

BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING 93
APRIL 14, 2010 – WORK SESSIONS

- Developmental Disabilities Program/Jail Parenting Class – Mike Ezzell
- Community Counseling Connections Program – Beth Blush
- Veterans Services Program/Adult Outreach Program – Gerald Pfannenstiel
- Substance Abuse Treatment Services – Don Lupien
- Substance Abuse Prevention – Dan Bond
- Housing Grant Assistance Program – Leon Shordon
- School Based Mental Health Program – Charlene Ray
- Senior Adult “Food and Schmooze” Program/Housing Grant Assistance Program/Homeless Housing Fund and Homeless Housing Task Force – Jackie Henderson

Commissioners Agenda
Summary Minutes

The County Commissioners met during Work Session on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., in the Island County Annex Building, Commissioners’ Hearing Room, B-102, Coupeville, WA.

Present were:

County Commissioners: **Helen Price Johnson, Chair**
 Angie Homola, Member
 John Dean, Member

Staff: Pam Dill

Others Present: Bill Oakes, Public Works Director, Keith Higman, Public Health Director, Bob Pederson, Planning Director, Members of WRAC, Jill Wood, Aaron Henderson, Matt Kukuk, Kerry Graves, Anne LaCour, Chris Leurkens, Jesse Stensland “Whidbey News Times”, Rufus Rose

(Record Part 2@1:06)

Subject: Island County Clean Water Utility Formation

Attachment: Proposed Program Elements, map

Proposed Action: Keith Higman reviewed what was presented to the Board at their January 20th work session. The Board requested the following additional information for each of the proposed program elements:

1. Define justification of budget;
2. Qualify program element needs;
3. Provide program element outputs/products;
4. Describe program element administration.

Bill Oakes, Public Works Director, provided the requested information for the following program elements:

- Surface and stormwater drainage projects
- Low Impact Development Coordination
- Watershed Basin Coordination

Keith Higman, Health Director, provided the requested information for the following program elements:

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- Surface Water Quality Monitoring
- Hydrogeology Program
- On-Site Sewage System Operation and Maintenance Program & HOST
- Salmon Recovery
- Shellfish Protection

Bob Pederson, Planning Director, provided the requested information for the following program element:

- Critical Area Enforcement and code Compliance

The need for support services from the Assessor, Treasurer, Auditor and Central Services necessary to manage district assessment, collection and distribution was noted. The estimated expenditure of \$70,000.000 is dependent upon the complexity of the methodology chosen to assess individual properties. It is staffs recommendation the application be done through a flat fee.

Exemptions:

Staff provided a map delineating the parcels that would be exempt from the proposed fee leaving approximately 40,000 parcels. Bill Oakes recommended dissolving the Marshall Utility District and absorbing it into the new program. He also recommended maintaining Diking and Drainage Districts outside of the new program.

Specific exemptions by statute include lands taxed as forest or timber land and a minimum of 10% reduction for properties within an approved rainwater harvesting system.

The RCW further states that in fixing rates and charges, the county legislative authority may in its discretion consider:

- Services furnished or to be furnished;
- Benefits received or to be received;
- The character and use of land or its water runoff characteristics;
- The nonprofit public benefit status of the land user;
- Income level of persons served or provided benefits, including senior citizens and disabled persons;
- Any other matters which present a reasonable difference as a ground for distinction.

Board Direction Needed

- What services will be included (program elements)?
- What will the scope of the services be (program budget)?
- Determine the boundary (parcels included/excluded and exemptions)?
- Determine the rational for a fee structure (rate and application methodology)?

Proposed Next Steps

- Draft proposed ordinance and code language
- Obtain legal review
- Conduct public outreach according to “Outreach Plan”

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- Present findings of public outreach to BICC
- Set public hearing

Follow up: The Board will be ready to provide direction to staff at the Wednesday, April 21, work session.

The County Commissioners met with the Water Resource Advisory Committee during Work Session on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 3:58 p.m., in the Island County Annex Building, Commissioners' Hearing Room, B-102, Coupeville, WA.
Present were:

County Commissioners: Helen Price Johnson, Chair
Angie Homola, Member
John Dean, Member

Staff: Pam Dill

Others Present: Members of the WRAC: Don Lee, Grant Heiken, Bob Deering, Bob Boehm, Bob Friedman, Barbara & Wes Brock, Julius Budus, Scott Chase, Jill Wood, Keith Higman, Chris Leurkens

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Subject: WRAC

Attachment: none

Discussion: Don Lee, a member of the Water Resource Advisory Committee, thanked the Board for allowing the WRAC the opportunity to contribute to the clean water utility discussion. The WRAC supports the development of a clean water district to assist the hydrogeology program, surface water monitoring and salmon recovery and volunteered to help get the information out to the public.

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ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board