

BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING- NOVEMBER 17, 2003

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on November 17, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in the Island County Courthouse Annex, Hearing Room, 1 N. E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Wa. Wm. L. McDowell, Chairman, William J. Byrd, Member, and Mike Shelton, Member, were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. By unanimous motion, the Board approved the minutes from the November 10, 2003 meeting.

VOUCHERS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Board by unanimous motion approved the County Payroll October 16-31, 2003, and the following vouchers/warrants were approved for payment by unanimous motion of the Board:

Voucher (War.) #177102-177300 \$576,125.90

HIRING REQUESTS & PERSONNEL ACTIONS

As presented by Dick Toft, Human Resources Director, the Board by unanimous motion, approved the following personnel action authorization (s):

Dept.	PAA #	Description/Position #	Action	Eff. Date
Sheriff	091/03	Deputized Officer 4014.32	Replacement	11-17-03
Auditor	092/03	Dep. Aud/Aud Mgr. 206.00	Replacement	11-17-03
Health	093/03	PHN II .25 fte 2406.19	New Position	1-1-04
		[fee for service – Agreement with Sheriff's Office]		
Health	094/03	Dept. Asst .63 fte 2423.03	Replacement	2-18-04
GSA	095/03	Asst. Director 1501.00	Replacement	2-19-03

LETTER OF AGREEMENT 03-05-#1 - ISLAND COUNTY & LOCAL 1845

Letter of Agreement 03-05-#1 by and between Island County and Local 1845 was approved by unanimous motion of the Board correcting an oversight in the most recent contract, and adds Article 12.8.4 relating to employees pager pay and associated duties. Letter of Agreement signed by James Trefry, Staff Representative, Council 2.

INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT ICA-2004-534 BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS AND ISLAND COUNTY – FISCAL YEAR 2004 & 2005 EXPANDED JURY SOURCE LIST PROJECT

By unanimous motion, as submitted by the Island County Superior Court Administrator, the Board by unanimous motion approved Interlocal Cooperative Agreement ICA-2004-534 between the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts and Island County for Fiscal Year 2004 and 2005 Expanded Jury Source List Project [RM-CENT-03-0059] at \$950.00 per year.

AGREEMENT: PLAT OF THUNDER RIDGE, DIVISION I AND DIVISION II

The Board in Special Session on November 12, 2003, unanimously moved to lift an Interim Official Control designating Division 1 and Division 2 of the Plat of Thunder Ridge as a critical Drainage Area, with conditions: dedicate the current \$5,000 cash bond to final completion of issues in Division I of Thunder Ridge; In Division II establish a signed agreement with TR Camano in terms of reversing the flow from the west to the east; TR Camano to be responsible for reversing the existing pipe and agree to work with the downhill property owners to get it completed [a conveyance system from Thunder Ridge to East Camano Drive] in a reasonable amount of time [time to be included in agreement].

As a follow-on to that action, an Agreement between Island County and TR Camano Inc. and David Platter, individually, and Robert Cole, individually, with regard to the Plat of Thunder Ridge, Division I and Division II was prepared and presented. With confirmation from Bill Oakes, Public Works Director, that the Agreement had not yet been signed by TR Camano, David Platter or Robert Cole, the Board pulled the Agreement from today's agenda. Once the Agreement has been signed by the parties, Mr. Oakes was authorized to bring the Agreement back to the Board at a Staff Session or Regular Board meeting for action, along with a resolution lifting the interim official control.

APPOINTMENTS/RE-APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Board, by unanimous motion, made the following appointment and reappointment:

Charles V. Peterson, Camano Island, appointment to the Island County Planning Commission
Representing District #3 for an existing term to January 2, 2007.

Reappointed Wm. L. McDowell and William J. Byrd to serve as County Legislative Body representatives on the Island

Transit Board of Directors commencing January 1, 2004.

