved to approve the letter as drafted to Arlene Alen, the outgoing director of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce. Commissioner Dean seconded the motion. Chair Brotherton called for public comments, and none were received. He called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.
- County Administrator Briefing
- Commissioner's Briefing Session and miscellaneous topics
- Calendar Coordination

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT: Chair Brotherton adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m. until the next regular meeting or special meeting as properly noticed.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Greg Brotherton, Chair

ATTEST:

Kate Dean, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Heidi Eisenhower, Member