

**ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - MINUTES OF MEETING
REGULAR SESSION - MAY 21, 2001**

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on May 21, 2001, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Island County Courthouse Annex, Hearing Room, Coupeville, Wa., with William F. Thorn, Chairman; Mike Shelton, Member; and Wm. L. McDowell, Member, present. By unanimous motion, the Board approved and signed the minutes from regular meeting May 7, 2001.

VOUCHERS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following vouchers/warrants were approved for payment by unanimous motion of the Board: Voucher (War.) #99275 – 99683..... \$553,072.22.

HIRING REQUESTS & PERSONNEL ACTIONS

The Board, by unanimous motion, approved the following personnel actions:

<u>PAA #</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Description/Position No.</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Eff Date PAA</u>
050/01	Assessor	Appraiser Trainee 109.01	Replacement	7-1-01
051/01	Coroner	Death Investigator 801.00	Replacement	*6-11-01
		*Leave buy-out approved		
052/01	Plan./Com. Dev.	Plans Ex./Bldg. Ins Tra.418.05	*Personnel Act.	5-21.01
		reduction in hours – to 32		
053/01	Pub. Works	Co. Eng.PW Dir. 2200.01	Replacement	*
		*Start recruitment now; hire date		7-31-01
054-01	Health	Pub. Health Nurse 2406.04	Replacement	7-16-01

GRANT AGREEMENT-EDUCATION ADVOCACY WITH ACHIEVING PERMANENCE PROJECT-WA. STATE ASSOCIATION OF CASA/GAL PROGRAMS

Jennifer Roberts, CASA Coordinator, presented Grant Agreement for Education Advocacy with Achieving Permanence Project Washington State Association of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian ad-Litem) Programs, Agreement #RM-JUV-01-0037 in the amount of \$27,000, reviewed and discussed at staff session May 16th. The grant is for the purpose of recruiting, training, assigning and supervising CASA or GAL volunteers to move legally free children to permanence, and participating in the development and testing of training for advocacy for dependent children in the education system. Facilities and sites around the State working with the achieving permanency program have it noticed a real shortening of time from the time that a child is placed in foster care until a permanent home is found. The CASA/GAL program as a whole across the country has made a real impact in many children's lives.

The Board, by unanimous motion, approved Grant Agreement for Education Advocacy with Achieving Permanence Project Washington State Association of CASA/GAL Agreement #RM-JUV-01-0037 in the amount of \$27,000.

REVIEW MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS FROM AUDITOR & TREASURER

Auditor's

Suzanne Sinclair, Island County Auditor, submitted the Auditor's financial report for the period ending April, 2001. Comments included:

- Investment interest down 23% due to lower interest rates
- Treasurer's delinquent tax collections may be behind since posting is not as current
- Juvenile grants includes grant reimbursement for 2000 that just came in

- Voting registration shows now within the Auditor's Budget
- Courthouse Expansion – need to fix and adopt budget
- Guardian ad litem received grant for second half
- motor pool has some vehicle purchases
- Public Facilities reimbursed \$1200

Treasurer's

Although the Treasurer was not present, she earlier provided the financial report under cover memorandum dated May 10, 2001, noting that the ending cash balance equated to \$1,453,744 over last year at this time. Investment interest information was also attached.

Chairman Thorn was still somewhat pessimistic about revenues since reports showed the figure of \$585,000 short of what was estimated at this point; investment interest alone is down by \$275,000 which multiplied out for 12 months equates to \$750,000. The Commissioners shared the Chairman's concern. The Chair noted too that unless something dramatic happens he still believed the may be necessary for the Board to look at some type of a budget adjustment in the next few months.

[both reports on file in the Commissioners' Office]

CHRISTENSEN BUILDING LEASE AGREEMENT

Lee McFarland, Assistant Director, GSA, presented for the Board's approval, Lease Agreement #RM-GSA-01-0026 between Island County and Gloria J. Christensen, for the southerly section of the Christensen Building and associated parking, for a four year period, with the base monthly rental rate adjusted on the January 1st of each calendar year using the CPI for the Seattle "New All-Urban". By unanimous motion, the Board approved A, presented for the Board's approval, Lease Agreement #RM-GSA-01-0026 between Island County and Gloria J. Christensen.

