

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2008 – SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on Wednesday, January 23, 2008 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B - basement), County Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Coupeville. John Dean, Chairman, Phillip Bakke, Member, and Wm. L. McDowell, Member were present.

The purpose of the Special Session was for the Board to conduct interviews of the candidates for appointment to the position of Island County Auditor, from the three candidates selected by the Republican Central Committee, submitted to the Board via e-mail correspondence dated January 23, 2008.

Chairman Dean reviewed for the assembly the evening's format. The candidates would be questioned one at a time while the remaining candidates waited outside, and each would be asked similar questions. The Board would then recess to Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of the candidates returning to open public session for a vote.

Prior to commencement of the interviews, candidate Susan Engstrom presented a letter to the Board withdrawing her name from consideration due to family issues. The Board chose not to accept her letter and commenced the interviews.

Interviews of the candidates began with Sheilah Crider, followed by Susan Engstrom and Andrew Loehr.

At 6:25 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.

At 6:40 p.m. the Board returned to open public session.

Commissioner McDowell moved that the Board appoint Sheilah Crider to the position of Island County Auditor. Commissioner Bakke seconded the motion.

Board Comments:

Commissioner McDowell was sorry that due to family issues Ms. Engstrom felt the need to withdraw and hopes those issues will not affect her position with Island County since she is an exemplary employee. He appreciated each candidate stepping forward to be considered for the position.

Commissioner Bakke commended Mr. Loehr for participating and welcomed him to South Whidbey; he also is disappointed Ms. Engstrom withdrew her name saying she is a valued member of the Island County family; and he believes that Ms. Crider was a leader with the Planning Commission and trusts she will bring the same leadership to the position of Auditor.

Chairman Dean thanked the candidates for considering public service and encouraged continued participation in the future.

Motion unanimously carried.

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The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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Elaine Marlow  
Clerk of the Board