

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2010 – REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on April 19, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Coupeville, Washington. Helen Price Johnson, Chair, Angie Homola, Member, and John Dean, Member were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS (Record Part 1 @ :31)

Rufus Rose urged the Board to move with caution concerning the Trillium property purchase, believing it important to first have the title written and understood prior to acceptance. Questions he wanted the Commissioners to consider before taking any action include:

- What plans are there to cover maintenance costs after the first 5-7 years?
- Have potential uses for the property been reviewed in terms of the County's restrictive Comprehensive Plans and land use codes?
- How does the property compare, for purposes of generating revenue (property taxes), to other areas in Island County?

Mr. Rose reminded the Board to consider the issue publicly.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS BY AUDITOR AND TREASURER (Recd Part 1 @ 7:37)  
(Reports on file with the Clerk of the Board and posted to the website)

CONSENT AGENDA (Record Part 1 @ 14:26)  
[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

BY UNANIMOUS MOTION (3-0) the Board approved the following items presented on the Consent Agenda:

Pre-audited bills & vouchers for payment: Voucher #: 333117–333421 - \$562,798.42

EFTs (electronic funds transfers): \$19,476.87

Minutes from previous meeting(s): Regular Sessions: 4/12 and 4/13/10

Work Sessions: 3/3, 3/10, and 3/17/10

Payroll dated April 15, 2010

Emergency Management

Contract with Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management for FFY 2009 Homeland Security Grant. Contract No.: E10-206; Amount: \$166,133 (RM-DEM-10-0092)

Human Resources - Personnel Action Authorizations

None

Human Services

Contract with Linda Riley, LMFT, to provide short term mental health counseling services; Contract No. HS-11-10; Amount: \$5,000 (RM-HS-10-0104)

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Public Works - Surface Water

Purchase Order No. 7648 Pacific International Grout Company; Backfill Grout and Injection Equipment for repair work on Bob Galbreath Road; \$10,000.00 (incl. WSST) (RM-PW-10-0098)(PW-1020-028)

REGULAR AGENDA

None presented

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Record Part 1 @ 21:48)

*[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]*

Prosecuting Attorney

Ordinance C-21-10 Amending the Island County District Court Districting Plan, Chapter 1.12 ICC, to extend the operation of the Oak Harbor Municipal Department

At 10:20 a.m. Chair Price Johnson opened the public hearing.

Prosecutor Greg Banks indicated that the Districting Plan is required by state law for the County to determine how the District Court will be organized in terms of both its location and with whom the court is shared. The current Districting Plan in Island County is set up with municipal departments for Coupeville, Langley, and Oak Harbor.

When Oak Harbor announced it would withdraw the Districting Plan was amended to reflect the fact that the Oak Harbor Municipal Court would no longer exist at the end of 2010. Oak Harbor subsequently reconsidered and negotiated a contract with the County thereby warranting another change to the Districting Plan to bring it back into compliance with the new contract. Essentially the ordinance would bring the Island County Code provision that sets forth the division of resources at the District Court into compliance with the contract already in place. The Districting Committee met and unanimously recommended that the Board adopt the change.

Following a question from Commissioner Homola and Mr. Banks' response the Chair opened the floor to public comment. There being none, public comment was closed.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to ADOPT Ordinance C-21-10 as recommended. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Record Part 1 @ 29:35)

Chair Price Johnson

Attended last week:

- Clinton visioning meeting. Vision conference scheduled for January 14, 2011, a 2-1/2 day event with focus to be more intentional about the future of Clinton.
- Final meeting of the Glendale informational outreach effort. Thanks to Randy Brackett, Judy Feldman, and Nancy Waddell for their leadership. Comments are posted and may be found on the Public Works website under the Glendale heading. Also available are the audio recordings. Public Works will bring to the Board a recommendation in early May how best to move forward in that area.

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- Government Affairs Board meeting of SICBA
- Whidbey Conservation District awards
- Change of Command for Commanding Officer at the NAS Whidbey hospital
- Coupeville Library ribbon cutting

Additionally:

- An opportunity exists to support two historic structures (Ferry House and Bowman Bay picnic structure) through on-line voting. The votes would help win part of a \$1 million grant for restoration.
- Received an e-mail invitation to the Maylor Point Trail Ribbon Cutting on April 29.

