

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2010 – REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on August 9, 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, Angie Homola, Member, and John Dean, Member were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS (Record Part 1 @ :41)

Employee Service Awards

| <u>Department</u> | <u>Employee</u> | <u>No Years</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Health | Linda Telles | 20 |
| Human Services | Beth Plush | 20 |
| Jail | Keasha Jennings | 5 |
| Jail | Mark Moffitt | 15 |
| Juvenile Court Services | David Marquis | 5 |
| Parks | Lisa McDavid | 5 |
| Parks | Jan Van Muyden | 15 |
| Planning | Teresa Jorgenson | 10 |
| Treasurer | Janice Wilson | 10 |

Employee of the Month for July
Detective Phil Farr – Sheriff’s Office

In his role as manager of the Sheriff’s Evidence program, Detective Farr has the responsibility to ensure complete accountability and documentation of all evidentiary material collected by the Department. Accuracy and completeness are crucial factors in those situations involving Court proceedings. Detective Farr’s attention to detail and thoroughness have greatly contributed to the successful conclusion of many criminal cases. Most recently, his efforts in the recent Harris-Moore case have resulted in numerous charges being filed in Superior Court and are the result of countless hours of detailed work. Detective Farr’s commitment, professionalism and dedication to duty are in keeping with the highest standards of the Sheriff’s Office and Island County.

Special Recognition – Certificate of Good Practice 2009

Bill Oakes – Public Works Director/Engineer

Certificate of Good Practice presented to Mr. Oakes as approved by Resolution of the County Road Administration Board at its meeting on April 22, 2010.

Recognition Of Wellness Awards

(Presented By Katie Hicks)

Kelly Diefert -- Top points earner for the Get Active Challenge
Kristi Lamascus -- \$250 raffle winner for Get Active Challenge

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Healthy Recipe Swap Judges' Pick Contest:

- \$50 1st Place Prize: Bok Choy Salad by Carla Grau-Egerton
- \$30 2nd Place Prize: Curry Noodle Soup by Ingrid Smith
- \$20 3rd Place Prize: Beet Salad by Jessica Minder

Healthy Recipe Swap People's Choice Contest:

- \$50 1st Place Prize: Bok Choy Salad by Carla Grau-Egerton
- \$30 2nd Place Prize: Mexican Casserole by Mary Martin
- \$20 3rd Place Prize: Curry Noodle Soup by Ingrid Smith

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS

None

CONSENT AGENDA (Record Part 1 @ 26:33)

[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 and vouchers for payment: Voucher #s: 400001-400133, \$225,580.14
(The Board agreed that Fair vouchers will be reviewed by GSA/Risk Management prior to submitting to the Auditor for payment)

EFTs (electronic funds transfers) - \$1,483.32

Minutes from previous meeting(s): None presented

Emergency Management

Grant Agreement with Washington State EMD for the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). Contract number E10-318; Amount \$17,278.00 (RM-DEM-10-0311)

Extension Services

Amendment No. 01 to Agreement between Washington State University and Island County – WSU Contract #17997. This Amendment extends the Agreement date to April 30, 2010. Amount: \$19,284 (RM-WSU-10-0334)

Human Resources – Personnel Action Authorizations

| <u>Department</u> | <u>PAA #</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Position #</u> | <u>Action</u> | <u>Eff. Date</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Juvenile Court Services | 057/10 | Drug Court Coordinator | 1409.00 | Replacement | 10/18/10 |
| Juvenile Court Services | 058/10 | Work Crew Supervisor .60 fte | 1402.08 | Replacement | 8/16/10 |

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- Amendment 3 to Contract with WA State DSHS-Health and Recovery Services Administration to provide chemical dependency treatment and prevention services. Amendment No. 0963-68036-03; Amount: \$45,683.00 (RM-HS-10-331)
- Amendment 1 to Contract with Toddler Learning Center to provide child development services. Contract Amendment No. HS-10-09(1); Amount: \$107,350 (RM-HS-10-320)
- Amendment 1 to Contract with Service Alternatives, Inc. to provide developmental disability programs. Contract Amendment No. HS-09-09(1); Amount: \$121,473 (RM-10-322)

