

**ISLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS – SPECIAL SESSION
JANUARY 22, 2014**

The Island County Council of Governments met in special session on January 22, 2014 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room 102B, located at 1 NE 6th St., Coupeville.

The Council of Governments Minutes and recordings of meetings may be located at <http://www.islandcounty.net/commissioners/cog/2014/>

Members Present: Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Fred McCarthy, Mayor of Langley
Scott Dudley, Mayor, City of Oak Harbor
Marshall Bronson, Commissioner, Coupeville Port District
Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner
Curt Gordon, Commissioner, South Whidbey Port District
Kelly Emerson, Island County Commissioner (via teleconference)

Also Present: Angie Mozer, Port of South Whidbey
Ron Nelson, EDC

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nancy Conard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Curt Gordon and seconded by Commissioner Price Johnson to approve the minutes of the November 27, 2013 regular meeting. The November 27, 2013 meeting minutes were approved as written.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2014

It was moved by Commissioner Price Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to nominate Mayor Nancy Conard as Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Commissioner Price Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to nominate Fred McCarthy as Vice-Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

SUSTAINABLE WHIDBEY COALITION

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

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR .09 RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

PORT DISTRICT OF SOUTH WHIDBEY ISLAND

Briefing by Angie Mozer, Port Finance Manager and Curt Gordon, Commissioner Port of South Whidbey

- South Whidbey Harbor Passenger Ferry Mooring
- Amount Requested: \$130,000

Concerns were raised regarding ~~source for overstated~~ employment numbers and economic impact. The Port will provide information from the study used to establish these projections. A letter addressing those concerns will be sent to the BOCC.

Commissioner Johnson moved and Marshall Bronson seconded to recommend approval of the application to the BOCC. The motion passed with Curt Gordon abstaining.

CITY OF LANGLEY

Presentation by Fred McCarthy, Mayor, City of Langley

- Wharf Street Funicular Project
- Amount Requested: \$257,577

Concerns were raised regarding long term maintenance cost, public/private partnership, and employment numbers. A letter addressing those concerns will be sent to the BOCC.

Marshall Bronson moved and Curt Gordon seconded to recommend approval of the application (for either option: funicular or elevator) to the BOCC. The motion passed with Scott Dudley opposing.

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Next meeting: February 26, 2014

Approved this ____ day of ~~February~~April, 2014.

Approved