

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2008 – REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Regular Session on August 4, 2008 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, Phillip Bakke, Member, and William L. McDowell, Member were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

By unanimous motion the Board approved the Consent Agenda as follows:

VOUCHERS, PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL

Vouchers (War) #s 292997-293225 \$180,566.20
Payroll dated July 31, 2008

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Regular Session..... July 28, 2008

APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Island County Solid Waste Advisory Board

Steve Bebee to the Island County Solid Waste Advisory Board representing the City of Oak Harbor

COMMISSIONERS

Agreement with City of Oak Harbor Regarding Participation in the Small Community Air Service Program. Contribution toward local grant match: \$8,000 (RM-BOCC-08-130)

HUMAN RESOURCES

Personnel Action Authorizations

<u>Department</u>	<u>PAA #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Position #</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Planning & Community Development	123/08	Assistant Planner Critical Areas	1707.04	Replacement Position	08/25/2008

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

**RESOLUTION C-83-08 ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES AND CALLING FOR AN
ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CREATING PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON ON WHIDBEY ISLAND**

Chairman Dean opened a Public Hearing at 10:15 a.m. as scheduled and advertised to consider Resolution C-83-08 Establishing the Boundaries and Calling for an Election on the Question of Creating Public Utility District No. 1 of Island County, Washington on Whidbey Island. The Chairman reminded the assembly that the purpose of the Public Hearing is not to discuss the pros and cons of forming the potential Public Utility District; rather, the purpose is to establish the boundaries and determine if any lands have been “unjustly or improperly included within the proposed public utility district and will not be benefited by inclusion therein” (*RCW 54.08.010*), and then call for an election. Before approval of the Resolution the Board will appoint advocacy committees in support of and in opposition to the effort.

Chairman Dean opened the floor to public comments relating to the proposed boundaries and calling for an election.

Bob Kuehn is with People for YES on Whidbey PUD, resides in Clinton, and expressed a concern about the division for the precinct boundary near Coupeville. It appeared to him that the Coupeville business district would end up in the southern district and in effect that would put Oak Harbor urban and business concerns in both the northern and central districts, with all else in the south district. In other words, Oak Harbor would be controlling the two northern districts. Is that a representative issue concerning the three districts?

Commissioner Bakke commented that the boundary lines were drawn according to population figures.

Chairman Dean believes, speaking from experience as a County Commissioner, that Commissioners end up representing everyone in the County regardless of precinct and the same would occur with a public utility district. From the Chairman’s perspective, a balanced population is the better approach.

There being no one else in the assembly wishing to speak Chairman Dean closed the public comment portion of the hearing.

Commissioner McDowell indicated that Mr. Kuehn’s observation is a legitimate concern. He inquired of the Clerk of the Board, should the Commissioners wish to continue the hearing to address that concern, what the deadline is for submitting the Resolution to the Auditor.

Ms. Marlow said the last day to adopt the Resolution would be August 11 since the Resolution must be to the Auditor by August 12 to make the ballot issue. The other option would be to call Special Session and continue the Public Hearing to a day later in the week.

Chairman Dean felt more comfortable moving forward with the Resolution since time is of the essence.

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Dave Metheny, People for YES on Whidbey PUD, said that from his perspective the boundaries appear fine.

The Board then discussed and agreed on which members to select for the advocacy committees, opting to choose two for each side:

For Approval Committee:

- Mary Hollen
- Marshall Goldberg

Against Approval Committee:

- Kit Maret
- Mike Cann

The Board by unanimous motion approved Resolution C-83-08 Establishing the Boundaries and Calling for an Election on the Question of Creating Public Utility District No. 1 of Island County, Washington on Whidbey Island and appointed Mary Hollen and Marshall Goldberg as pro advocates and Kit Maret and Mike Cann as con advocates.

Ms. Marlow said the pro and con statements are due to the Island County Elections Department by August 29, 2008, no later than 4:30 p.m. She emphasized the importance of the advocacy committees understanding that they must communicate directly with the elections department to make sure that nothing has changed. She will provide an explanatory hand-out to each appointed advocate.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Dean announced that the Board would meet in Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel representing the County potential/pending litigation as allowed under RCW 42.30.110 (1)(i). The session was held in the County Administration Building, Second Floor, Conference Room # 217, 1 N. E. 7th Street, Coupeville, Washington and was expected to last approximately 30 minutes. The Chairman did not anticipate an announcement afterwards in open public session.

SPECIAL SESSION

The Chairman then announced that a Special Session of the Board would occur at 6:00 p.m. this evening at the Camano Senior and Community Center on Camano Island. The Special Session is for the purpose of holding a required public hearing following the Board's June 16, 2008 adoption of Ordinance C-71-08 (PLG-010-08) In the Matter of Adopting an Interim Official Control that Regulates Commercial Development within Non-Residential Rural Areas of Intensive Development Adjacent to State Route 532 and consider adoption of any changes to the interim control after public comment.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon following Executive Session. The Board will meet next in Regular Session on August 11, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

John Dean, Chairman

Phillip Bakke, Member

Wm. L. McDowell, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board