

**ISLAND COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
SPECIAL SESSION  
December 23, 2015**

The Island County Council of Governments on December 23, 2015 in the Commissioners' Hearing Room 102B, located at 1 NE 6<sup>th</sup> St., Coupeville.

*The Council of Governments Minutes and recordings of meetings may be located at  
<http://www.islandcounty.net/commissioners/cog/2015/>*

**Members Present:** Nancy Conard, Mayor, Town of Coupeville  
Helen Price Johnson, Island County Commissioner  
Jill Johnson, Island County Commissioner  
Ed Halloran, Commissioner, Port of South Whidbey  
Fred McCarthy, Mayor of Langley

**Also Present:** Tim Callison, Mayor Elect of Langley  
Todd Carlson, WSDOT, Planning and Engineering Services Manager  
Doug Cox, Island County Transportation Planner  
Nelson, Economic Development Executive Director  
Sami Postma, EDC  
Michael Lym, Student  
Paige Jackson, Student  
Maggie Fink, Student  
Zackuriah Aketch

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nancy Conard called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Commissioner Price Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 regular meeting as written.

**SUSTAINABLE WHIDBEY COALITION**

It was moved by Mayor McCarthy and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the transfer of funds from the Sustainable Whidbey Coalition to LEP/Sound Waters Stewards of Island County for their educational programs.

**ISLAND COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL – REPORT ON STUDENT ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM**

Sami Postma, EDC Program Director, introduced four of the students from the “Stacks on Stacks” team who participated in the Island County Economic Development Foundation’s Student Entrepreneur Challenge. The purpose of the challenge was to give the students hands on business experience. They wrote their own business plan, picked a product or service, and sold the product for one week. Stacks on Stacks sold breakfast items and held a raffle for students at Oak Harbor High School making over \$1,000.00 and receiving the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy.

**TRANSPORTATION UPDATE – DOUG COX**

Doug Cox briefed COG members on the status of the formation of the Island Transportation Planning Organization. Most of the member agencies have signed the Articles of Association. The City of Oak Harbor has it on their agenda for February. In January there will be an orientation session for the new members with the first official meeting in February at which time they will elect a Chair and Vice Chair.

Todd Carlson discussed the Sharps Corner intersection and access project. There will be an open house in Anacortes on January 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He would like to provide the same opportunity in Oak Harbor however the last time they held an open house only a few people showed up. One thought was to

piggyback on another project that might be happening in January or early February. Suggestions for outreach included talking with the business community and mentioning the roundabout in a press release.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016**

Commissioner's staff will handle the agenda for the January COG meeting.

### **OTHER ITEMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

- Meeting held on December 22, 2015 to discuss changing the name of the Clinton Ferry Landing to Whidbey Island Ferry Landing. Representative Smith will take the lead in trying to create some uniformity with the traffic signs, signage at terminals, ferry schedules and to simply add "Whidbey Island" behind Clinton.
- Ferry Dock Road project is continuing to move forward.
- Farmhouse Gang meeting was well attended and there was overwhelming support for it that to go forward.
- Flex Pass orientation for counties.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to Mayor McCarthy and Mayor Conard.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Next meeting: Regular Session January 27, 2016

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

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**Approved**