Commissioner Homola

- Commissioner Homola will work toward the next steps to ensure adequate training for WRAC members who are on the Water Conservancy Board.
- Two Island County Budget and Government Basics presentations scheduled with the Langley City Council (this evening) and on Camano at the Camano Senior Center (April 21).
- At a recent staff session the Board talked about responding to the City of Oak Harbor's request to revisit the 2005 Comprehensive Plan Amendment/Urban Growth Area Expansion. In response to that request the County placed the issue on the 2010 docket for review. Commissioner Homola asked that the Board approve the Chair's signature on a letter she and Mr. Pederson are preparing to the City in that regard.

IT WAS MOVED BY HOMOLA, SECONDED BY DEAN, to AUTHORIZE the Chair to sign a letter to the City of Oak Harbor. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

Commissioner Dean

The WRAC will be taking a leadership role to move forward the issue of declining water experienced by the North Camano Water Associations. A meeting is scheduled at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday on Camano.

At 10:43 a.m. the Board recessed, reconvening at 11:00 a.m. to interview applicant Ron Christensen for appointment to Diking District 3.

Appointment – Interview Applicants for Diking District 3 Commissioner  
(Record Part 2 and Part 3)

Commissioner Dean reviewed with the Board and Mr. Christensen the format for the interview. He explained that the candidate would be questioned and the Board would then convene in Executive Session to discuss the qualifications of both candidates, returning to open public session for a vote. The Commissioner, in response to concerns expressed by the public, clarified that the Board is interested in opening vacancies to the public by way of advertising. For this particular position the Board decided to conduct public interviews because of the historical high interest in diking and drainage districts and controversies surrounding those.

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Two applicants applied for the Diking District 3 Commissioner position: 1) David Burbank, and 2) Ronald Christensen. Mr. Burbank was publicly interviewed in open session on April 5; Mr. Christensen interviewed today.

At 11:10 a.m. having now concluded the public interviews of both candidates, the Board convened in Executive Session as allowed under RCW 42.30.110(1)(h) to evaluate the qualifications of the candidates. The Chair announced her anticipation that the Executive Session would last approximately 10 minutes after which the Board would return to open public session to vote.

At 11:25 a.m. the Board returned from Executive Session to open public session.

Following clarification as to the appointment term and election date,

IT WAS MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to APPOINT Ron Christensen.  
MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

Chair Price Johnson pointed out that the appointment is an interim position and filing will need to occur December 2011 for election in February 2012. Commissioner Homola added that the appointee should read and become familiar with the RCWs to become aware of the position's duties and obligations under the law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCED

Chair Price Johnson announced that at 4:30 p.m. the Board would meet in Executive Session as allowed under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The Executive Session would take place in the Commissioners' office, Room #217 in the County Administration Building, and was anticipated to last approximately 20 minutes. No announcement afterwards in open public session was expected.

At 11:30 a.m. the Board recessed, reconvening at 12:00 p.m. to continue the Mission Statement discussion.

MISSION STATEMENT PROCESS (Record Part 4)

At 12:00 p.m. the Board reconvened its meeting and along with facilitator Judy Feldman, continued the process of creating the County's Vision Statement, Mission Statement and Guiding Principles. Ms. Feldman, following dialogue, will provide the Board with some leading questions based on the conversation today.

At 1:03 p.m. the Board once again recessed, reconvening at 4:30 p.m. for Executive Session as allowed under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee, as earlier announced.

At 4:30 p.m. the Board reconvened and immediately met in Executive Session. At 4:50 p.m. the Chair announced that the Board would need an additional amount of time meeting in Executive Session, anticipating a return to open public session at approximately 5:30 p.m.

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At 5:34 p.m. the Board returned to open public session.

IT WAS MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY PRICE JOHNSON, to authorize Commissioner Dean and Ms. Marlow to speak with Mr. Larson about the direction of Human Resources. MOTION CARRIED: 2-0 (Commissioner Homola left the Executive Session at 5:00 p.m.)

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. The Board will meet next in Regular Session at 11:00 a.m. on April 26, 2010 for Roundtable followed by agenda items at 2:00 p.m.

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ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Helen Price Johnson, Chair

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Angie Homola, Member

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John Dean, Member

ATTEST:

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Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board