

BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING - JANUARY 10, 2005

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on January 10, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. in the Island County Courthouse Annex, Hearing Room, 1 N. E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Wa. Mike Shelton, Chairman, Wm. L. McDowell, Member, and William J. Byrd, Member, were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. By unanimous motion, the Board approved the minutes from the January 3, 2005 regular meeting.

VOUCHERS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following vouchers/warrants were approved for payment by unanimous motion of the Board:

Voucher (War.) 2004 #26656-26919	\$238,295.83
Voucher (War.) 2005 #26920-26948	\$ 8,781.93

EMPLOYEE AWARDS**Employee Service Awards**

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>#YEARS</u>
Barb Oleson	Auditor	20
Elaine Marlow	Budget	10
Wendy Weisse	Commissioners [Camano]	5
Barb Cope	Health	25
Dick Toft	Human Resources	10
David Lind	Jail	5
Marilyn Messner	Juvenile	20
Paula Bradshaw	Prosecutor	5
Jan Smith	Sheriff	10
Amie Weatherford	Solid Waste	5

Employee of the Month Award – December, 2004

Motoko Pleasant, Auditor's Office, was selected as Employee of the Month for December 2004. She works with various departments in preparing financial statements and tracking grant funding and is repeatedly recognized for her willingness to help resolve questions in a warm and friendly manner. Her positive attitude has been commented on by fellow employees as well as junior taxing districts.

Special Recognition

Presentation: Island County Auditor's Letter of Recognition to those who helped with the 2004 General Election. The result of their work is that Island County received many compliments from state and local observers of both parties for the fair and consistent decisions made in the course of the election, machine recount, and manual recount.

Island County Auditor's Office employees:

Anne LaCour	Shawna Davis	Cyndie Mannello
Loann Gulick	Motoko Pleasant	Lynda Marquis
Kim Armstrong	Cheryl Knighton	
Michele Reagan	Eileen King	
Donna Hoyer	Sylvia Fairfax	
Barb Oleson	Lorene Norris	

Bill Byrd, Island County Commissioner, and Dave Jamieson, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, for their support and advice throughout the process.

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Jack Taylor and the Public Works Department for moving a bid opening to accommodate the manual recount.

HIRING REQUESTS AND PERSONNEL ACTIONS

As presented by Dick Toft, Human Resources Director, the Board by unanimous motion, approved the following personnel action authorizations:

Dept.	PAA #	Description	Position #	Action	Eff. Date
Planning	001/05	Plans Ex/Bldg. Insp.	418.06	New Position	1/10/05
Planning	002/05	Plans Ex/Bldg. Insp.	418.02	Replacement	1/24/05
Planning	003/05	Bldg. Permit Process Mgr.	419.01	Personnel Action	1/10/05
Superior Court	004/05	Judicial Asst. .75 fte	2004.01	Personnel Action	1/10/05
Treasurer	005/05	Chief Dep. Treas.	2110.00	Replacement	2/24/05
Facilities	006/05	Night Custodian .5 fte	901.04	Replacement	1/10/05
Facilities	007/05	Night Custodian .5 fte temp	901.10	New Position	1/10/05

[not to exceed 6 months]

APPOINTMENTS AND/OR RE-APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

By unanimous motion, the Board made the following reappointments and appointments to various committees and boards:

Veterans Assistance Review Committee Reappointments for terms expiring January 14, 2007

Ed VanPatten, Greenbank
Robert W. Westphal, Camano Island
Larry Moses, Coupeville

Joint Administration Board (Tourism)

Appoint: Chet Ross, Freeland
Representing Freeland Chamber of Commerce

Island County Park Board

Appoint: Mike Riley, Oak Harbor
Filling an existing term to June 30, 2007.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT - GREG MERRILL, MSW SOTP

Professional services contract with Greg Merrill, MSW SOTP, for evaluation and assessment of clients referred by Island County Juvenile Court Services (RM-JUV-04-0113) was approved by unanimous motion of the Board, having been discussed at a prior Staff Session with the Board.

COLLECTION BOX TO BE PLACED IN COURTHOUSE FACILITIES – TSUNAMI DISASTER RELIEF KITS

The Board by unanimous motion gave permission to allow placement of a collection box within Courthouse facilities to solicit donations for Tsunami Disaster Relief Kits sponsored by Coupeville School District students, to be shipped to Sri Lanka by World Concern.

HEALTH CONTRACT APPROVED – COUPEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT #204

By unanimous motion the Board approved Health Contract #HS-09-04 [RM-HLTH-04-098]

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between Island County and Coupeville School District #204 for Substance Abuse Prevention/CTI, in the Amount of \$5,000 to provide mentoring/tutoring services to at-risk youth

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS

Caleb Marshall, Coupeville, was interested to know about bringing rural high speed Internet access to Central-North Whidbey, and whether or not there was anything the County could do to speed up the process.