RESOLUTION #C-112-03 PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 7TH OF EACH YEAR AS PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

By unanimous motion, the Board adopted Resolution #C-112-03 proclaiming December 7th as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

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

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)
DECEMBER 7TH OF EACH YEAR AS) RESOLUTION NO. C-112-03
PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY)

WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, the Imperial Japanese Navy and Air Force attacked units of the armed forces of the United States stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,000 citizens of the United States were killed and more than 1,000 citizens of the United States were wounded in the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the attack on Pearl Harbor marked the entry of the United States into World War II; and

WHEREAS, the veterans of World War II and all other people of the United States commemorate December 7th in remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

WHEREAS, commemoration of the attack on Pearl Harbor will instill in all people of Island County a greater understanding and appreciation of the selfless sacrifice of the individuals who served in the armed forces of the United States during World War II; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Island County, Washington, concur and join with action by the One Hundred and Third Congress of the United States of America in proclaiming December 7th of each year as "Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day" in Island County, and that this Board of Commissioners calls on all citizens, groups and organization of the County to observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and urge all individuals and agencies to fly the flag of the United States at half-staff each December 7th in honor of the individuals who gave their lives at Pearl Harbor for the betterment of the lives of all Americans.

ADOPTED this 17 day of November, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Wm. L. "Mac" McDowell, Chairman
William J. Byrd, Member

ATTEST:
Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board

Mike Shelton , Member

RESOLUTION #C-113-03 CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE CLINTON WATER DISTRICT'S COMPREHENSIVE SEWER PLAN

Mike Helland, Manager, Clinton Water District, and a number of Clinton residents/citizens were present interested in the Resolution before the Board with regard to conditionally approving the Clinton Water District's Comprehensive Sewer Plan, and interested in commenting on the item. Bill Oakes, Public Works Director, also attended.

Norman G. Brocard, 6569 Simmons Drive, Clinton, Vice-Chair, Citizen's Advisory Board appointed by the Clinton Water District, submitted a letter into the record [filed with the Clerk of the Board]. Noting that the Citizens Advisory Board was appointed to help with all aspects of the development and implementation of wastewater management planning. Clinton residents became concerned about the draft Comprehensive Sewer Plan dated January 2003 prepared by CHS Engineers, Inc. in that the plan and the previous plan by R. W. Beck March, 1995, did almost no definitive work to determine and to quantify problems caused by sewage disposal in Clinton. The supposition that sewers are needed was based on examination of inadequate, poorly-organized data collected by the Island County Health Department. Concerned Citizens of Clinton circulated a petition easily collecting about 150 signatures of Clinton residents who disapprove of the sewer plan [copy of one page of the petition submitted and placed on file with the Clerk of the Board]. He requested the plan not be approved until the conditional statement from the Island County Planning and Community Development is stricken from the record inasmuch as it is unfounded statement "A sewer system is needed in order to protect basic public health in Clinton". He also asked that approval be deferred until proper public hearings can be held.

Doug Brand, 6357 S. Wilson Pl. Clinton, urged that the Board vote no on the resolution for the reasons stated in his e-mail [copy on

file]:

1. It is possible to less expensively and more efficiently accommodate build-out demands of the RAID designations without implementation of a centralized sewer system
2. The comprehensive plan is in conflict with the Growth Management Act. The plan calls for sewer infrastructure in rural areas within the proposed sewer district [reference Section 3.3 of the plan titled Land use, zoning and service area; and Table 3-4 and Figure 3-1 of the plan]. There are no currently-documented health, safety, or environmental problems in these areas. This is in direct conflict with RCW 36.70A.110.4.
3. A sewer system is not necessarily needed to protect basic public health in Clinton. Basic public health and safety can be protected just as well if not better with decentralized systems while still preserving desired quality of life.
4. Petition signed by approximately 150 citizens of Clinton indicating significant opposition to the development of a plan to build a centralized sewer system and for the formation of a ULID for the purpose of building a centralized sewer system. No significant public hearings were ever conducted to adequately assess the sentiment of the citizens of Clinton regarding a centralized sewer system.

