

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
JUNE 21, 2010 – REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on June 21, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington. Helen Price Johnson, Chair, and John Dean, Member, were present. Angie Homola, Member, was excused from the meeting. The Regular Session began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS

None

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS BY AUDITOR AND TREASURER

(Record Part 1 @ :55)

(Reports on file with the Clerk of the Board and posted to the County's website @

<http://www.islandcounty.net/commissioners/documents/2010/FinancialReport.pdf>)

CONSENT AGENDA (Record Part 1 @ 13:18)

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

BY UNANIMOUS MOTION (2-0 with Commissioner Homola excused) the Board approved the following items, including an addition of Item 18, *Resolution C-56-10 Declaring that Purchase of Election Software is a Sole Source Purchase Exempt from Competitive Bidding* from the Chair's Agenda, as presented:

Pre-audited bills and vouchers for payment – Voucher #: 337065–337373 - \$405,760.94

EFTs (electronic funds transfers) - \$1,537.65

Minutes from previous meeting(s) – Regular Session 5/21/10

Payroll dated June 15, 2010

Auditor

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County Fair

Contract with Todd Nysether Construction, LLC; Completion of the Island County Fairgrounds Entry Plaza Project. This project is funded by a WA State Dept. of Agriculture grant and Capital Improvement (REET) Fund. Contract Amount: \$27,332.39 (RM-GSA-10-0279)

Human Resources – Personnel Action Authorizations

None presented

Human Services

Contract with Housing Authority of Island to provide support for operations and maintenance of Garden House, a single family dwelling capable of serving homeless families that have up to 6 persons. Contract No. HS-16-10; Amount: \$3,500 (RM-HS-10-0264)

Planning & Community Development

Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Professional Services with Michael Bobbink, extending the Hearing Examiner contract for two months \$7,550 (RM-PLAN-10-00266)

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Public Works – County Roads

- **Public Hearing Scheduled – July 26, 2010 – 2:15 p.m.**
Franchise #388 – Transfer and renewal of existing franchise for sewer collection system in County rights-of-way known as Kineth Point Place and Redwood Drive; from Edward M. Costello to Kineth Point Woods Community Association; Plat of Kineth Point Woods; Sec. 35, Twp 32N, R 1E (RM-PW-10-0192) (PW-1020-039)
- **Public Hearing Scheduled – July 26, 2010 – 2:15 p.m.**
Franchise # 174R – Renewal of existing franchise for water distribution system in County rights-of-way known as Waynes Ridge Circle, Hawk Ridge Place and a portion of Cross Island Road; Wayne’s Ridge Water Association, Plat of Wayne’s Ridge Estates; Sec.25/26, Twp 32N, R 2E & Sec. 30, Twp 32N, R 3E (RM-PW-10-0277) (PW-1020-054)
- **Public Hearing Scheduled – July 26, 2010 – 2:15 p.m.**
Franchise #372 - Transfer and renewal of existing franchise for sewer collection system in County rights-of-way known as Larson Drive and Sunday Drive; from John Dill to Ralph & Diana Zardiskas; Plat of Sunrise Hills; Sec 5, Twp 33N, R 2E (RM-PW-10-0215) (PW-1020-047)
- Contract/Contract Bond – 2010 Whidbey Island Overlays, CRP 10-02, Work Order No. 477; Lakeside Industries, Inc. (RM-PW-10-0261) (PW-1020-050)
- Contract/Contract Bond – 2010 Camano Island Overlays, CRP 10-03, Work Order No. 476; Cemex Construction (RM-PW-10-0262) (PW-1020-049)

Liquor License(s)

- Application for Special Occasion Liquor License No. 072928 by Auction of Washington Wines for a special occasion to be held August 20, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Joe Arbanas residence, 6408 Bay Rd., Freeland
- Application for Special Occasion Liquor License No. 363790 by the Greenbank Farm Management Group for a special occasion to be held July 24, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and July 25, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the enclosed area, Greenbank Farm, 765 Wonn Rd., Greenbank
- Letter Request for 20-day Extension for Approval of Special Occasion Liquor License No. 090125 by Whidbey Island Pony Club for a special occasion to be held July 10-11, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the enclosed area, farmland, corner of Zylstra Rd. & Sweetbriar Lane, Oak Harbor

REGULAR AGENDA

None presented

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Record Part 1 @ 18:30)

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Assessor/Planning & Community Development

Ordinance C-48-10 in the Matter of Adopting Amendments to Chapter 3.40 ICC to Revalue all Land Classified as Open Space in the Current Use Program under the Public Benefit Rating System to Comply with State Law (*Continued from June 14, 2010*)

At 10:18 a.m. Chair Price Johnson opened the public hearing.

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Mr. Pederson indicated that the changes suggested at the June 14 public hearing were incorporated in the ordinance presented. Staff recommended approval with the following modifications:

H. Active or Passive Recreation Area

H.1

.... The facility must be open to the public and if charging a use fee, that fee shall be no higher than the fee charged by a like public facility

H.3(b)

Golf courses open to public with fees comparable to local public golf courses and which adhere to Best Management Practices (as determined by Island County Planning & Community Development). ...