Public Health

Request for exception from competitive solicitation procurement for contract with Bess Windecker Nelson, PhD to provide behavioral health specialist consultation to Maternity Support Services clients from 7/1/10 through 12/31/10

Public Works – County Roads

- Quit Claim Deed – Island County and Andrew & Jeni Bottin; Maple Grove Beach, Division No. 2, Lot 54; Sec. 23, Twp 32N, R 2E
- Quit Claim Deed – Island County and Andrew & Jeni Bottin; Maple Grove Beach, Division No. 2, Lot 56; Sec. 23, Twp 32N, R 2E
- Quit Claim Deed – Ralph Loesch; Shoreline Drive; Lot 26, Division No. 2, Plat of Tye Beach; Sec 11, Twp 30N, R 3E
- Resolution C-67-10/R-21-10 In the Matter of Adoption of Island County’s Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program for the Years 2011- 2016

Public Works

Resolution C-68-01/R-22-10 In the Matter of Adoption of Island County’s Six-Year Capital Improvement Program for the Years 2011-2016

Liquor License(s)

- Application for Special Occasion Liquor License No. 092151 by the Camano Senior Services for a special occasion to be held September 18, 2010 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Camano Senior & Community Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd., Camano Island
- Application for Special Occasion Liquor License No. 092151 by the Camano Senior Services for a special occasion to be held December 31, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to midnight at the Camano Senior & Community Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd., Camano Island

REGULAR AGENDA (Record Part 1 @ 36:50)

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Consider Appointments and/or Re-Appointments to Boards and Committees

Recommendation of Re-Appointment to the Clinton Ferry Advisory Committee

IT WAS MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to RE-APPOINT David Hoogerwerf. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None scheduled

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COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (Record Part 1 @ 38:08)

Commissioner Dean

- Attended the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the Deception Pass Bridge.
- Will attend the dedication of the new Mark Clark Bridge (SR 532 Bridge) on Wednesday.
- The Commissioner said there is a movement afoot at the State level, with Senator Haugen leading the way, to name the new bridge “Camano Gateway,” while the old bridge, which will be torn down, was called the Mark Clark Bridge. While the process has not officially gone forward, the Senator would appreciate a letter of support from the Board. The Board agreed with the concept.
- Will meet with WCIF/WCIP in workshop on Wednesday and Thursday for setting of rates and other issues. Additional information will be available next week.

Commissioner Homola

Commissioner Homola asked that the Board consider filing a new resolution by the deadline of August 10 (7 days prior to the Primary Election), requesting that the levy lid lift proposal come before the voters again at the General Election in November should it not pass August 17 at the Primary Election. Should Proposition 1 be approved at the August 17 Primary Election, the General Election proposition in November would be withdrawn. If the Board waits, she added, the first opportunity to put the measure back on the ballot would be spring of 2011, and then only if the option to follow the CPI is removed. The next opportunity would be fall of the same year. Either option would mean waiting until 2012 to implement any voter-approved changes. The Board will need to make debilitating cuts and restructure all of Island County for 2011 should the measure fail.

Commissioner Homola added that there was a short window of time with which the Commissioners acted in their capacity as a Board to adequately inform the public. She recently spoke at the Senior Services Center (Oak Harbor) where people there said they were waiting for their voters’ pamphlet to come in the mail so they could read about the proposition (*no voters’ pamphlets were mailed*). The Commissioner added there are over 45,000 registered voters and without the results of the Primary Election there is no way to know if a majority voted.

As an Island County voter, Commissioner Homola asked her fellow Board Members to provide her an opportunity to place the issue on the General Election ballot in November.

She read for the record the following statement:

Washington State law – RCW 29A.04.321 requires that a General Election ballot measure must be filed 84 days prior to the General Election or (in this case) by August 10th, 7 days before the Primary Election has occurred.

This places local legislative authorities in the predicament of making ballot (content) decisions before we have received the results of the will of the public during the Primary Election.

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I am one of those voting public that cares deeply about my community, and I am also a County Commissioner.

