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Other items from last night's commission meeting to note:

The commission approved a whopping \$4 million, four-year contract to Auburn-based Parametrix to survey the Blair Peninsula for future development. The port plans on building a container terminal on the east side of the Blair Waterway for NYK Line. That project requires additional road and rail infrastructure and moving an existing terminal. Parametrix will be on-call for the survey work. Also Bill Evans, the port's environmental project manager for

Kaiser site demolition asked for and received a change order on some of the Kaiser work.

More interesting, however, is the fact that the Port of Tacoma has actually made money dismantling the former Kaiser Aluminum facility due to the high price of recycled metals. The port estimated the work would cost about \$7 million. It's made \$650,000, according to Evans. The project has yielded the recovery and sale of 3,000 tons of aluminum, 700 tons of copper, 25 tons of lead and 11,000 tons of steel.