Dave Braathen, 4854 Gedney View Lane, Clinton, submitted his letter into the record and a copy of a letter dated May 28, 2002 he wrote to the Clinton Water District Commissioners and a response from the District dated August 8, 2002 to his concerns [copies placed on file]. As it pertains to his property he is half in and half out of the District; his property is zoned Rural and outside of the RAID. Sewer project boundaries significantly exceed the Clinton R.A.I.D. area as designated in the Island County Comprehensive Plan. The expanded area to the South and West of the Clinton R.A.I.D does not have a health or safety problem; the area is zoned rural. The Growth Management Act prohibits extending sewers to rural areas unless a health problem exists that would be corrected by sewers. Authors of the Clinton Comprehensive Sewer Plan were unable to document any health problems within the R.A.I.D. or rural areas to include in the text of the Plan. Therefore, extending sewers from the Clinton R.A.I.D. to the Rural areas would be prohibited by State Law. He asked that the Commissioners return the sewer plan back to the Clinton Water District to re-write to include only property within the Clinton R.A.I.D.

Elisa Miller, 6569 Simmons Drive, Clinton, a customer of the Clinton Water District and within the boundary of the designated sewer district, commented from her statement for the record also submitted by e-mail [copy on file]. She strongly opposed the direction the District took to contract with an engineering firm to develop a comprehensive sewer plan. At that time the engineers focused on big pipe technologies, and their report based on an assumption of need, but no documentation. The citizens group agreed to help rewrite the Comprehensive Sewer Plan, and the new direction brings together five options for wastewater management, and states the need at present it still indeterminate. With no evidence of significant problems supported by uniform evaluation criteria, and only isolated problems reported in the records of the Island County Department of Health, she believes the plan with five options can meet needs as they are identified. They have found no documented evidence to support the statement from Planning & Community Development Department. The Comprehensive Sewer Plan is an open document, allowing full discussion of various methods of wastewater management. Having revised the plan toward a new direction, there has of yet been no public airing of the plan and she asked that before giving approval to the plan, that the Commissioners allow further review by County departments and citizens of Clinton, requesting a public hearing.

Gloria Chou, Clinton resident located within the boundaries of Clinton Water District, expressed her personal views. She was gratified when the plan went from a single focus of a water sewage treatment plant into five options and likes having a choice and options available if the need is proven and supported. Sewage treatment was only one of the options. She encouraged the Board defer approval of the document until people in general who will be paying the consequences of the proposal have an opportunity to express their opinions.

Mike Helland, Manager, Clinton Water District, indicated that the District in an effort to develop a comprehensive plan integrated a great deal of public participation as well as this meeting today n an effort to notice the public of the action being proposed. He clarified that development of the comprehensive plan was to identify; a facilities plan is to construct. virtue of public participation that brought the plan to this point and the additional options are very viable. He believed that what was objected to today was a sentence in the letter from the Planning & Community Development Department with regard to protection of basic public health with a sewer system. This area was identified by the Health Department as being one of the hot spots in the Clinton area. Cascade View and Possession View are some of the some of the most densely platted real estate in the Clinton area. That in itself being identified I believe there are questions with re to serving that area. In development of any further consideration by the District to provide sewer service in Clinton would entertain that, but in a comprehensive plan it is not required other than acknowledging that. He and the District are aware of the issue of serving rural properties. As far as public participation, public part is appropriate once there is a plan to consider. Option 1 is a very viable option and We have that option in the plan as a direct result of the process that has been considered. With re to public having opportunity to view the plan I answer all phone calls come in office with re to any consideration of the plan's development and the draft plan has been posted on CWD web site and available for public view and comment. He received only a couple of comments, none that preclude adoption. The current direction of the District as it pertains to the development of the comprehensive sewer plan has been pointed out. The District implemented a wastewater task force comprised of members of the community living within the proposed service area boundary and are working with the Health Department and the development of a uniform platform to assess current data known and identify what appropriate as a fix. He saw no evidence of the District taking action not supported by statistical evidence the Health Department and waste water task force identified. He thought

the plan represented cutting edge of what could be developed as a waste water management program for the community and that it would be up to the in developing anything further as far as financing and payment for anything proposed.

