

BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING - FEBRUARY 14, 2005

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on February 14, 2005 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Island County Courthouse Annex, Hearing Room, 1 N. E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Wa. Mike Shelton, Chairman, 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 February 7, 2005 Regular Meeting.

VOUCHERS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following vouchers/warrants were approved for payment by unanimous motion of the Board:
 Voucher (War.) #206513 – 206879..... \$471,526.48.

HIRING REQUESTS & PERSONNEL ACTIONS

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

Dept.	PAA #	Description	Position #	Action	Eff. Date
Assessor	012/05	Appraiser Trainee	108.05	New Position	2/14/05.

PURCHASE ORDER – TWO COPIERS (HUMAN RESOURCES AND COMMISSIONERS)

By unanimous motion, the Board approved Purchase Order 7353 [RM-BD-05-0019] for two Savin 4035 ESP copy machines from Puget Sound Business Systems, Inc., the lowest of three quotes obtained, in the total amount of \$17,385.40, including tax (Human Resources and Commissioners offices).

MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – DEFINITY PHONE SYSTEM

A four year Maintenance Agreement for the Definity Phone System [RM-CS-05-0013] with Telecom Labs, in the total amount of \$79,648.12 including tax, along with Addendum to Master Maintenance Advantage Plan providing for “TLI’s liability or \$250,000 whichever is less”, was approved by unanimous motion of the Board as submitted for approval by Cathy Caryl, Central Services Director.

EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Employee	Department	#	Years
Bonvouloir	Dave	Solid Waste	20
Flitcroft	Ed	Public Works	15
Walimaki	Adele	Solid Waste	15
Wiaczek	James	Public Works	10
Merringer	Michael	Juvenile	5
Tasoff	Jeffrey	Public Health	5
Wells	Katy	Treasurer	5

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH – JANUARY, 2005

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Pat Kohlmann, Assessor's Office, was selected as the Employee of the Month for January 2005. Pat is the person most citizens first speak to when they visit the Assessor's Office to research property information. Her pleasant and helpful demeanor is regularly commented upon by citizens she has helped at the front desk, and goes out of her way to assist them in researching properties using the computer terminals available in the Assessor's Office. Pat stands out among an outstanding office staff that has a reputation for serving the public admirably and professionally.

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

By unanimous motion, the Board made the following appointments:

Island County Law & Justice Committee

Appointed Sig Harbak, Oak Harbor
Representing Commissioner District #3
Term: February 28, 2006

Ebey's Landing National Historic Reserve

Appointed Karen Lennon, District Administrator,
Whidbey Conservation District, to refill the
member-at-large position
Term: October 1, 2005.

SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE #092151 BY CAMANO SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER - MARCH 13, 2005

Having received the appropriate review and recommendations from County Departments, the Board by unanimous motion approved Special Occasion Liquor License #092151 by Camano Senior & Community Center for March 13, 2005 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Camano Senior Center, located at 606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island.

RESOLUTION #C-10-05 IN THE MATTER OF ISLAND COUNTY PARTICIPATING IN A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

By letter from The Opportunity Council, Bellingham, dated February 1, 2005, the Board was apprised about the development of a Community Development Block Grant funded housing rehabilitation and repair program for homeowners with incomes less than eighty percent (80%) of the area median income in Island, San Juan and Whatcom Counties. An application of \$500,000 would be made to the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and economic Development by Whatcom County, for housing rehabilitation and repair services to be performed for eligible homeowners in Island, San Juan and Whatcom Counties.

By unanimous motion, the Board approved Resolution #C-190-05 agreeing to participate in an application for Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehabilitation Program for a housing rehabilitation and repair program targeted to low income homeowners in Island, San Juan and Whatcom Counties operated by the Opportunity Council, with the applicant jurisdiction being Whatcom County.

