

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2009 – SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on November 17, 2009 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington. John Dean, Chairman, Helen Price Johnson, Member, and Angie Homola, Member were present. The Special Session was called for the purpose of reviewing revenue and expenditure estimates with the Budget Director concerning the 2010 budget process. Also participating were Elected Officials, Appointed Department Heads, and members of the public.

Chairman Dean mentioned that the Board, following presentations by all non-governmental agencies, non-mandated programs, and all County departments, will now look at multiple scenarios and attempt to put together a puzzle to see how it all might fit. He wanted the audience to be aware that what the Board begins and ends with in the ongoing discussion may be completely different.

Ms. Marlow recapped the timeframe and deadlines before the Board:

- November 18 – Ad to the newspaper advertising the December 7 public hearings on the budget and any property tax levies
- December 31 – Last date to adopt the budget

With Ms. Marlow's assistance the Board would craft, today, an outline of a preliminary budget in order to meet the advertising deadline with the knowledge that modifications are possible.

An initial consensus from the Board on the preliminary budget included:

- A 1% increase based on a finding of substantial need for County Roads and County Current Expense
- Utilize all banked capacity
- Negotiations with the unions remain ongoing

While Ms. Marlow reviewed her spreadsheets with the Board and assembly via Power Point there was extensive dialogue and debate on how to reach a balanced budget.

At 10:40 a.m. the Board recessed to take a break, reconvening at 10:50 a.m. At 11:50 a.m. the Board again recessed for lunch, reconvening at 1:00 p.m., both for continued budget workshop.

Ms. Marlow will provide Elected Officials and Department Heads with a copy of the revised preliminary 2010 budget spreadsheets which reflect reductions based upon the current estimate for each department's salary, wages, and benefits for 2010.

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The Special Session adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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John Dean, Chairman

Helen Price Johnson, Member

Angie Homola, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board