

ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - MINUTES OF MEETING

REGULAR SESSION - JANUARY 4, 1999

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on January 4, 1999 beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Island County Courthouse Annex, Hearing Room, Coupeville, Wa., with Mike Shelton, Chairman, Wm. L. McDowell, Member, and Wm. F. Thorn, Member, present. Minutes of previous meetings were approved and signed, on motion adopted by majority vote, Commissioner Thorn abstaining inasmuch as he was not serving as Commissioner at the time:

September 28, 1998 October 12, 1998

September 29, 1998 October 19, 1998

October 5, 1998 October 26, 1998

VOUCHERS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following vouchers/warrants were approved for payment by unanimous motion of the Board, along with November and December, 1998 payroll:

1999 Voucher (War.) #41261-41282.....\$ 44,062.11

1998 Voucher (War.) #41284-41411.....\$243,418.70.

Hiring Requests & Personnel Actions

As presented and summarized by Dick Toft, Human Resources Director, the Board by unanimous motion, approved the following two personnel actions:

DEPT. PAA # DESCRIPTION EFF. DATE

Public Works 125/98 Office Asst. 1602 6 weeks – Temp 1/4/99

Assessor 126/98 Cartographer Asst. 117.02 4 mos. - Temp 1/4/99

FREELAND SUB-AREA ADVISORY PLANING COMMITTEE

On December 28, the Board unanimously appointed nine members to serve on the Freeland Sub-Area Advisory Planning Committee. Jack Sikma was appointed at that time; inasmuch as he is not a registered voter in Island County, a requirement to serve on said committee, the Board, by unanimous motion, rescinded that appointment and in his place, Steve Schrecengost appointed to serve on the Freeland Sub-Area Advisory Planning Committee.

Claim for Damages #R98-050CD BY Karen Flechl

As stated in a written recommendation to the Board dated December 31, 1998, Betty Kemp, Director,

GSA/Risk Management, confirmed that after investigation of Claim for Damages submitted by Karen Flechtl, she found the claim alleging civil rights violation, to be without merit and therefore recommended the Board deny Claim for Damages. Claimant has retained an attorney but there has been no communication from that attorney at this time.

By unanimous motion, the Board denied Claim for Damages #R98-050CD by Karen Flechtl.

Claim for Damages #R98-052CD BY David Stevenson

Ms. Kemp provided her comments by way of memo dated December 31, 1998 regarding Claim for Damages filed by David Stevenson on December 16, 1998 for physical damage to vehicle and claim filed in the amount of \$3,632.56. The collision occurred on November 25, 1998 at the entrance to Captain Whidbey Inn and Whidbey Inn Road. Claimant assumed the sweeper was waiting for him to make a left hand turn in front of the sweeper, when in fact sweeper operator was paying attention to equipment and when sweeper started to move so did Claimant. The County Sweeper was moving in its proper lane of travel when claimant simultaneously started his turn and the collision occurred in the County Sweeper's lane of travel, and it was the responsibility of Claimant to yield when crossing into another lane of travel.

There was no police report. Deputy Sheriff Norrie was on site but was not positive collision occurred on County Road and could have been partly on Capital Whidbey Inn property. Ms. Kemp visited the site over the weekend and apparent how the incident could have occurred without clear communication between the two drivers.

David Stevenson's written statement, in part, states that: "*Deputy Norrie elected not to write an accident report because it was questionable if the accident occurred on Island or private property. I agreed to this decision. . Sheriff Norrie and Mr. Koorn assured me that Island county would pay for damages.*" In talking to both Deputy Norrie and Marv Koorn, Ms. Kemp reported that Mr. Koorn stated he did not make that statement; Deputy Norrie indicated he may have hinted at that. Ms. Kemp observed a communication problem between Marv Koorn and Deputy Norrie. Ms. Kemp recommended denial of the claim because Claimant was in County Sweeper path of travel.

By unanimous motion, the Board supported the denial as recommended by Betty Kemp on Claim for Damages #R98-052CD by David Stevenson, directing that Risk Management spend some time with the Sheriff and named Road Shop Supervisor regarding instructions about statements related to accidents.

Contract #HS-17C-97(1), Island County and Sharon Robinson
for Human Service Contract Monitoring

On unanimous motion, the Board approved and signed Contract #HS-17C-97(1), between Island County and Sharon Robinson, for Human Service Contract Monitoring, in the amount of \$3,000.

APPLICATION #OT-03-98 by Donald and Betty Alder, Transfer of Classified or Designated Forest Land to Current Use Classification as provided under RCW 84.34.020(3).

The Board, by unanimous motion, referred #OT-03-98 by Donald and Betty Alder, requesting transfer of classified or designated Forest Land to current use classification, to Planning Staff for review during Staff Session on January 6, 1999, and the matter to come back to the Board for staff recommendation as to action and/or potential scheduling for public hearing.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m., the next Regular Meeting scheduled for January 11, 1999 at 9:30 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS**

ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mike Shelton, Chairman

Wm. L. McDowell, Member

Wm. F. Thorn, Member

ATTEST:

Margaret Rosenkranz,

Clerk of the Board