

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2008 – SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Special Session on Friday, February 1, 2008 beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Coupeville Town Hall, 4 NE 7th Street, Coupeville, Washington. John Dean, Chairman and Phillip Bakke, Member were present.

In Attendance:

Nancy Conard, Coupeville Mayor

Jim Slowik, City of Oak Harbor Mayor

Steve Powers, City of Oak Harbor Development Services Director

Cheryn Weiser, Facilitator of the new “Island County Climate Change Coalition.”

Press:

Paul Boring, Whidbey NEWS Times

The purpose of the meeting was to brief local elected officials on the recent formation of a grassroots, citizen’s coalition, acting as a clearinghouse for “climate change education” and “action opportunities” for sustainable island communities.

Ms. Weiser and Mayor Conard led a discussion about what role local governments might play in promoting concepts of sustainability with a non-regulatory approach that gives developers and homeowners options for implementing low impact “green” construction projects and helps the islands, in general, consume less energy.

Mayors and Commissioners agreed to consider options for drafting a “sustainable communities” resolution during a future meeting of the Island County Council of Governments, chaired by Mayor Conard. Commissioner Dean will bring a “menu” of resolution topics and language to that meeting, based on a wide range of similar resolutions, adopted by the cities of Mercer Island, Bellingham, Edmonds, Tacoma, and Olympia.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

John Dean, Chairman

Phillip Bakke, Member

William L. McDowell, Member: Absent

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow
Clerk of the Board