H.3(e)

Properties with public or private trails:

At 10:22 a.m. the Chair provided an opportunity for the public to comment. Following statements and questions from Jeanne Hunsinger and Rufus Rose, along with responses to concerns from Mr. Pederson, public comment was closed at 10:40 a.m.

Mr. Pederson reiterated that the ordinance would bring the County into compliance with RCW 84.34 with respect to the Open Space Program. He added that such an action should have been done as long ago as 1998 when the County first came into the Public Benefit Rating System (PBRs). With respect to concerns expressed about golf courses, the Best Management Practices standards relate to eligibility requirements; that is, a golf course can choose to exercise Best Management Practices or not, as they see fit. There is no requirement that a golf course participate in the PBRs Open Space Rating Program.

Commissioners Price Johnson and Dean agreed it necessary to bring the County into compliance with RCW 84.34. Therefore,

IT WAS MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY PRICE JOHNSON, to ADOPT Ordinance C-48-10 In the Matter of Adopting Amendments to Chapter 3.40 ICC to Revalue all Land Classified as Open Space in the Current Use Program under the Public Benefit Rating System to Comply with State Law.

Chair Price Johnson added that a decision to become part of the Public Benefit Rating System is not one for the County to make but rather, is a voluntary choice of property owners should they determine the option to be in their best interest.

The Chair having called for a vote, MOTION CARRIED: 2-0 (Commissioner Homola excused from the meeting). (GMA No. 10400)

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Record Part 1 @ 44:39)

Commissioner Dean

Future Salaries of Elected Officials

Ms. Marlow indicated that the deadline, instead, for changing Elected Officials' salaries is the day before the November election date so there still remains time to consider the idea. It was decided to bring the matter to the June 23 Work Session for discussion and Ms. Marlow will advise the Elected Officials should they wish to attend. While such a decision would affect Commissioner Dean, he nonetheless supports the idea.

Chair Price Johnson

The Chair reported back from the WSAC Conference, indicating she will put together and circulate a briefing.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. The Board will meet next in Special Session this evening at 6:00 p.m., again in Special Session June 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., then in Regular Session at 11:00 a.m. June 28, 2010 for Roundtable, followed by agenda items at 2:00 p.m.

SPECIAL SESSION

PUBLIC FORUM

(Record Part 2)

At 6:00 p.m. the Board met in Special Session for the purpose of holding the first in a series of Public Forums. The Special Session took place in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington. Helen Price Johnson, Chair, Angie Homola, Member, and John Dean, Member attended. The Public Forums are scheduled in various parts of the County, the first in Coupeville, in order to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the state of the County, the additional projected \$2 million that must be cut to stabilize the 2011 budget, and the primary election levy lid lift proposition in response.

On file with the Clerk of the Board:

- *Special Session Notice*
- *Attendance Sheets*
- *Comment Sheets*
- *Power Point Presentation*
- *Handouts*

Prior to turning the floor over to Ms. Marlow, Chair Price Johnson remarked that many important governmental services are provided by the County, with some services depended upon each day and others needed only now and then. Despite drastic cuts experienced since 2008 and as a result having limited resources; Elected Officials, Appointed Department Heads, and staff continue to believe in the high quality of service provided and care deeply about the community. She was hopeful that the audience would leave at the end of the evening with a better understanding of what is before them and the community as a whole should Proposition 1 not pass.

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Ms. Marlow then provided a Power Point presentation that addressed the County's financial situation and the proposed ballot measure for the levy lid lift. The presentation included:

- The basic finances of the County,
- Why property taxes are such an important part of the County Current Expense Fund,
- Services that are mandated by law and which are not,
- Steps taken to reduce costs, and
- What if Proposition 1 does not pass

Subsequently the County panel, consisting of Auditor Sheilah Crider, Prosecutor Greg Banks, Sheriff Mark Brown, Treasurer Linda Riffe, Public Health Director Keith Higman, Public Works Director Bill Oakes, Juvenile Director/Superior Court Administrator Mike Merringer, Human Services Director Jackie Henderson, and WSU Director Tim Lawrence, provided their perspective of the added possible impacts to services their offices provide if additional resources are not available for next year and years after.

Public comment then followed with questions and remarks in favor and those not in favor of Proposition 1. In response the Commissioners and County Panel addressed perceived misconceptions, provided additional clarification, and spoke of the need to balance the County's budget in order to stabilize its future.

The Board provided closing comments, saying they are now at a point where they have made all the cuts they can that make sense. The intent of the Forums is to warn people where their government is headed and let them then make the choice about whether to let their government go down to what the Board considers unacceptable levels. Such a decision is not a proper one for the Board to make alone. Instead, when there is the possibility of going to a level of government that is lower than it has ever been, then the appropriate approach is to take the decision to the voters to decide what they want for the future of their government in Island County. Ultimately the voters will determine whether to retain basic public safety and other essential services; or, further reduce Law and Justice and other community services that provide for the health and safety of the County's citizens.

The Special Session adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Helen Price Johnson, Chair

Angie Homola, Member

Attest:

Elaine Marlow
Clerk of the Board

John Dean, Member