STAFF SESSION SCHEDULE - JUNE, 2001

By unanimous motion, the Board approved for distribution the Staff Session for June, 2001, with regular staff sessions to be held on June 6 and 20, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS

Theresa Marie Gandhi, Coupeville, representing The Green Party, advised the Board that there had been some 717 signatures now, and ten more sheets in the mail, on petitions to stop all herbicide and pesticide use in Island County. The Green Party now has a web site that includes all of the recent materials and information she has turned in or referenced since appearing before the Board on April 9th after "Trade Secrets" was broadcast on March 26. Ms. Gandhi stated the Ninth Circuit Court case from Oregon, Headwaters vs. Talent, ruled that ditches were navigable waterways and putting Roundup and Rodeo into waterways that kills fish was not good. EPA is now being sued and several states are signing on because what is being put in the water is eliminating the male sex organ from the salmon. The impact on individuals having to go to the doctor and burying their loved ones from cancer is not cost effective.

Chairman Thorn advised that the County Road Department was looking at implementing some kind of a pilot program, and will identify several areas in order to evaluate what this means to the County. Having contacted several surrounding counties with no-spray policies, the Board is aware it is significantly more expensive. Island County is going ahead with the spray program this year and in fact is almost finished, and the spray program is typically a one-time occurrence, but could be spot applications. The Chairman expressed his understanding that Ms. Gandhi and a number of others in the County want the spraying stopped.

HEARING SCHEDULED: RESOLUTION #C-73-01(R-28-01) – PETITION FOR VACATION OF PORTION OF UNNAMED COUNTY ROAD LOCATED IN THE PLAT OF SARATOGA BY JOHN & JANICE JOYNT, ET.AL. PETITIONERS

On presentation and recommendation by Lew Legat, County Engineer, the Board by unanimous motion scheduled Resolution #C-73-01(R-28-01), Petition for Vacation of Portion of unnamed County Road located in the Plat of Saratoga in Section 19, Township 30 North, Range 3 East; John & Janice Joynt, et.al. Petitioners, for hearing on June 11, 2001 at 10:20 a.m.

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RURAL ARTERIAL PROGRAM PROJECTS APPROVED

As presented and recommended for approval by Lew Legat, the Board by unanimous motion approved three Rural Arterial Program projects (RAP):

Project No. 1501-01, Construction Proposal – Camano Hill Road 2; Milepost 00.00 to 02.22; Camano Island, total authorized RATA Funds in the amount of \$500,000

- Project No. 1500-01, Construction Proposal – Camano Hill Road; Milepost 02.22 to 03.42; Camano Island, Total Amount of Authorized RATA Funds - \$500,000

- Project No. 1501-02, Construction Proposal – Frostad Road 1B; Milepost 02.75 to 03.15; Whidbey Island, Total Amount of Authorized RATA Funds - \$171,938

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS APPROVED – CAMANO ISLAND YACHT CLUB

Two Quit Claim Deeds were presented for the Board's approval from Camano Island Yacht Club (formerly Stanwood-Camano Yacht Club) in the general vicinity of the Yacht Club building. This relates to a long-standing problem where the road has encroached across private property. The first Deed is for two small fillet parcels on Lot 10 of Block 1 of the Plat of Madrona Beach, and the immediate neighbors concerns have been resolved. The second Deed is for the property where the Yacht Club office is located, part of a short plat where the Club agreed to convey right of way as part of the short plat process but had not been recorded.

By unanimous motion, the Board approved both Quit Claim Deeds as presented:

- (1) Camano Island Yacht Club- Parcel S7440-00-01010
- (2) Camano Island Yacht Club - Parcel R23234-175-3050.

ADDENDUM #2 TO PURCHASE & SALE AGREEMENT – TERRY'S CORNER/CAMANO ISLAND PARK & RIDE

Addendum #2 to the existing Purchase & Sale Agreement between Brown & Cole, Inc., and Island County was presented by Mr. Kwarsick who recommended the Board's approval. This is for the purchase of property at Terry's Corner for the Camano Island Park & Ride lot, and reflects the Fair Market Value established by the appraisal process and identifies a donation of \$30,000, with the balance now \$350,000. It also provides that the boundary line adjustment currently in process will be appropriately reflected on the title of the property when the State receives title of the property.

By unanimous motion, the Board approved Addendum #2 to the existing Purchase & Sale Agreement between Brown & Cole, Inc., and Island County for the purchase of property at Terry's Corner for the Camano Island Park & Ride lot, under Work Order #289, Parcel 080-1300, Sec. 20, Twp. 32N., Rge 3E..