Chairman Shelton was aware that Whidbey Telephone Company on South Whidbey has taken the lead to introduce high speed Internet access. Although the County would like to see that county wide, that will only occur through private carriers. The carrier in order to place infrastructure in county rights-of-ways will be required to obtain a franchise, and did not believe that requirement was holding up the process, rather a financial issue on the part of carriers. Commissioner Byrd noted that there had been small steps taken in specific areas on North Whidbey to facilitate that eventually, a phased approach. On Camano Island, the access is about two years' away.

STORMWATER MITIGATION AGREEMENT & COVENANTS - CHRIS P. & GINA T. KONZELMAN

As presented and recommended for approval by Bill Oakes, Public Works Director, the Board by unanimous motion approved Stormwater Mitigation Agreement & Covenants #RM-PW-0420-124, between Island County and Chris P. & Gina T. Konzelman, Lot 2, Blk. 5, Div. #7, Holmes Harbor Golf & Yacht Club; Sec. 3, Twp. 29N, R 2E.

SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 2 – SKILLINGS-CONNOLLY, INC. - MONROE LANDING ROAD

Supplemental Agreement No. 2, # PW-0220-30(B) between Island County & Skillings-Connolly, Inc. related to the Monroe Landing Road (CRP 02-03) was approved by unanimous motion of the Board approving change in completion date to December 31, 2005.

RENEWAL OF ADOPT-A-ROAD LITTER CONTROL PROGRAM – THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF WHIDBEY ISLAND

The Board by unanimous motion approved the renewal of Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program Agreement between Island County and The Friendship Force of Whidbey Island for Honeymoon Bay Road from SR 525 to Scarecrow Lane.

HEARING HELD: FRANCHISE #1(3) – PW-0420-160 - CITY OF LANGLEY EXISTING WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WITHIN URBAN GROWTH AREA

At 10:20 a.m. as advertised, a public hearing was held to consider Franchise #1(3) PW-0420-160 between Island County and City of Langley for an existing water distribution system within Urban Growth Area of City of Langley located in Sections 1-4, Twp 29N, R 3E; Secs. 33 & 34, Twp 30N, R 3E.

County Engineer Dick Snyder by letter dated December 15, 2004, provided recommendation of approval consolidating the City's water distribution system franchises located in County right of way within the Langley Urban Growth Area. Mr. Oakes supported the recommendation of approval. Ryan Goodwin, Consulting P.E. for the City of Langley, was present on behalf of the City of Langley in support of approval of the Franchise.

There were no other comments for or against approval of said franchise.

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By unanimous motion the Board approved Franchise #1(3) #PW-0420-160 for the City of Langley for existing water distribution system within Urban Growth Area of City of Langley located in Sections 1-4, Twp 29N, R 3E; Secs. 33 & 34, Twp 30N, R 3E.

CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS APPROVED – BAYVIEW ROAD

On recommendation of Mr. Oakes, the Board approved the following Construction Easements associated with Bayview Road CRP 98-17:

- #PW-0420-37 - Deer Lagoon Grange No. 846, Parcel 077-1870; Sec. 5, Twp 29N., R 3E.
- #PW-0420-40 - Jerry C. & Kay M. Millhon, Parcel 113-2420; Sec. 5, Twp 29N, R 3E.
- #PW-0420-30 - Paul E. & Marie L. Miller, Parcel 213-0890; Sec. 8, Twp 29N. R 3E.

QUIT CLAIM DEED APPROVED - BAYVIEW ROAD, CRP 98-17

By unanimous motion, the Board accepted and approved Quit Claim Deed between Island County and Paul E. & Marie L. Miller for Bayview Road CRP 98-17, with compensation in the amount of \$69.00 (benefits), Parcel 213-0890; Sec. 8, Twp 29N, R 3E.

AMENDMENT A - WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Amendment A to #PW-0520-02 between Island County and the Washington State Department of Community Trade & Economic Development, for Community Development Block Grant Program for South Whidbey Commons was approved by unanimous motion of the Board, for a time extension to June 30, 2005.

HEARING HELD: OPS 443/01 - SKY MEADOWS/GRASSER'S HILL PUBLIC BENEFIT RATING SYSTEM FOR PROTECTION/MANAGEMENT OF THE BLUE FLAG IRIS ON TWELVE CONTIGUOUS PARCELS OWNED BY ELEVEN DIFFERENT PROPERTY OWNERS

A Public Hearing was held beginning at 10:30 a.m. having been continued from December 20, 2004 on OPS 443/01 by Sky Meadows/Grasser's Hill, Public Benefit Rating System [PBRs] for protection and management of the Blue Flag Iris on twelve contiguous parcels owned by eleven different property owners.

