

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS – MINUTES OF MEETING  
SPECIAL SESSION - FEBRUARY 28, 2001**

The Board met in Special Session on February 28, 2001, for a no-host luncheon from Noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Town of Coupeville's Conference Room, Coupeville, Wa., with William F. Thorn, Chairman, Mike Shelton, Member, and Wm. L. McDowell, Member, present.

The Special Session was called to allow Board members to participate in a joint meeting with Elected Officials from Island County, City of Oak Harbor, City of Langley, Town of Coupeville, and Port Districts. Topics for this meeting include: discuss information received on scenic byways; briefly review current legislative issues, and continue discussion about formalizing the "Island County Council of Governments".

2001 Legislative Issues and Priorities. Information was shared by those who attended the Legislative Conference and/or provided testimony. Of particular concern is the unfunded mandate to revise shoreline management plans, the apparent revenue shortfall which will limit the "backfill" provided to balance the loss of revenue from I-695, rural county designation and LEOFF I medical cost support.

Update on Job Corp. Mayor Cohen provided an update of the City of Oak Harbor's application to site a new job corp facility in Oak Harbor. The current site, Sedro Woolley, is highly competitive.

Grant Writing. After some discussion about possible grant writers who may be available to cooperatively contract with, it was agreed that all entities either have or will pursue their own options.

Tourism Promotion. Chairman Thorn provided to the group a current list of appointees to the committee. The County will be filling slots in the near future and the committee can be convened soon after.

Meeting Adjourned 1:15 p.m.

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ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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William F. Thorn, Chairman

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**ATTEST:**

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Margaret Rosenkranz, Clerk of the Board