

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 30, 2009 – SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on November 30, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room #102B – basement), County Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6th Street, Coupeville. The purpose of the Special Session was to review revenue and expenditure estimates with the Budget Director concerning the 2010 Island County budget process and meet with employees to answer questions. John Dean, Chairman, Helen Price Johnson, Member, and Angie Homola, Member were present. Also attending and participating were Elected Officials, Appointed Department Heads, and members of the public.

(Record Part 1)

District Court

Judge Strow requested time to talk with the Board to address the relationship between expenses and revenue in an effort to be sure the Board understands what will happen if the expense side of his budget is reduced. Any reduction in actual expenses would affect revenue produced.

Office Hours for the Coupeville Campus

The intent is to find time for staff to complete work without interruption and to accommodate reductions in staffing and coverage of front counters. Following a discussion about various scenarios and impacts to certain departments it was decided that Ms. Marlow will send out an e-mail asking for comments so a decision can be reached by next week:

Option #1

Monday thru Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Option #2

Monday thru Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday	Closed

Under both options, on Fridays, urgent matters could be handled by appointment.

Budget Update

With Ms. Marlow's assistance and Power Point a review of the preliminary budget to date then occurred with participation by those in attendance.

At 12:05 p.m. the Board recessed, reconvening at 1:00 p.m. for continued budget workshop

(Record Part 2)

Continuation of Budget Update

Ms. Marlow continued, with the Board and members of the assembly, her review of the preliminary budget to date. Dialogue resumed about the Sheriff's proposal to take over the Department of Emergency Management to accommodate the proposed reduction to his office. Chairman Dean, while not ideal, continues to support the Sheriff's proposal believing it a practical solution. Commissioner Price Johnson does not believe the Sheriff's proposal to be the best decision but chooses not to object as there seems to be no other alternative. Commissioner Homola opposes the idea and will meet with the Sheriff to address her concerns.

Ms. Marlow reviewed the adjustments to the preliminary budget as a result of today's meeting, mentioning those departments she will work with moving forward.

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At 2:45 p.m. the Board again recessed, reconvening at 4:45 p.m. for a budget discussion with employees.

(Record Part 3)

Meeting with Employees

The Board met with employees to answer questions regarding the preliminary budget as the County faces another \$1.2 million shortfall projected for 2010. The Commissioners thanked the assembly for their attendance, welcomed an open dialogue, and encouraged those with ideas to address the deficit to pass those along. Also in attendance were Mr. Larson and Ms. Marlow.

Commissioner Homola provided a Power Point presentation illustrating what the County has been faced with in attaining a balanced 2010 budget.

The floor was opened to comment at which time the Board, Mr. Larson, and Ms. Marlow answered questions and addressed concerns of employees.

The Special Session adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

John Dean, Chairman

Helen Price Johnson, Member

Angie Homola, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board