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**RESOLUTION #C-74-01(R-16-01) – INITIATING PUBLIC WORKS
PROJECT PWP 01-02, COURTHOUSE EXPANSION &
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PHASE 2**

The Board by unanimous motion, approved Resolution #C-74-01/R-16-01 initiating Public Works Project PWP 01-02, Work Order #302, for the Island County Courthouse Expansion & Improvement Project Phase 2 for Courthouse

Remodel. Mr. Kwarsick indicated that today was the first day of contract period that carries a 210 day completion period.

**CONSULTANT AGREEMENT PW01209 –
CEDARS TRAIL DESIGN**

Gary Hess, Public Works Engineer, presented for the Board's approval Consultant Agreement #PW01209 [Federal Aid #P-STPE-TA96(077)], between Island County and Atelier ps, Seattle, for Cedars Trail Design Agreement, under Work Order #223 for a maximum amount payable \$138,909.51, and completion date December 31, 2002. The agreement covers preliminary design, survey, right of way, and biological assessment for the Cedars Trail.

By unanimous motion, the Board approved Consultant Agreement #PW01209, between Island County and Atelier ps, Seattle, for Cedars Trail Design Agreement, under Work Order #223. [BICC]

**HEARING HELD: OPS 124/01, LOIS COLLINS
REQUESTING THAT APPROXIMATELY 47.09 ACRES BE CHANGED FROM DESIGNATED FOREST
TO TIMBER LAND CURRENT USE CLASSIFICATION**

A Public Hearing was held at 10:45 a.m. as scheduled and advertised [May 9, 2001 issues of Whidbey News Times and the South Whidbey Record] for the purpose of considering Open Space Application #OPS 124/01 by Lois Collins, for approximately 47.09 acres from Designated Forest to Timber Land current use classification, Parcels R33030-114-4910, R33030-075-4930, R33030-028-5060 and R 33029-072-0200, located on South Whidbey in the vicinity of Lone Lake Road.

Phil Bakke, Planning and Community Development Director, and Michael Schechter, Assistant Planner, presented the application along with the Island County Planning Department Proposal, findings, Analysis, Conclusions and Recommendation dated April 24, 2001. Applicant was not present at the time of hearing.

Applicant owns four contiguous parcels totaling approximately 47.09 acres, undeveloped, used for forestry purposes and classified under the Designated Forest Tax Program. The parcels will continue to be used for timber activity and the applicant requests a change to Open Timber Current Use Classification, and the applicants have submitted a Forest Land Management Plan. Based on staff findings and analysis, approval is recommended, with three conditions:

1. All future forest practices activity on the subject property shall be consistent with the submitted Forest Management Plan and all Resource Management Recommendation (s) contained in the report shall be followed as a condition of this approval.
2. All future forest practices activity on the subject property shall (be) consistent with Washington Forest Practices Regulations, RCW 76.09 and WAC 222, and all other applicable County, State and Federal regulations.
3. Due to the site's partial location in a known bald eagle location, the property owner and/or forest practice applicant shall contact the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources – Forest Practices Division, and the Island County Planning and Community Development Department to determine what protective measures must be taken before any future forest practices.

No comments, either for or against approval of OPS 124/01 were made by members in the audience.

The Board, by unanimous motion, approved Open Space Application #OPS 124/01 by Lois Collins, for approximately 47.09 acres from Designated Forest to Timber Land current use classification, Parcels R33030-114-4910, R33030-075-4930, R33030-028-5060 and R 33029-072-0200, located on South Whidbey.

SYNCLINE/MAPCITI CONTRACT #RM-PLAN-01-0032

As presented by Mr. Bakke and Mr. Schechter, reviewed and discussed at the last Staff Session, the Board by

unanimous motion approved Contract #RM-PLAN-01-0032 between Island County and Syncline/Mapciti for the period 5/1/01 – 11/30/01, in the amount of \$2,000, paid through GMA Grant funds.

As staff explained, this would allow the County access to a fully automated web-based mapping service that allows cities, towns, and government agencies to share their Geographic/ Information Systems (GIS) data both internally and with the public. Should the Board decide to continue the contract further, the first Year would be \$20,000; and each additional year \$15,000. [BICC 01-344] GMA No. _____

- There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. to meet next in Regular Session on June 4, 2001 at 9:30 a.m.

[May 28, 2001, is a County Holiday, there is no scheduled Board meeting]

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

William F. Thorn, Chairman

Wm. L. McDowell, Member

Mike Shelton, Member

ATTEST:

Margaret Rosenkranz, Clerk of the Board