Commissioner Shelton was aware that under state law if ever there were to be a sewer system in Clinton the only entity in place that would be able to implement that is the CWD. People have expressed their desire not to have a coordinated sewer system in Clinton and he assured that without their support that

would never be accomplished since it would require a vote for an LID in order to fund any sewer treatment options people of Clinton ultimately want to have. The CWD commissioned writing of a sewer plan but that plan does not mean anything other than there is a plan in place if at some future point the CWD Commissioners in conjunction with residents of the District vote to install some type of sewer treatment facility. The Clinton Water District Commissioners are driving this not the Board of County Commissioners. As provided in State law, the local district sent the plan to the local legislative authority for approval. And based upon the three county departments who reviewed and commented on the plan, Planning & Community Development, Health Department and Public Works/County Engineer, all indicated the plan worthy of approval. While acknowledging that the comments from Planning about public health would possibly more appropriately come from the public health department, that letter recommending approval is not a part of the plan itself. His opinion was that if there were public hearings that occur in the Clinton area regarding the sewer plan, to be more meaningful should be held by the CWD. In relation to the GM issues, if the boundary needs to be adjusted because of the RAID designation there would be no question but that would happen because sewers cannot be extended out into the rural area.

Commissioner Byrd greatly appreciated fact you came in and state comments. Note that the RCW's are the governing laws and in this case County staff in the appropriate departments reviewed and recommended approval of the plan forwarded by the CWD.

Chairman McDowell mentioned to the folks attending that the Oak Harbor area in which he resides currently is going through the process to form a sewer LID. He is aware that the comprehensive sewer plan for Clinton is nowhere near the LID stage which then would actually discuss the need or lack of need to be sewered. Before a sewer would ever be built a much more in depth process is necessary to determine which parcels will be sewered, and included in that is the cost. The Board of County Commissioners are being asked to approve a comprehensive plan if it meets State law which it does; it is not a plan to address individual properties. Again, the County departments indicate the plan meets state law. As to the comment about zoning, the Chair noted this in no way was a precursor to change county density; he was not aware of anyone wanting to change it nor has the Board received a request to change zoning. As far as statements made about providing sewers in a rural area, the answer is only under certain limited conditions. This is a comprehensive plan and the proposed action before the Board it to approve or deny it based on state law.

Commissioner Shelton made the observation that the County had 90 days from receipt of the adopted plan from the District which was August 13, 2003; if the County does not act within that time State law provides it is automatically approved by the County.

Commissioner Shelton moved approval of Resolution #C-113-03, Resolution Conditionally Approving the Clinton Water District's Comprehensive Sewer Plan. Motion, seconded by Commissioner Byrd, carried unanimously.

Elissa Miller maintained that the comments received from the Planning Department were erroneous. Commissioner Shelton agreed that if in fact there were a public health issue those public health issues would more appropriately come from the Health Department. Commissioner Byrd pointed out that the Island County Health Department supported approval of the comprehensive sewer plan, as did the State Department of Ecology.

Doug Brand referenced a letter the Board received from a member of the task force, Gail Madden [copy on file] who asked the Board to remand the plan back to the CWD until the task force can do its work over the course of the next year. One of the concerns is that there is not a perfected plan in place reflecting total sentiment of the community.

Consensus of the County Commissioners was that the group has the ability to do exactly what commissioned to do by the CWD because there is a relatively broad framework. Framework wide enough to perfect the plan within that framework.

Commissioner Shelton pointed out that a few years back State grant money was available to assess areas the Health Department believed were high risk areas [R. W. Beck study] and the two areas selected were Clinton and Juniper Beach. The Health Department has for a long period of time recognized Clinton as an area of some significant susceptibility in terms of on-site.