I have spent the last 20 months with my fellow Commissioners trying to pull this County out of a financial tail spin that resulted from many years' reliance on a failed financial model that relied on constant growth to pay the bills. This no win situation occurred because of a statute that disabled counties the ability to follow inflationary rates without the vote of the public. We no longer have that kind of growth but we still have the people it brought to provide services for.

We must restructure our financial model.

Whereas the prior commissioners resolved the initial shortfall by depleting the reserve fund of \$3 million and by making a few staff reductions. They made no effort to fix the systemic problem of realistic checks and balances.

Where prior commissioners looked at the budget in 1 year increments, I resolved to look at a minimum of five years which revealed the county will be insolvent by the year 2015.

This Board has reduced spending by \$4.2 million in just two budget cycles by cutting staff, donating income, reducing medical benefits, consolidating programs and departments, off-loading rentals, furloughing staff, reducing energy consumption and more.

Knowing this is not a sustainable method by which to meet statutory requirements and essential services due to our inability to follow inflationary rates, we made the decision to place a levy lid lift on the Primary Election ballot that would re-set Island County from the lowest property tax rate county in the state to second lowest, and possibly the lowest tax rate, to enable a sustainable financial model that is not reliant on uncontrolled growth and borrowing from the future to pay for today's needs.

This is the message this Board of County Commissioners has been explaining to the public for the past 9 weeks or just 52 business days, since we signed the resolution on May 25th.

That need has not gone away; if anything has changed since we filed that resolution, it is that we may be facing an even longer recessionary recovery than expected.

As a voter, I appreciate and expect public services.

I do not want to see a 7 to 10 deputy reduction from law and justice

I do not want to see criminals not tried

I do not want to see the elderly in our community suffer

I do not want to see mentally ill on the streets

I do not want to see hungry children and families without food vouchers in Island County

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I do not want to see water quality management diminished.

The only way I can have a say in keeping my county whole as I believe it should be is with my vote. The only way I can have that vote is if it is on the ballot.

That ballot decision is available to me as a voter only if my County Commissioners believe it worthy of placing it there.

Not knowing the outcome of the vote before our deadline to me says the right thing to do is file the resolution, we can always rescind it.

Chair Price Johnson maintained that the Board had a lot of discussion and tackled many of the different issues when voting to put the measure on the August ballot, believing it to be the right thing to do. She has been impressed with the engagement of the community around the issue, trusting that the effort has been a chance for the community to look at their tax statements and think about what their tax dollars are going for. Significant outreach occurred by both the Commissioners and by community groups on both sides of the issue and the Chair was heartened to see that two of the local newspapers endorsed the proposition.

Chair Price Johnson would not support approving a resolution requesting that the levy lid lift proposal be placed on the General Election ballot until it is known what the voters decide. The Commissioners, at the public forums, said clearly that they will listen to what the voters say. While the Chair remains optimistic, should the measure not be successful it is her belief that the Board should then take another look at the proposition for any necessary modification. There were good reasons, she said, why the Commissioners crafted the ballot measure the way they did; that is, the Board felt the need was essential and that the proposal was the least burdensome to taxpayers. Moreover, the proposition if approved would support essential services and prevent further deep cuts in the public's safety net.

Commissioner Dean concurred. From his perspective the Board asked the voters to make a decision about where they wanted their government to go and should they say no, he believes it important to listen to what is said. To put the proposition before the voters again in November would not be well received. The Commissioner is open to discussion of restructuring another request should the Board be at that point next year; however, he does not think it proper to ask and then ask again now if the decision is no. He also is not in favor of putting a placeholder on the General Election ballot.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCED

At 10:56 a.m. Chair Price Johnson announced that the Board would recess its meeting and reconvene at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room to meet in Executive Session as allowed under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment. The Executive Session was anticipated to last approximately 45 minutes with the possibility of an announcement afterward.

(Record Part 2)

The Board reconvened its Regular Meeting at 1:00 p.m. and following opening remarks from Interim Human Resources Director John McFarland, went into Executive Session. At 1:49 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

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(Record Part 3)

IT WAS MOVED BY DEAN, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, to offer employment to Melanie Bacon for the Human Resources Director position subject to completion of a successful background check. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The Board will meet next in Regular Session on August 16, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Helen Price Johnson, Chair

Angie Homola, Member

John Dean, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board