

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2009– REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on November 9, 2009 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. John Dean, Chairman, Helen Price Johnson, Member, and Angie Homola, Member were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS (Record Part 1 @ :30)

Welcome to New Employees

<u>Department</u>	<u>Employee</u>
Juvenile Court Services	Bryan Osborn
Juvenile Court Services	Claire Williamson

Employee Service Awards

<u>Department</u>	<u>Employee</u>	<u>No Years</u>
Commissioners	Debbie Thompson	20
Facilities	Ron Clifford	5
Health	Jennifer Chong	15
Health	Marie Piper	5
Public Works	Randy Brackett	10
Public Works	Doug Holbert	20
Public Works	Ben Larcena	15
Superior Court	Sherry Cameron	10

Employee of the Month for October

Jan Van Muyden – Parks Department

Mr. Van Muyden has helped the Parks Department sustain a 57% cut in their maintenance and operations for 2009, worked hard to maintain 35 parks on Whidbey Island during an exceptional tourist and fishing season, and became resourceful in meeting the demands of caring for the parks. He has performed much of the necessary maintenance of equipment, saving the County from having to send it out for repair and getting it back on-line sooner. He has utilized the assistance of inmates to help maintain the grounds around the campus as well as the various parks. This “can do” attitude is a testimony to his dedication. Mr. Van Muyden is always looking for innovative ways to address and solve problems as they arise.

CONSENT AGENDA (Record Part 1 @ 13:00)

BY UNANIMOUS MOTION (3-0) the Board approved the following items presented on the Consent Agenda with the exception of *Voucher 6700416*, moved to the Regular Agenda for consideration:

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Pre-audited bills and vouchers for payment – Voucher #s 322480-322493 (\$225,278.83)
EFTs (electronic funds transfers) - \$5,539.87

Minutes from Previous Meetings

Regular Sessions: 9/14, 9/21, 9/28

Special Sessions: 9/21, 9/22, 9/25

GSA Property Management

Amendment #1 to Kaul Building Lease; Lessor has agreed to terminate lease effective Nov. 9, 2009 (RM-GSA-06-0039)

GSA Conservation Futures

M&O Funding Agreement 2009 CFF Swan Lake Project; Amount: \$10,000.00 (RM-GSA-09-0414)

Human Resources – Personnel Action Authorizations

<u>Department</u>	<u>PAA #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Health	095/09	Public Health Nurse II	2406.04	Personnel Action (Temp Increase Hours)	11/09/09
Human Services	096/09	Contract Support Coordinator .80 fte	2830.00	Replacement	11/16/09
Treasurer	097/09	Deputy Treasurer	2103.00	Personnel Action (Temp Increase Hours)	11/09/09
Health	098/09	Admin/Clerk	2403.02	Personnel Action (Temp Increase Hours)	10/01/09
Health	099/09	WIC Certifier Immunization Clerk	2424.10	Personnel Action (Temp Increase Hours)	10/01/09

Human Services

Purchase Order No. 8677 with Karen Lewis – Impact for Life, LLC for professional services to provide anger management classes to Jail Transition clients who are incarcerated in the Island County Jail; Amount: \$4,800 (RM-HS-09-0454)

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Public Works – County Roads

- Purchase Order No. 9213 – Six Roblees, Inc.; R Salt Dogg Sanders #14005055; \$17,038.87 (incl. WSST) (RM-PW-09-0451) (PW-0920-159)
- Temporary Construction Easement – Ducken Family LLC; Frostad Road Improvements; CRP 96-06A, Work Order No. 209; Parcel 450-2020; Sec. 17, Twp 33N, R 2E (RM-PW-09-0168) (PW-0920-72)
- Quit Claim Deed – Ducken Family LLC; Frostad Road Improvements, CRP 96-06A, Work Order No. 209, Parcel 450-2020; Sec. 17, Twp 33N, R 2E; \$2,202.00 (Land) (R-PW-09-0144) (PW-0920-58)

Sheriff-Jail

Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Northwest Minichain between Island County and Whatcom County for transport of prisoners. Amount: \$11,820.00 (RM-SHER-09-0450)

Superior/Juvenile Court

Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Phoenix Recovery Services for Chemical Dependency Disposition Alternative program; Amount: NTE \$1,853 (RM-JUV-09-0296-1)

REGULAR AGENDA (Record Part 1 @ 20:20)

Auditor

Voucher 6700416 – Veteran’s Assistance. BY UNANIMOUS MOTION (3-0) the Board approved Voucher 6700416 with the adjustment of \$6.23.

