

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES OF MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2026 – REGULAR SESSION**

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The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on January 6, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington. Melanie Bacon, Chair, and Janet St. Clair, Member, were present. Jill Johnson, Member, was excused. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Public comments were offered by:

- Marnie Jackson, Comprehensive Plan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA:

Commissioners – Recommend Approval of Reappointment to the Conservation Futures Program Citizen Advisory Board (CAB), District 2, Position No. 3.

ACTION TAKEN:

By unanimous vote, the agenda was approved as amended.

CONSENT AGENDA

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Vouchers from 12/23/2025 as ratified by the Board on 1/6/2026

Pre-audited bills:	\$826,621.32
Vouchers:	\$1,761,244.09
Electronic funds transfers:	\$45,414.90
Payroll:	-0-

Vouchers from 12/30/2025 as ratified by the Board on 1/6/2026

Pre-audited bills:	\$1,761,196.11
Vouchers:	\$574,692.15
Electronic funds transfers:	\$23,045.38
Payroll:	-0-

Vouchers from 1/6/2026

Pre-audited bills:	\$770,790.73
Vouchers:	\$249,208.07
Electronic funds transfers:	\$535,311.88
Payroll:	\$994,410.67

Commissioners

- Recommend Approval of Appointment to the Camano Island Mosquito Abatement District, Position No. 3.

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- Recommend Approval of Appointment to the Camano Island Mosquito Abatement District, Position No. 5.

ITEM REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

- ~~Recommend Approval of Reappointment to the Conservation Futures Program Citizen Advisory Board (CAB, District 2, Position No. 3.~~
- Recommend Approval of Appointment to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC), Position No. 5.
- Recommend Approval of Appointment to the Island County Planning Commission, District 1, Position No. 2.
- Recommend Approval of Reappointment to the Island County Planning Commission, District 2, Position No. 3.
- Service Agreement Extension with Merchant McIntyre and Associates, LLC to Provide Professional Services to Pursue Federal Funding. Term: 1/1/26- 12/31/26 (RM-BOCC-2025-449).

Commissioners – 2% Hotel-Motel Tourism Sales Taxes

Freeland Chamber of Commerce for Operations/Events. Term: 1/1/26 - 12/31/26; Amount: \$50,490 (RM-BOCC-2025-450).

Facilities Management

Contract with Rainier Asphalt & Concrete for Parking Lot Replacement at Bayshore Building, Located at 785 SE Bayshore Dr., Oak Harbor. Contract No.: 250875; Amount: \$ 61,325.22 (RM-FAC-2025-463).

Human Resources/GSA

- Agreement with WA State Office of Public Defense to Provide Legal Representation to Indigent Defendants. Agreement No.: IAA26015; Term: 1/1/26- 6/30/26; Amount: \$ 116,029.79 (RM-GSA-2025-470).
- Request for Approval to Hear Property Tax Appeals. The Island County Board of Equalization Requests Approval to Convene After the Close of the 2025 Regular Session to Begin Hearing Cases. The Requirements for Convening Were Satisfied Because Approximately 46 Appeals Have Been Filed, Which Exceeds the Threshold Under RCW 84.48.010.

Public Works – County Roads

- Resolution C-01-26 (R-01-26) Initiating a County Road Project designated as CRP 26-01/JL 01111-1502 for the 2026 Whidbey Island Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) Overlays.
- Resolution C-02-26 (R-02-26) Initiating a County Drainage Project designated as CDP 26-01/JL 00590-0603 for the Race Road Fish Passage Culvert #1893 Replacement.
- Resolution C-03-26 (R-03-26) Initiating a County Drainage Project designated as CDP 26-02/JL 00602-0201 for the Shore Meadows Road Outfall Replacement Project.

ACTION TAKEN:

By unanimous vote, the Consent Agenda was approved as amended.

REGULAR AGENDA

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

There were no regular agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Public Works – County Roads

Public Hearing Franchise Transfer No.: PW2024-0208 for Clifford & Sandra Allen Living Trust Sewer Distribution System; Whidbey Island (RM-PW-2025-311).

County Engineer Ed Sewester presented the staff report and recommendation.

Commissioner Bacon opened the floor to public comment, and there being none, the public hearing was closed.

ACTION TAKEN:

By unanimous vote, Franchise Transfer No. PW2024-0208 for Clifford & Sandra Allen Living Trust Sewer Distribution System was approved.

Public Hearing Franchise Renewal and Transfer No.: PW2024-0209 for Abdollah & Kathryn Vafaezadeh Sewer Distribution System; Whidbey Island (RM-PW-2025-310).

County Engineer Ed Sewester and Environmental Health Manager Heather Kortuem presented the staff report and recommendation.

Commissioner Bacon opened the floor to public comment and there being none, the public hearing was closed.

ACTION TAKEN:

By unanimous vote, Franchise Renewal and Transfer No. PW2024-0209 for Abdollah & Kathryn Vafaezadeh was approved.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

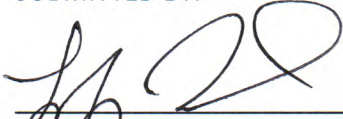
The Commissioners provided their respective comments and announcements.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.
The Board will meet next in Regular Session on January 13, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

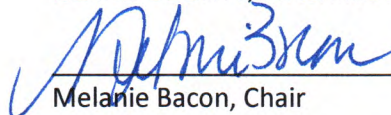
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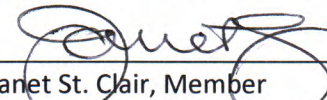
Layla Tromble
Deputy Clerk of the Board

Approved this 20th day of January 2026

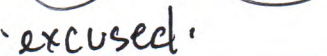
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ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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