

**ISLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 27, 2013**

The Island County Council of Governments met in regular session on March 27, 2013 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room 102B, located at 1 NE 6th St., Coupeville. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Nancy Conard at 9:00 a.m.

The Council of Governments Minutes and recordings of meetings may be located at <http://www.islandcounty.net/commissioners/cog/2013/>

Members Present: Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Hal Seligson, Mayor, City of Langley
Curt Gordon, Commissioner, South Whidbey Port District
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor
Benye Weber, Commissioner, Coupeville Port District

Members Absent: Kelly Emerson, Island County Commissioner

Also Present: Will Simpson, Long Range Planner
Brad Johnson, Planner
Lou Malzone, Freeland Water and Sewer District
Ron Nelson, Island County Economic Development Council
Steve Erickson, WEAN
Rufus Rose

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nancy Conard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2013 regular meeting. The February 27, 2013 meeting minutes were approved. Mayor Dudley abstained.

SUSTAINABLE WHIDBEY COALITION

Vouchers for Sustainable Whidbey Coalition were provided. It was moved and seconded to approve the SWC vouchers. Motion carried.

**UPDATE ON .09 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS – ELAINE MARLOW,
BUDGET DIRECTOR**

Handouts provided:

- Graph of Rural County Economic Development Sales Taxes - 2002-2013
- Table showing actual revenue from 2002-2013 with dollar change and percentage of change
- Table showing total revenue/Total Spent/Total committed
- Six Year Cash Projections with revenues and expenditures

Elaine Marlow, Budget Director, provided a briefing on the financials for the Rural County Economic Development sales taxes. She is forecasting that the sales tax will be at the same level as 2012. Total

revenues are approximately \$7.6 million, total spent \$3.8 million and total committed but not yet spent \$4.5million, leaving a deficit of approximately \$800,000. Total revenues available would be 2.3 million if you take out the Freeland Sewer funding.

Lou Malzone, FWSD Commissioner, said it is his understanding that the interlocal agreement with the county has expired and they do not intend to access those funds. At the current state of the project they are accessing the 3.5 million from the Department of Ecology.

Elaine Marlow noted that she would update the handout to reflect the change in the Freeland project and send to the Chair.

Chair Conard suggested they discuss the application process and invite each of the committed but not yet spent project proponents to provide an update at the May COG meeting.

Commissioner Johnson noted that at the last RTPO meeting Bill Oakes discussed a recent request by the Federal Highway Administration through WSDOT's Local Programs Office to spend existing STP funds by June 1, 2013. Commissioner Johnson said some of those transportation projects may be eligible for economic development funds and they may want to put the discussion on the next agenda rather than wait until May.

Chair Conard said she would contact Bill Oakes and if need be put it on the April agenda as an action item.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF ISLAND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND SCHEDULE

Brad Johnson, Senior Planner and Will Simpson, Assistant Planner, provided a presentation on the following:

- Overview of Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements
- Explanation of Public Participation Plan and the preliminary schedule for the 2016 update
- Review of coordination between municipalities and Island County staff
- Discussion of draft goals to support revised Countywide Planning Policies (CWPP)

Steve Powers, Director, Development Services Department, Oak Harbor, expressed some concern that the draft schedule may preclude meaningful collaboration efforts between municipalities; draft materials seem to send the message that the task of updating the Countywide Planning Policies is a County project and that Oak Harbor, Coupeville and Langley are merely limited participants and not planning partners and that the plan does not acknowledge the unique roles Langley, Oak Harbor and Coupeville must play as part of the planning partners.

He encouraged the County to meet with the affected jurisdictions prior to creating documents that are intended to affect all parties. The draft goals seem very similar to the planning goals established by the GMA and seem to be somewhat duplicative of those that all jurisdictions planning under the GMA must already follow. Another concern is related to decision making within the UGA's. There seems to be a fundamental misunderstanding between the county and city as to who has responsibility for certain types of action.

Brad Johnson indicated that there is some flexibility within the schedule; however there are some crucial milestones that will need to occur at different points in the process. There will have to be an agreement on the CWPP at some point so each of the jurisdictions can move forward with their own planning work. The best course of action would be for the planning partners to take the draft goals back to their respective jurisdictions and then submit written comments. The goals are intended to be a

starting point for the conversation; more specific policies will be developed once there is agreement with the planning partners.

Planning staff will work with their planning partners in April and bring back to the COG in May a revised schedule and goals that they have reached consensus on so they can start to move forward with the development of policies.

AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

April	EDC/ Island County Tourism Annual Report - RTPO will begin at 10:30 a.m.
May	Update from proponents of committed but not yet spent Rural Economic Development Fund Projects/Island County Comprehensive Plan and Schedule
June	Cancelled
July	Island County Comprehensive Plan and Schedule

OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Benye Weber - Port of Coupeville updates

- Victoria Clipper this weekend at the Coupeville Wharf /Mystic Sea in Langley
- Volunteers will be working on the south wall at the Coupeville Wharf in July
- New bathroom at the wharf – for staff use

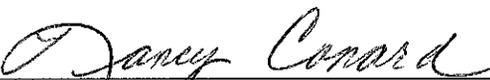
Legislative reports – Port supported

HB 1245 & SB 5663	Regarding derelict and abandoned vessels in state waters.
SB 5437	Relating to boating safety; unlawful for a person to operate a vessel under the influence of intoxicating liquor, marijuana, or any drug; violation is a gross misdemeanor.
HB 5603	Establishing the Washington Coastal Marine Advisory Council
HB 1418	Regarding hours of availability of cities, towns, and special purpose districts for inspection and copying of public records.
HB 1078	Requiring the ballot proposition to reduce the terms of office of port commissioners to be submitted at the next general election.

Commissioner Price Johnson – Commissioners and Elected Official have drafted a letter to send to the legislature regarding the importance of maintaining state shared revenues for all counties.

Chair Conard adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

Dated this 27th day of March, 2013.


Approved