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[Resolution #C-10-05 on file with the Clerk of the Board]

HEALTH CONTRACTS APPROVED

The Board, by unanimous motion, approved the following Health Department contracts, as described in the contract paperwork provided by the Health Services Director:

Contract #HS-04-03 Amendment #2 (RM-HLTH-99-0057) with Service Alternatives for Washington, Inc. - increase contract amount so that payments can be made for day program services for those clients who previously have been receiving direct payments. Amendment in the amount of \$3,900 for total new contract amount of \$189,567

Contract #HS-03-05 (RM-HLTH-04-0059) with United General Hospital-Skagit County to conduct the required SYNAR Tobacco Retailer Compliance Checks in Island County, in the amount of \$1,980

Contract #HS-06-03 (RM-HLTH-98-0004) Amendment #4 with Total Living Concept to increase contract amount so that payments can be made for day program services for those clients who previously have been receiving direct payments. Amendment in the amount of \$9,900

Contract No.: HD-01-04 Amendment #1 (RM-HLTH-02-0093) with Compass Health for shared receptionist services at Camano Health Care Center, Amendment in the amount of \$6,000 for total new contract amount \$11,500

Contract #HD-01-05 (RM-HLTH-02-0100) with Whidbey General Hospital in the amount of \$19,128 Carrie McLachlan-Grant Writing/Fund Raising Consulting & Technical Advice

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS

Island County Assessor – Levy for 2005 Taxes

Tom Baenen, Island County Assessor, provided copies to the Board and members of the press, of his hand out “2004 Levy for 2005 Taxes” and confirmed that last Friday he certified the tax rolls for 2005.

Mr. Baenen commented that the growth in value between 2004 and 2005 is \$855,320,000 of that \$220,000,000 is new construction. The average tax rate for 2004 was \$9.39 per \$1,000 valuation; the average tax rate for 2005 is \$8.98 per \$1,000 valuation which represents a 41 cent decrease. Total collected this year for Island County [includes all taxing districts] is \$77,616,807.87, an 11% increase over 2004 [1/4 from new construction]. Island County for the last 11 years ranked either 38 or 39 of the 39 Washington counties as far as its position with the lowest or next to the lowest tax rate in the State.

Dan Jones, Levy Analyst, provided further details and specifics about the levy and taxes for 2005.

- Between 23% and 41% of total tax bill comes as a result of voter-approved levies, a significant share of the total.
- County Current Expense will receive 72 cents per \$1,000 valuation, a significant decrease
- County roads did not levy for the total amount [\$477,044 that could have been levied]
- Overall there has been a little over a 4% decrease in the tax rate; taxes and assessment is not one and the same.

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HEARING HELD: RESOLUTION #C-02-05/R-02-05- FINAL ORDER OF VACATION OF A PORTION OF COUNTY ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY KNOWN AS CROSBY ROAD

A Public Hearing was held at 10:15 a.m. as scheduled and advertised, for the purpose of considering Resolution #C-02-05/R-02-05, final order of vacation of a portion of County road right of way known as Crosby Road, located in Sec. 28, Twp 33N, R 1E, the vacation petitioned by James & Clarice Taylor.

Bill Oakes, Public Works Director, reported that the Engineer's recommendation of denial inasmuch as the public would not be benefited by the vacation; it is located adjacent to access for an old pit site that is still used for waste material; and located adjacent to a main arterial for North Whidbey.

James Taylor, 1348 Crosby Road, Petitioner, commented that the County 15 years' ago changed the road in front of his house, and for the past 15 years, he has maintained that portion of property, a very scenic entrance into the area at Alpine Drive and provides a sight visibility safety aspect. He can see no future road construction happening in his lifetime, and believes there is a benefit to vacating that portion of property to him: increase in his property value for which he would pay taxes on to the County.

Chairman Shelton reiterated the property location, which is adjacent to a main arterial. While there may be no foreseeable construction in his lifetime, there could be by a future generation, and from the County's point of view, it probably is not wise for the County to vacate property that has some possible use in the future.

Mr. Taylor asked that the County consider a compromise: that he meet with the County Engineer and consider vacation of the property with the condition that the property be returned to the County at no cost if needed in the future.

The Board agreed that Mr. Taylor continue to work with the County Engineer and Mr. Oakes, and come back with a recommendation. By unanimous motion the Board continued the public hearing until March 14, 2005 at 10:15 a.m.

QUIT CLAIM DEEDS, DRAINAGE AND CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS – BAYVIEW ROAD CRP 98-17

Related to Bayview Road Project CRP 98-18, as presented and described by Mr. Oakes, the Board by unanimous motion approved the following Quit Claim Deeds, Drainage Easement and Construction Easements:

Quit Claim Deed from Craig D. and Kathleen M. Izett, with compensation in the amount of \$12,840.00 (\$5,296.00/land, \$840.00/fencing, \$319.00/merchantable trees, \$6,385.00/administrative settlement), Parcel 485-1170, Sec. 8, Twp 29N, R 3E.

