

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING  
JUNE 17, 2014 – SPECIAL SESSION**

Members of the Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on June 17, 2014 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Four Springs House, 585 Lewis Lane, Camano Island, WA. Attending were Commissioners Jill Johnson and Helen Price Johnson.

The purpose of the Special Session was for the Board to conduct interviews of the candidates for appointment to Island County Commissioner District #3 from the three candidates selected by the Republican Central Committee and submitted to the Board by letter dated May 21, 2014.

Chair Johnson described for the audience how the Board would conduct the interviews. Candidates would be questioned one at a time while the remaining candidates waited outside; the same questions will be asked of each candidate. A large number of questions were submitted by the public for the Board to review and consider as they built their questions for the interview process. Each Commissioner is welcome to ask follow up questions as they come to mind. Each candidate will be provided additional time for closing remarks.

Interviews were conducted alphabetically:

- Richard Hannold
- Marc Hennemann
- Aubrey Vaughan

Each candidate was asked to share a little of their background, community activities they have been involved with and why they want to be a County Commissioner.

The following questions were asked of each candidate:

- Over the next few months there will be many Commissioner budget sessions in addition to the regular business meetings. How do you plan to manage attendance for meetings in Coupeville and be available to constituents on Camano and North Whidbey?
- How would your former employees describe your management style? How would your style be described by your professional peer group?
- As an interim Commissioner candidate chosen by the Republican Party rather than a vote of the citizens, how will you represent constituents with more progressive values?
- Given an historic inflationary factor of 3-5% and a 1% cap on property tax collections, what budget strategy will you use to maintain County services?
- Because staffing levels at Island County are now 15% lower than they were in 1997, many departments struggle to meet public service needs and state mandates. How do you plan to resolve this problem?
- From your perspective, what is the number one issue facing District 3 and specifically the residents of Camano Island?
- Describe your views on land use planning, managing growth, and balancing societal rights with property rights.
- As a Commissioner, issues often arise that force choices between your own personal values and the views of the citizens that you serve or the law/regulations you uphold. In facing a decision that is in conflict with your personal values, how would you proceed?

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There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the Chair adjourned the Special Session at 7:20 p.m. The Board will meet again in Special Session for the second and final interviews on June 24, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room in Coupeville.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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Jill Johnson, Chair

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Helen Price Johnson, Member

*Commissioner District 3 Position Vacant*

ATTEST:

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Debbie Thompson, Clerk of the Board