GSA Conservation Futures

2009 Approval of Conservation Futures Funding - Henry Lane Acquisition Project; Purchase of 3.18 acres of shoreline property on western Camano Island for the protection of valuable shoreline/marine bluff habitat. Amount: \$586,789.00.

IT WAS MOVED BY PRICE JOHNSON, SECONDED BY HOMOLA, with her request that the Board authorize staff to craft boundary line and conservation easement land use solutions that will permit Island County to secure the public benefit area of the property while availing a reasonable portion to be sold for development. Once a sale is final those monies would be put back into the Conservation Futures Fund for future competitive projects. Her approval of the funding would be contingent upon that request.

Chairman Dean responded that since the County is facing an economic crisis it makes sense to consider Commissioner Homola’s request. Prior to his lending full support, however, some questions need first be answered.

Commissioner Price Johnson is not averse to considering such an option but to begin with, believes approval of the funding should occur.

BY UNANIMOUS MOTION (3-0) the Board approved the 2009 Conservation Futures Funding for the Henry Lane Acquisition Project. Commissioner Homola is in favor so long as the Board pursues the ability to refund the Conservation Futures Fund with a hopeful sale of a piece of the property.

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Commissioners

Selection of 2010 Chairman of Board of County Commissioners (RCW 36.32.100). BY UNANIMOUS MOTION (3-0) the Board selected Commissioner Price Johnson as Chair for 2010.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Planning & Community Development (Record Part 1 @ 30:00)

ZAA 012/07 Bierschenk - Application to Rezone a 12.5 Acre Parcel from Rural to Rural Center, Located on South Whidbey. Parcel No. R32924-045-3370

At 10:33 a.m. Chairman Dean opened the public hearing.

Bob Pederson, Planning & Community Development Director and Andrew Hicks provided a Power Point presentation detailing a history of the application. ZAA 012/07 was applied for in 2007 to convert a 12.6 acre parcel from what is currently zoned Rural to be designated as Rural Center. Staff suggested that the appropriate measure for rezone would be to go through a Non-Municipal Urban Growth Area process as recommended in the Growth Board's 2000 Final Decision and Order, rather than through expansion of the RAID as suggested here.

Chairman Dean opened the floor to public comment and following remarks either in favor or not in favor of the proposed rezone, public comment was closed at 11:33 a.m. (*Handouts provided and on file with the Clerk of the Board*)

Following Commissioner discussion,

IT WAS MOVED BY HOMOLA, SECONDED BY PRICE JOHNSON, TO DENY ZAA 012/07 Bierschenk - Application to Rezone. MOTION CARRIED: 3-0

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Record Part 1 @ 1:37:41)

At 11:43 a.m. the Board recessed, reconvening in Executive Session at 11:45 a.m. as provided under RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to review the performance of a public employee. The Executive Session took place in the Board's Conference Room #218, for approximately 15 minutes, and no announcement followed.

The Board recessed at 12:00 noon following Executive Session, reconvening in Budget Workshop at 1:37 p.m.

BUDGET WORKSHOP (Record Part 2)

The Board, along with Elected Officials and Appointed Department Heads, met in budget workshop to review revenue and expenditure estimates with the Budget Director concerning the 2010 budget. Dialogue included the topics of:

- Mandated versus non-mandated services and functions
- Major contracts, including public defense

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Following an opportunity for the public to provide comment and offer suggestions, the Board agreed the touchstones to keep in mind when moving forward should include:

- Consider a 1% increase in current expense (\$72,000) and the use of banked capacity (\$67,000) for a total of \$139,000 of additional current expense revenue.
- A Declaration of Emergency may be a communication tool at the next legislative session.
- The goal should be to look ahead and not just at 2010, there should be an effort to sustain government long-term.
- Explore strategies to reduce the impact on employees (ideas include reduced hours to the public, increase contract limit for review, combine departments).

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m. The Board will meet next in Regular Session on November 16, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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John Dean, Chairman

Helen Price Johnson, Member

Angie Homola, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board