

This is KPTZ 91.9 FM in Port Townsend, Washington. I'm Diane Walker, with your local news and commentary for Thursday, November 6, 2025, the 37th day of the longest federal shutdown in US history.

According to the Washington State *Standard*, Federal Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy has announced that due to the shutdown, the Federal Aviation Administration will be reducing flight capacity by 10% at 40 major airports across the country, including SEATAC, effective tomorrow morning. The decision, which could cut thousands of flights per day, was made to relieve pressure on air traffic controllers, who have been working without a paycheck since October 1. Duffy and FAA Administrator Bryan Bedford emphasized that the measure was proactive to prevent a safety failure, adding that air travel remains extremely safe.

With almost 9,000 ballots counted and close to 3,000 left to count, election results for those offices contested in Jefferson County currently stand as follows:

- Carol Hasse over Clayborn Burleson for Port Commissioner
- Fred Obee over Dylan Quarles for Port Townsend City Council
- Amanda Grace over Timothy Hawley for Port Townsend School Board
- Naomi Stern over Jon Cooke for Quilcene School Board
- David Seabrook over David Codier for East Jefferson Fire Commissioner District 1
- Art Frank over Ken McEdwards for Quilcene Fire Commissioner District 2
- Bill Miano over Mike Taggart for Fire District 3 Commissioner
- Matt Ready edging out Stu Kerber for East Jefferson Hospital Commissioner

With 54% of the vote, voter turnout for Jefferson County was 31%. The next ballot count will be announced at 4:00 this afternoon, November 6.

Port Townsend voters in this election may have been influenced in their decisions by a number of candidates whose profiles were missing from the local voters guide. According to information gathered by KPTZ, those candidates whose profiles did not appear are not solely to blame, nor were they necessarily less committed to the process than those who were included.

In fact, the omissions were actually the result of poor communications between the Jefferson County auditor's office and the candidates. Those candidates who file are sent an email from the Jefferson County auditor's office that outlines the deadline for the voter's guide, which is eleven days after the close of filing. Though this election's email stated that that deadline is for both the primary and the general election voters guides, that information was in fine print, leaving several candidates to assume they could submit their final profile at a later date. Those who attempted to do so were declined. It is to be hoped that this problem will be corrected before the next election.

For all those who were curious about the number of police vehicles heading west on 101 on Tuesday, here's the scoop: On Tuesday detectives with the Olympic Peninsula Narcotics Enforcement Team received a tip that 31-year-old Frederick Crawford of Forks, who was being sought by law enforcement after having attacked a victim and stolen a firearm on October 30, was staying at a residence on Shuwah Road in Forks. Crawford, who has prior felony convictions for Assault and Malicious Mischief, is prohibited from possessing firearms and has a

known history of assaultive behavior toward law enforcement, so when his presence there was confirmed by drone, the Peninsula Crisis Response Team responded to assist with serving an arrest warrant. Clallam County Sheriff's Deputies collaborated with Forks Police and La Push Police Officers to surround the residence and call Crawford outside. Crawford was taken into custody without incident and was transferred from Forks to the Clallam County Jail and booked on charges of Robbery, Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Malicious Mischief, and Aiming or Discharging a Firearm.

And finally, in light of the federal shutdown and its effect on SNAP benefits, several area restaurants are offering free food for the hungry. The Hudson Point Cafe will offer takeout Pasta Marinara and bread from 12 to 2 Monday through Friday; Tommyknockers will offer a choice of Mac n Cheese, Soup and Bread, or Flatbread Pizza from 3 to 5pm daily except Tuesdays, and Nikki's Quickie will offer Turkey or Ham Paninis from 3 to 5 daily except Tuesdays.

KPTZ 91.9 FM broadcasts your local news Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at noon and 5pm. You can contact us at news@kptz.org. I'm Diane Walker. Thank you for listening and have a good weekend.