

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2009 – SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on November 6, 2009 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at 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 so the Board could meet with Elected Officials and Appointed Department Heads to review revenue and expenditure estimates with the Budget Director concerning the 2010 budget. John Dean, Chairman, Helen Price Johnson, Member, and Angie Homola, Member were present.

Ms. Marlow reviewed the key decisions made thus far and the next steps in the budget process required by RCW 36.40. She asked for direction on the preliminary budget, defined the budget calendar, and suggested critical questions for the Board to consider:

- Did the Board want to redefine Priorities developed at the Commissioners' retreats?
- Should funding for non-mandated services be reduced or eliminated?
- Did the Board want to schedule a workshop to discuss potential sources of revenue?

Following a lengthy discussion involving not only Elected Officials and Department Heads but also members of the audience who were included in the roundtable discussion, all of whom expressed their opinions and ideas concerning potential reductions and options for revenue, the consensus was:

- Sideline for now the priorities set at the Commissioners' retreat but reach some common agreement about how to frame decisions.
- Ms. Marlow will arrive at a list of non-mandated services and the Board will decide which to possibly invite back for additional budget workshops.
- There was an expressed need to look beyond the walls of government so if an opportunity should present itself, the County will make a stand or statement as to need at the State level.
- Look ahead to determine additional sources of revenue.
- Review contracts and determine which can be re-negotiated.

The meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Helen Price Johnson, Chair

ATTEST:

Angie Homola, Member

Elaine Marlow
Clerk of the Board

John Dean, Member