Construction Easement PW-0420-34 – between Island County and Craig D. and Kathleen M. Izett Parcel 485-1170, Sec. 8, Twp 29N, R 3E.

Quit Claim Deed from Agnes F. Morgan with compensation in the amount of \$3,150.00 (land), Parcel 010-5890; Sec. 7, Twp 29N, R 3E.

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Drainage Easement PW-0420-163 between Island County and Agnes F. Morgan, Parcel 010-5890; Sec. 7, Twp 29N, R 3E.

Quit Claim Deed from Mark A. and Allison K. Miller, with compensation in the amount of \$6,927.00 (\$5,903.00/land, \$1,024.00/trees), Parcel 057-1850; Sec. 5, Twp 29N, R 3E.

Construction Easement PW-0420-36 between Island County and Mark A. and Allison Miller, Parcel 057-1850; Sec. 5, Twp 29N, R 3E.

ADOPT-A-ROAD LITTER CONTROL PROGRAM RENEWAL

By unanimous motion, the Board approved the Renewal Adopt-A-Road Litter Control Program agreement with Richard Curdy, Briery Inn, for Glendale Road from Cultus Bay Road to Humphrey Road.

STORMWATER MITIGATION AGREEMENT – HOLMES HARBOR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, LLC

Stormwater Mitigation Agreement #PW-0520-20 between Island County and Holmes Harbor Community Partners, LLC, Lot 2, Div. No. 2, Plat of Holmes Harbor Golf & Yacht Club, Sec. 3, Twp 29N, R 2E. was approved by unanimous motion of the Board as presented and described by Mr. Oakes.

RESOLUTION #C-11-05 (PLG-002-05) ANNEXING PARCEL INTO THE CAMANO HILLS WATER SYSTEM SERVICE AREA

Jeff Tate, Assistant Director, Planning & Community Development, presented Resolution #C-11-05 (PLG-002-05) Annexing Parcel #R3219-021-4980 into the Camano Hills Water System Service Area, with a recommendation of approval. Mr. Tate confirmed that the Planning Department reviewed the request for consistency with the Coordinated Water System Plan and found it consistent with the goals and policies of that plan. Parcels within the subdivision of Terry Heights are served by an existing unapproved water system. The purveyor of the Terry Heights Water company indicated in writing an inability to provide water in a timely and reasonable manner [Exhibit A to the resolution] and it is recommended that the parcel in question be annexed into the Camano Hills Water System service area [Exhibit B to the resolution].

By unanimous motion, Board approved Resolution #C-11-05 (PLG-002-05) Annexing Parcel #R3219-021-4980 into the Camano Hills Water System Service Area. [*Resolution #C-11-05 placed on file with the Clerk of the Board*]

BONDING: POSSIBLE REFUNDING OF 1997 AND 2001 BONDS

Last week Elaine Marlow, Budget Director, discussed with the Board the possibility of refunding of the 1997 bonds and consideration of an additional two million for the Juvenile Detention Center, and the Board agreed it made good financial sense and asked her to move forward with the proposal and come back with more refined numbers.

Ms. Marlow reported today that Island County can save an additional \$300,000 by also including

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refunding of the 2001 bond issue. The savings for refunding both issues would be about \$867,000 in debt service. The 2001 bonds originally totaled five million and are scheduled to be paid off in 2024. The payoff date for the 2001 portion of the refunding will be 2024 and the payoff date for the 1997 portion of the refunding will be 2017. The new money portion for the Juvenile Detention Center would be scheduled to be paid off in 2017.

The Board directed Ms. Marlow to proceed with both the 1997 and 2001 bonds to be refunded and reissued.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. Island County offices will be closed on Monday, February 21st in observance of Presidents' Day. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on February 28th beginning at 11:00 a.m. for a roundtable discussion with Elected Officials and Department Heads, followed at 1:30 p.m. by regular agenda items.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Mike Shelton, Chairman

William J. Byrd, Member

[Wm. L. McDowell, Member, absent]

ATTEST: _____
Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board