Chairman McDowell noted that part of the comprehensive plan is the first step. With regard to comments about public health, he clarified that the statement does not refer in any way to a specific site that has to have sewer because of public health issues; rather, it states that before you could ever serve rural areas there has to be a public health need. For areas in the RAID before it could be developed at densities allowed by the comprehensive plan a sewer is needed – that statement did not take an opinion this area needs it or this area does not; it is a statement that public health issues have to be there before serving in a rural area.

Mr. Braathen was interested to find out if this were an appealable issue because he maintained it did not comply with Growth Management., and noted it illegal to bring sewer systems to rural areas and he did not think it appropriate to plan it.

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

RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING
THE CLINTON WATER DISTRICT'S
COMPREHENSIVE SEWER PLAN

RESOLUTION NO. C-113-03

WHEREAS, the Clinton Water District (District) submitted its Resolution 03-4, August 13, 2003, adopting its Comprehensive Sewer Plan to this Board;

WHEREAS, RCW 57.16.010 requires that the District's Comprehensive Sewer Plan be submitted to an engineer designated by the Board of County Commissioners and the County Director of Health and, prior to becoming effective, must be approved in writing by the engineer and Director of Health;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners submitted the District's Resolution 03-4 to William E. Oakes, P.E., Island County Public Works Director, who conditionally approved the District's comprehensive sewer plan by his written letter of October 17, 2003;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners submitted the District's Resolution 03-4 to Tim McDonald, Director, Island County Health Department, who approved the District's comprehensive sewer plan by his written memorandum of October 7, 2003;

WHEREAS, RCW 57.16.010 also requires that before the District's Comprehensive Sewer Plan becomes effective, the comprehensive plan must be approved by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to the criteria set forth in RCW 57.02.040 and further that the comprehensive plan does not provide for facilities that are inconsistent with RCW 36.70A.110, the Growth Management Act provisions restricting new urban facilities to urban growth areas; and

WHEREAS, the Island County Director of Planning and Community Development reported and this Board finds that the District's Comprehensive Sewer Plan contained in its Resolution 03-4 is in compliance with the criteria set forth in RCW 57.02.040 as it complies with Island County's Growth Management Act Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations, and is not inconsistent with RCW 36.70A.110, the Growth Management Act provisions restricting urban facilities to urban growth areas, because the Clinton area is designated as a Rural Area of More Intensive Development (RAID) in the County's Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations; NOW, THEREFORE,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Clinton Water District's Comprehensive Sewer Plan contained in the District's Resolution 03-4, August 13, 2003, is approved subject to the District's consideration of the comments, questions and conditions attached hereto as Exhibit A.

DATED this 17 day of November, 2003.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON
Wm. L. McDowell, Chairman
William J. Byrd, Member
Mike Shelton, Member

ATTEST:
Elaine Marlow
Clerk of the Board

[Exhibit A to Resolution No. C-113-03 placed on file with the Clerk of the Board]

RESOLUTION #C-114-03/SW-05-03 IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING SOLID WASTE AND SEPTAGE TIPPING FEES FOR THE YEAR 2004-2006.

On presentation by Bill Oakes and recommendation of approval, the Board by unanimous motion, approved Resolution #C-114-03/SW-05-03 In the Matter of Adopting Solid Waste and Septage Tipping Fees for the Year 2004-2006.

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

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING)
SOLID WASTE AND SEPTAGE) RESOLUTION NO. SW 05-03
TIPPING FEES FOR THE YEARS) C-114-03
2004-2006)

WHEREAS, a three-year Rate Study for the Island County Solid Waste Program was recently completed which projected future revenues and operational and capital expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Rate Study determined that the fee for solid waste (MSW) and Biosolids can remain at the current level for 3 years; and

WHEREAS, the Rate Study determined that the per-vehicle recycling charge should increase by \$0.48 or 8% to cover increased

recycling expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee unanimously recommended adoption of the proposed rate schedule in their meeting of October 24, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS that the schedule for Island county Solid Waste & Septage Fees attached as "Exhibit A," shall be in effect from January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006.

