

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2007 – SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B - basement), County Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6th Street, Coupeville. Wm. L. McDowell, Chairman and John Dean, Member were present.

The purpose of the Special Session was for the Board to conduct interviews of the candidates for appointment to Island County Commissioner District #1 from the three candidates selected by the Republican Central Committee and submitted to the Board by letter dated August 31, 2007.

Chairman McDowell described for the audience how the Board would conduct the interviews. Candidates would be questioned one at a time while the remaining candidates waited outside; similar questions will be asked of each candidate, questions being those submitted to the Board by the public; the Board would then go into Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of the candidates returning to open public session for a vote. Commissioner Dean said there were many questions for the candidates received by the Board from members of the public. Due to the large number submitted, the Board consolidated the questions and will use as many as time allows.

Interviews were conducted in the following order:

- Suzanne Sinclair
- Reece Rose
- Phil Bakke

The following questions were asked of each candidate:

- As a Commissioner selected by the Republican Party, how do you envision yourself representing the Greener more progressive values of your South Whidbey constituents?
- What would you like to accomplish in the next 16 months before the next election?
- What skill or talent do you think you alone bring to the Board?
- What do you perceive as the greatest County need right now?
- What can Island County do for a Navy family of four on a single income regarding affordable housing?
- What do you see as the top three objectives for the County in the next 10 years?
- What are the issues facing Freeland this fall and what do you see as some of the solutions?
- Why do you want to be a County Commissioner?

At 6:45 p.m. having concluded the public interviews of the three candidates, the Board recessed into Executive Session as allowed under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to evaluate the qualifications of the candidates. The Chairman announced his anticipation that the Executive Session would last approximately 15 minutes after which the Board would return to open public session to vote. He hoped that everyone could stay and thanked one and all for attending.

At 7:00 p.m. the Board returned to open public session.

Commissioner Dean moved that the Board appoint Phil Bakke to the District #1 vacancy effective Friday, September 7, 2007. Chairman McDowell seconded the motion, motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the Chairman adjourned the Special Session at 7:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board will be on September 10, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Wm. L. McDowell, Chairman

John Dean, Member

[Member: Vacant when signed]

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow
Clerk of the Board