

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2009 – SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on December 1, 2009 beginning at 3:55 p.m. at the Island County Camano Annex, 121 NE Camano Drive, Camano Island. John Dean, Chairman, Helen Price Johnson, Member, and Angie Homola, Member were present. Bob Pederson, Planning & Community Development Director attended; Keith Higman, Public Health Director and Judy Feldman, Interim WSU Extension Director both attended via telephone.

The purpose of the Special Session was so the Board could meet with Camano County staff to discuss reductions to the 2010 Island County Budget, including dialogue concerning the Commissioners' budget. Specific to Camano was the issue of staffing and possibility of closure to the public on Fridays and whether such closure would make sense for Camano Island. Also discussed was the option of furlough days and how that would interface with other departments. Since the Camano Annex is more of a service center where the work is servicing the public who comes through the doors, Chairman Dean felt the conversation necessary since the rules and needs are different than those in Coupeville.

Following a lengthy discussion it was agreed:

- Ms. Kasperson will take two furlough days each month
- The Annex will close Fridays (departments will need to decide about staffing or adjustment of hours)
- Change will occur effective January 2, 2010

The Board met in Closed Session as allowed under RCW 42.30.140(4)(b), that portion of a meeting during which the governing body is planning to adopt the strategy or position to be taken by the governing body during the course of any collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Following Closed Session the Board and staff continued their conversation about the Commissioners' budget, concluding the Special Session at 5:15 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

John Dean, Chairman

Helen Price Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

Angie Homola, Member

Elaine Marlow
Clerk of the Board