

**ISLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – REGULAR SESSION  
JULY 24, 2013**

The Island County Council of Governments met in regular session on July 24, 2013 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room 102B, located at 1 NE 6<sup>th</sup> St., Coupeville. The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Conard at 9:04 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  
Curt Gordon, Commissioner, South Whidbey Port District  
Fred McCarthy, Mayor of Langley  
Kelly Emerson, Island County Commissioner  
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor  
Benye Weber, Commissioner, Coupeville Port District

**Also Present:** Ron Nelson, Island County Economic Development Council  
Melody Kuschnereit, Opportunity Council

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nancy Conard called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Price Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 regular meeting. The April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting minutes were approved.

Kelly Emerson, Scott Dudley, Benye Weber ABSTAINED

**SUSTAINABLE WHIDBEY COALITION**

Vouchers for Sustainable Whidbey Coalition were provided. It was moved by Mayor McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the SWC vouchers.

**COMMUNITY ENERGY CHALLENGE PRESENTATION –Melody Kuschnereit**

**Melody Kuschnereit, Sustainable Whidbey Coalition in conjunction with Opportunity Council**

*Overview of the Community Energy Challenge process*

Tackling Multiple Barriers:

- Trusted Information
- Understanding the benefits of efficiency
- Identifying necessary repairs
- Evaluating cost effectiveness
- Locating reliable whole house contractors

Convenience:

- One Stop Energy Shop

Affordability:

- Low cost assessment at \$195 with rebate and tax credit eligibility assistance
- Tiered Incentives

Quality Control:

- Training for building analysts and contractors with the Building Performance Center
- Shared examples of efficiency upgrades with case studies

**2016 ISLAND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**Brad Johnson, Island County Planning**

**Will Simpson, Island County Planning**

Island County Planning Department discussed the importance of the Island County Comprehensive Plan and using population as a factor. Interim Planning Director, Keith Higman recommended updating the countywide planning policies at the last meeting.

- Island County Methodology selecting the population for island County in 2036
- Fertility and Mortality rates: median age, annual growth rate from 1970-2010
- Migration: Job growth, retirement growth, commuters

Island County Planning initially recommended a population selection of 85,387 people for 2036. Based on information provided by Whidbey NAS 2,530 people were added to the initial projection and an annual average growth rate of approximately 0.45%. Population Regional allocation is expected in September 2013.

**OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

Benye Weber reported Ebey's Reserve is hosting a goodbye party for Mark Preiss. Loganberry Festival is this weekend at the Greenbank Farm.

Commissioner Gordon reported on their joint planning process with the City of Langley.

Commissioner Price Johnson brought up the idea to consider using .09 funds to work on the Comprehensive Plan Update for Economic Development. She recently attended the National Association of Counties meeting and shared opportunities for collaboration.

Mayor McCarthy mentioned that the City of Langley has hired a new Public Works Director.

Bridget Smith was introduced by Mayor Conard as the new planner for the Town of Coupeville.

Chair Conard adjourned the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

Approved this 28th day of August, 2013.

  
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