ADOPTED this 17 day of November, 2003.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**
Wm. L. McDowell, Chairman
William J. Byrd, Member
Mike Shelton, Member

ATTEST: Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board
[Exhibit A placed on file with the Clerk of the Board]

RESOLUTION #C-115-03/PLG-011-03 AMENDING THE SERVICE AREA FOR THE LOST LAKE IMPROVEMENT CLUB WATER SYSTEM - REDUCING SERVICE AREA

Phil Bakke, Planning & Community Development Director, presented for the Board's approval Resolution Amending the Service Area for the Lost Lake Improvement Club Water System by reducing its service area to exclude parcels R23124-092-2330 and R23124-075-2330. These parcels are currently within the service area of the Lost Lake Improvement Club Water system. The owners of the parcel requested service from the Lost Lake Improvement Club Water System but were denied; therefore, the owners following the CWSP procedure request the parcels be removed from the boundary of the water system.

By unanimous motion, the Board approved Resolution #C-115-03/PLG-011-03 Amending the Service Area for the Lost Lake Improvement Club Water System by reducing its service area to exclude parcels R23124-092-2330 and R23124-075-2330.

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

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING THE)
SERVICE AREA FOR THE LOST LAKE) RESOLUTION C- 115 -03
IMPROVEMENT CLUB WATER) PLG-011-03
SYSTEM BY REDUCING ITS SERVICE)
AREA TO EXCLUDE PARCELS)
R23124-092-2330 AND R23124-075-2330)
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WHEREAS, parcels R23124-092-2330 and R23124-075-2330, are currently located within the service area of the Lost Lake Improvement Club water system; and

WHEREAS, parcels R23124-092-2330 and R23124-075-2330 are a 2.5 acre Rural Residential parcels that allows for a density of 1 dwelling unit per 2.5 acres; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property has requested water service from the Lost Lake Improvement Club; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2003 the Lost Lake Property Owners Association indicated an inability to provide water service to the owner of the subject lots, attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to WAC 197-11-800(4)(b) appropriations of 2,250 gallons per minute or less of ground water are exempt from SEPA review, **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Island County Commissioners that the service area of the Lost Lake Improvement Club is amended to remove parcels R23124-092-2330 and R23124-075-2330, attached hereto as Exhibit B, is hereby incorporated into the Island County Coordinated Water System Plan.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17 day of November, 2003.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**
Wm. L. McDowell, Chairman
William J. Byrd, Member
Mike Shelton, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow
Clerk of the Board

[Exhibits A and B placed on file with the Clerk of the Board]

AUDITOR & TREASURER MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT, OCTOBER 31, 2003

Auditor's Financial Report

Suzanne Sinclair, Island County Auditor, provided the Auditor's Financial Report for the period ending October 31, 2003, indicating revenues and expenditures close to budgeted percentages. Of

note with regard to revenue, Ms. Sinclair pointed out that Rural County Sales Tax was budgeted at \$325,000 but collected to date \$427,000. No cautions were apparent to be brought to the Board's attention [copy on file] .

Treasurer's Financial Report

Linda Riffe, Island County Treasurer, submitted the Treasurer's Financial Report for the same period [copy on file] noting an increase in almost all revenue areas with the exception of interest earned and interest expense, an overall gain of approximately \$454,000. Interest rates, however, continued to remain stagnate in October. Negative figure on line 53 for interest expense came about as a result of receiving Board of Equalization adjustments and re-evaluations late in the previous year. Quite a few property taxes were received after November 1 and therefore are not reflected in this report.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on November 24, 2003, beginning at 11:30 a.m. with an Elected Officials Roundtable, followed by Regular Agenda Items at 1:30 p.m.

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

Wm. L. McDowell, Chairman

William J. Byrd, Member

Mike Shelton, Member

ATTEST: _____
Elaine Marlow
Clerk of the Board

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