

BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETNG 123
MAY 12, 2010 – WORK SESSIONS

Budget Director
Summary Minutes

Work Session was held between the County Commissioners and the Budget Director on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 10:00 a.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

Staff Present: Elaine Marlow, Budget Director

Others Present: Greg Banks, Anne LaCour

(Record Part 1 @ 00:36)

Subject: Budget Discussion – Current expense fund 2011-2015 outlook

Attachment: PowerPoint

Power Point presentation

- Existing revenue streams not sufficient to adequately support current service levels
- Preliminary estimate for 2011
 - \$1.0 - \$1.2 million deficit
 - Deficits will continue for the next 5 years
 - Cash flow problems begin in 2012
 - Contingency fund gone by 2014

Budget options

- Expenditure reductions
- Revenue enhancements
- Combination of both

Expenditures

- Since 2008 over \$4.2 million in cost reductions out of the general fund budget
 - 50+ less FTEs
 - No COLAs in 2009 & 2010 for most employees
 - Changed medical plans to offset cost increases
 - Employees reduced working hours
 - Shortened hours available to public

Revenue options

- Structure fees to recoup cost of providing services
 - Limited opportunities
 - Many fees established by State
- Additional revenue options
 - Criminal Justice Sale Tax

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- Property Tax Levy Lid Lift
- County Road Tax Levy Shirt

Criminal Justice Sales Tax

Up to 3/10th of 1% increase

- Voter approval to increase tax rate
 - Simple majority required for approval
- At least 1/3rd used solely for criminal justice purposes
- Split with Cities & Town
 - 40% Cities & Town
 - 60% County
- Can use to prevent further reduction of services
- August Primary or November General Elections

Local & State Sales Tax Rate

State sales tax 6.50%

Local sales taxes

Basic County (non-voted)	0.50%
Optional County (voter approved)	0.50%
Criminal Justice	0.10%
Juvenile Detention	0.10%
Mental Health/Therapeutic	0.10%
PTBA (Island Transit)	0.90%
Total	2.20%

Total State & local 8.70%

Graph of sales tax rate comparison

King	9.5%
Snohomish	9.5%
Island	8.7%
Kitsap	8.6%
Whatcom	8.5%
Jefferson	8.4%
Skagit	8.2%
San Juan	7.8%

Property Tax Levy Lid Lifts

- Voter approval to increase levy rate
 - Simple majority required for approval
- Current levy rate must be less than statutory maximum rate
- Can permanent or specified length of time

Levy Lid Lifts – 2 Different Options

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Original or Basic	Multi-Year
Any purpose	Any purpose
Any amount of time	Up to 6 Years
Can be permanent	Can be permanent
Annual 1% increase	Specify annual increase
Special, Primary & General Elections	August Primary or November General

Property Tax Levy Rates

- Lowest in Washington State
 - Current Expense Levy rate
51cents per \$1,000 AV
- Second lowest
 - County Road levy rate
64 cents per \$1,000 AV

County Road Levy Diversion

- Transfers revenue capacity from County Road Levy to Current Expense Levy
- Increase County revenue overall
- Combination of Current Expense and Road levies cannot exceed \$4.05
 - No other tax district levy reduced due to this action
- Board of County Commissioner approval only

Next Steps

- Agree on goals for additional funding support
 - Prioritize needs
- Develop \$\$ Amounts
 - Realistic estimates
- Determine Revenue option
- Establish timeframe

Follow up: Continue budget discussion at May 19, 2010 work session.

Subject: Vision/Mission and guiding principals

Attachment: none

Discussion: Commissioner Price Johnson presented the revised vision/mission/guiding principles statements for the Board’s approval.

Vision Statement

We exemplify sustainable, healthy, safe, and prosperous, rural island communities. Through widespread collaboration, we steward our natural environment, celebrate our heritage, foster our community spirit, and promote citizenship.

Mission Statement

Quality Services For a Quality Life

Guiding Principles

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- Provide for the long term health of the people, the economy, and our natural resources.
- Assure customer service & promote operational excellence and efficiencies of Island County.
- Promote active participation in government and public safety through community outreach and education.
- Fulfill our constitutional responsibilities, holding ourselves to a high standard of accountability, transparency, ethics, and fairness.
- Maintain agricultural & recreational opportunities while strengthening our economic vitality.

Follow up: Commissioner Price Johnson will email the revised Vision/Mission Statements and guiding principals to all Department Heads and Elected Official for their review and comment and bring forward to the Roundtable meeting on May 24th. Okay with Board to take formal action at the May 24th Board meeting.

Chairman's Agenda
Summary Minutes

The County Commissioners met during Chairman's portion of Work Session on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 11:05 a.m., in the Island County Annex Building, Commissioners' Hearing Room, B-102, Coupeville, WA.

Present were:

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

Staff: Pam Dill

Staff Present: Elaine Marlow, Budget Director

Others Present: Karen Bishop, WICD, Rob Hallbauer, Fran Einterz

(Record Part 1 @ 01:03:30)

Subject: Update from Whidbey Island Conservation District on their FY2011 Annual Work Plan

Attachments: Final approved plan dated 4/22/10

Information: Karen Bishop presented Whidbey Island Conservation Districts 2011 budget, programs/activities and funding sources.

Commissioner Dean suggested the Board include an update from the Snohomish Conservation District on their Annual Work Plan at one of the Board's upcoming public hearings/workshops on Camano Island. (Karen will provide the Board with an advance digital copy.)

Follow up: Karen will be bringing forward, for Board approval, a \$25,000.00 grant application for technical assistance to develop a strategic plan for agriculture in Island County. Funding is through the WA Wildlife and Recreation Program and administered by the Office of Farmland Preservation.

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ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Helen Price Johnson, Chair

Angie Homola, Member

John Dean, Member

ATTEST:

Elaine Marlow, Clerk of the Board