

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING  
JULY 10, 2008 – SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in special session for an "Island County Housing Summit" with members of the Whidbey Island community, sponsored by Island County Planning and Community Development and Island County Council of Governments on July 10, 2008 at the Coupeville High School Commons, 501 South Main, Coupeville, Washington. John Dean, Chairman, Wm. L. McDowell, Member, and Phillip Bakke, Member, attended.

The public forum, attended by community leaders representing a wide range of interests, from social services and community planning to builders and real estate brokers, convened at 8:45 a.m. with welcoming comments by Commissioner Bakke and facilitator Donna Keeler. After preliminary briefings on the challenges of providing adequate and affordable housing in Island County by planners Jeff Tate from Island County, Larry Kwarsick from the Town of Coupeville, Steve Powers from the City of Oak Harbor, and Larry Cort from the City of Langley, groups of participants individually discussed general concepts regarding "housing affordability" and "affordable housing"; solutions and strategies; potential partnerships; and other short-term and long-term options, before making summary reports to the entire crowd. Chairman Dean left for another meeting at 11:30.

The Summit closed at 3:00 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Elaine Marlow  
Clerk of the Board