An attendance sheet was circulated and placed on file with the Clerk of the Board [GMA record #7724]. Planning and Community Development was represented by Phil Bakke, Director, and Jeff Tate, Assistant Director.

Revised Staff Report for Application for Open Space Land Classification OPS #443/01 – SkyMeadow was distributed by Mr. Tate [GMA record #7725]. Mr. Tate believed that issues identified during the December 20, 2004 public hearing were addressed in the revised Staff Report. The revised Staff Report was forwarded to the lead person for Grasser's Hill property owners, John Boulte, unable to attend today but several property owners are in attendance today. Mr. Boulte passed the revisions on to property owners and heard no objections and advised Mr. Tate that he felt the revisions were okay, and on behalf of the community felt everyone was okay with the revisions. Revisions are depicted in red print, most technical in nature and minor. Mr. Tate reviewed the more significant revisions coming about as a result of discussion at the last public hearing, those located on Page 9 of 12 and Page 10 of 12:

Page 9 of 12 under #8, Recommendation:

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#1. Insertion of the words “*or ground disturbing activities*”.

In response to an omission noted by WEAN. Property owners have not expressed an objection to that.

#3. A new condition:

Amendments to the Management plan must respect the existing hedgerows which are managed and regulated through the scenic easement. The Management Plan must not be in conflict with efforts that are intended to protect the hedgerows and may not permit their removal.

In response to National Park Representative comment about the need to be mindful Hedgerows were established for a reason and need to be protected and the Management Plan should not conflict with those goals.

#4. A new condition:

Grazing of livestock may be permitted within the lands designated in the PBRs program provided that said grazing is consistent with the Management plan and/or first approved by Island County.

Primarily related to horses. No one objected to horses as long as there were some allowance or consideration that either the County look at that issue, or it be addressed in the Management Plan.

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#7 a) Line Number 2 includes the word “*monitoring*”

The old language referenced specific types of activities related to conservation or restoration and the language has been replaced with general terms.

Mr. Tate mentioned that ground disturbing activities is defined in Code, but suggested it might be prudent to address the specific kinds of ground disturbing activities within the Management Plan. As described in the Code, it would not include mowing. Mowing is discussed in item 7d to at least in the interim establish when mowing should be precluded. Land disturbing includes any ground breaking. There is another condition that addresses the issue of mowing.

The Planning Department recommends approval.

Rob Harbour, Reserve Manager, Ebey’s Landing National Historical Reserve, Coupeville, appreciated receiving a copy of the proposed revisions. He noted that the iris management effort would be an on going process and thought there would probably be revisions as part of the annual review process. The revisions outlined by Mr. Tate answer the concerns raised at the previous hearing. He added that it was encouraging to see everyone working together on this great effort and should go forward.

Steve Erickson, WEAN, Langley, reviewed the revisions and stated that the revisions looked fine.

There were no further comments for or against OPS 443/01.

By unanimous motion, the Board approved OPS 443/01 by Sky Meadows/Grasser’s Hill, Public Benefit Rating System for protection and management of the Blue Flag Iris on twelve contiguous parcels owned by eleven different property owners.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED: OPEN TIMBER APPLICATIONS

By unanimous motion the Board scheduled a public hearing on the following Open Timber Applications to be held on February 7, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.:

OPS 317/04, Tinyblue Foundation, David Trowbridge, requesting that 7.2 acres of his 20-acre parcel be enrolled into the Timber Land current use program. Parcel R22922-065-4620 located on South Whidbey Island, WA.

OPS 415/04, Catherine Swain and Pete Krogseng, requesting that 38.18 acres of their 40.10-acre parcel be enrolled into the Timber Land current use program. Parcel R13111-447-1080, R13111-517-0410, R13111-450-0410 and R13111-514-1080 located on Central Whidbey Island, WA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairman announced that the Board would meet in Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. as allowed under R.C.W. 42.30.110 (1) (i) to discuss with legal counsel potential litigation, in conference room #218, Courthouse Administration Building. The session was expected to last not longer than 30 minutes and no announcement anticipated afterwards.

With no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m. on conclusion of Executive Session.

Island County offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2005 in observance of Martin Luther King holiday, and will reopen on Tuesday, January 18th. The next regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners will be held on Monday, January 24, 2005, beginning at 11:00 a.m. for a Roundtable with Elected Officials/Appointed Department Heads and followed at 1:30 p.m. by regular agenda items.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mike Shelton, Chairman

Wm. L. McDowell, Member

William J. Byrd, Member

ATTEST: _____
Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board