



MINUTES

Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting – October 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kate Dean, Commissioner Greg Brotherton and Commissioner Heidi Eisenhour participated in the meeting. Chair Dean called the meeting to order at the appointed time. Chair Dean noted that Halloween at the courthouse is fun, and property taxes are also due that day. She added that as November 11, 2024 is Veteran's Day, the Board of County Commissioners will meet on November 12, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Chair Dean called for public comments, and three comments were received. The Commissioners addressed the comments.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Eisenhour moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Brotherton seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

1. **HEARING NOTICE** re: Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); Hearing to be held November 12, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers (Hybrid)
2. **AGREEMENT** re: Noxious Weed Control; In the Amount of \$47,090; WSU Extension; Washington State Department of Ecology – Washington Conservation Corps
3. **AGREEMENT** re: Collective Bargaining Agreement and Trust Participation for Jefferson County Central Services Department Employees; January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026; Human Resources; Teamsters Local No. 589 and Teamsters Welfare Trust
4. **AGREEMENT re:** Two Trout Creek Culvert Replacement; In the Amount of \$3,969,538; Public Works; Federal Highway Administration – Western Federal Lands Highway Division
5. **AGREEMENT** re: Quilcene Skate Park Donation; \$767,263 grant funding received; Public Works; Olympic Peninsula YMCA
6. **AGREEMENT** re: Immunization Data Sharing; No cost; Public Health; Washington State Department of Health
7. **LEASE AGREEMENT** re: Lease of 1210 West Sims Way, Port Townsend; In the Amount of \$111,949.68; Castle Hill Associates
8. **AGREEMENT, Amendment No. 1** re: Inmate Food Services; Adjustment of current per meal period, per meal served rates, and future pricing models; Sheriff's Office; Summit Food Services LLC
9. **SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT** re: Early Learning and Family Support Center; In the Amount of \$1,990,000; Auditor's Office; Olympic Peninsula YMCA
10. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2024

11. **APPROVAL OF PAYROLL WARRANTS:** Dated October 18, 2024 and Totaling \$106,940.61
12. **APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE WARRANTS:** Dated October 21, 2024 and Totaling \$959,141.50 and Jury Warrants Dated October 22, 2024 and Totaling \$4,246.69

COMMISSIONERS' BRIEFING SESSION: The Commissioners and County Administrator discussed recent meetings they attended and announced there will be a Draft Sewer Ordinance BOCC Special Meeting tonight. They also discussed miscellaneous topics, and reviewed upcoming meeting schedules. Commissioner Eisenhower explained that the Emergency Shelter needs volunteers for cooking and serving meals.

HEARING re: Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance: Department of Community Development (DCD) Building Inspector/Fire Marshal Phil Cecere and Deputy Fire Marshal Brian Tracer were present to provide background on the draft ordinance and answer questions posed by the Board. He noted that if approved, Jefferson County citizens will benefit from reduced flood insurance premiums. Fire Marshal Cecere explained the next steps that will be taken if the Commissioners approve the ordinance.

After discussion, Chair Dean opened the floor to allow for public testimony. The following individual provided testimony: Shellie Yarnell – Brinnon. The Commissioners discussed the testimony received. County Administrator Mark McCauley explained that the purpose of this code is to protect human life and health, and to update the County's Code in this manner, to be eligible for relief funding.

The Commissioners asked staff questions regarding the implications of approving or not approving the ordinance. DCD Director Josh Peters was also present and provided comments and answered questions posed by the Board.

Chair Dean announced a continuation of the hearing will be held during the November 4, 2024 regular Board of County Commissioners' meeting, and she will extend written testimony to November 1, 2024 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was recessed at 10:58 a.m. and reconvened at 11:03 a.m. with all three Commissioners present.

HEARING re: Opposing Initiative No. 2117, Relating to the Repeal of the Climate Commitment Act and Prohibiting Carbon Tax Credit Trading, Scheduled for this November 5, 2024 General Election: Chair Dean announced the opening of the hearing and stated that she will provide opportunity for speakers to speak for and against the resolution. She called for a show of hands for those for and against the resolution. The purpose of the hearing is to foster a healthy environment with clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and a stable climate for our children and future generations.

Commissioner Eisenhower approved **RESOLUTION NO. 57-1028-24R** re: A Resolution of the Jefferson County, Washington, Board of County Commissioners, Opposing Initiative No. 2117, Relating to the Repeal of the Climate Commitment Act and Prohibiting Carbon Tax Credit Trading, Schedule for this November 5, 2024 General Election. Commissioner Brotherton seconded the motion.

Chair Dean opened the floor to allow for public testimony. She first asked for those who wished to speak in favor of the proposed resolution. The following individuals provided testimony in favor of the proposed resolution: Jackie Aussie – Port Townsend, Noreen Parks – Port Townsend, Cyndy Bratz – Port Townsend. She announced that those in opposition of the resolution will provided the same amount of time for their testimony, which is a total of six minutes. No testimony was received against the resolution. Chair Dean closed the public hearing.

After deliberation, Chair Dean called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' BRIEFING SESSION - Continued: The Commissioners and County Administrator continued discussing recent meetings they attended, miscellaneous topics, and reviewed upcoming meetings.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS: The Commissioners and County Administrator reviewed the following:

- Public Facilities District (PFD); next steps
- Board and Committee Vacancies
- Hemmingway quote; provided by Commissioner Brotherton

The meeting was recessed at 11:39 a.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m. with all three Commissioners present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session was scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. Chair Dean announced that the Executive Session will be held from 1:31 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. regarding Attorney-Client Privilege, Potential Litigation under exemption RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) as outlined in the Open Public Meetings Act. Staff present: County Administrator, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and Department of Community Development Director, and Associate Planner (x2). The Board resumed the regular meeting at 1:50 p.m. Chair Dean announced that the Board will be extending the Executive Session from 1:52 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. The Board resumed the regular meeting at 2:16 p.m. Chair Dean announced that the Board will be extending the Executive Session from 2:16 p.m. to 2:26 p.m. The Board concluded the Executive Session and resumed the regular meeting at 2:27 p.m. There was no proposed action, and therefore no public comment taken on this topic.

DISCUSSION re: Intent to Vacate a portion of platted Mitchell Street and Duffy Avenue Rights-of-Way: Public Works Engineer/Right-of-Way Representative Colette Kostelec was present to discuss the draft resolution regarding vacating a portion of Mitchell Street and Duffy Avenue. After discussion, Commissioner Eisenhour moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 58-1028-24R** re: In the matter of Jefferson County's Intent to Vacate a Portion of Platted Mitchell Street and Duffy Avenue Rights-of-Way. Commissioner Brotherton seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEMS - Continued: The Commissioners and County Administrator reviewed the following:

- **Climate Action Committee; request to sign onto “America is All in:”** Climate Action Committee member Cindy Jayne was present to explain her request. After discussion, Commissioner Eisenhour moved to sign onto the America is All initiative. Commissioner Brotherton seconded the motion. Chair Dean opened the floor to allow for public comments, and no comments were received. She called for a vote on the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT: Chair Dean adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m. until the next regular meeting or special meeting as properly noticed.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Kate Dean, Chair

ATTEST:

Greg Brotherton, Member

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Heidi Eisenhour, Member