from Mr. Lloyd Linn, and he had therefore prepared a real estate contract, as requested by the Board, which incorporates that option to purchase. After signature of the Board, Mr. Linn will sign the doucments and deposit them with the escrow agent and the sale can be completed. The option negotiated for a five-year contract with quarterly payments, but the County retains the right to prepay, with initial payment to be made on or before December 31, 1979. It was moved by Commissioner Christiansen, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed that the Board sign the Real Estate Contract between Island County and Mr. Lloyd Linn for the described property on North Whidbey as written in the document, noted as Exhibit A attached to the contract.

Executive Session Requested

Mr. Thiele requested an Executive Session with the Board to discuss litigation regarding labor negotiations. The Board recessed into Executive Session at noon, returned to open session at 1:30 p.m. after lunch.

U.S.G.S. JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR ISLAND COUNTY GROUNDWATER STUDY

Syd Glover, Island County Planning Director, presented to the Board the U.S.G.S. Joint Funding Agreement between Island County, Department of Ecology, and U.S.G.S. for the Island County Groundwater Study, with Island County's participation in the amount of $19,150.00 for 1980. Mr. Glover recommended that one change be made to the Contract, under Section #1, by adding "in accordance with Exhibit A attached hereto, a study outline per Charles Collier's letter of November 9, 1979". Mr. Glover reported that he had verified with U.S.G.S. that they would have no objection to the addition of that language to the contract. It was moved by Commissioner Christiansen, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed that the Board sign the agreement between Island County, Department of Ecology, and U.S.G.S. for groundwater study at an approximate participation by the County in the amount of $19,150.00 for 1980, and that the change be made in the contract as recommended by Mr. Glover, adding in Section #1, "in accordance with Exhibit A attached hereto" referring to Mr. Collier's letter dated November 9, 1979 laying out the steps of responsibilities of all parties involved.

1980 CENSUS

Mr. Glover submitted an informational sheet from the Census Bureau pertaining to a program developed by the Bureau for a voluntary program through which local governments could join with the Census Bureau to support the 1980 Census work for the most accurate possible count for the communties. For the 1980 Census, the Bureau is launching a program to encourage as many communities as possible to form Complete County Committees to enhance the Bureau's mass communication efforts by bringing these efforts more directly to the local community. Mr. Glover suggested that he contact the cities within the County to ask if they would like to become involved in a County-wide Complete County Committee rather than to have four separate committees within Island County.

SHORT PLAT APPEAL #79/114.3.17/29/3E, HARLAND G. BROOKS & NANCY J. TYER

The matter of Short Plat Appeal, No. 79/114.3.17/29/3E., by Harland G. Brooks and Nancy J. Tyer, came on before the Board, having been continued from December 10, 1979. The applicant nor representatives were present at this time. Mr. Glover indicated that the reason for continuance of this matter had been to allow Commissioner Romeo an opportunity to make an on-site review of the proposed short plat, and indicated to the Board that Commissioner Romeo had made that visit. The Chairman reported a note from Commissioner Romeo who recommended that the Board refer the matter to the Board of Adjustment for a variance. Mr. Glover reported that he would agree with the recommendation, and noted that it was his understanding that the applicants were reasonably agreeable to that approach. It was moved by Commissioner Christiansen, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed that Short Plat Appeal No. 79/114 by Brooks and Tyer be referred to the Board of Adjustment for a variance in the size of acreage.

RESOLUTION: IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING ISLAND COUNTY CODE 2.01, SECTION 2.01.060(a) PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES FOR OPERATION OF PRIVATE VEHICLES

Commissioner Christiansen presented a resolution providing for an increase in reimbursement to County officers and employees for the use of private vehicles, increasing the rate of reimbursement from 14¢ to 18¢ effective January 1, 1980. He supplied the Board with information from IRS, A.A.A., and Hertz, all paying/allowing above 14¢ as is currently used in Island County. Several citizens in the audience voiced their support for the increase in reimbursement, noting the increased cost of operating a vehicle due to inflation. It was moved by Commissioner Christiansen, seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed that the Board adopt the Resolution as presented.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OF

ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING ISLAND COUNTY CODE 2.01, SECTION 2.01.060(a)

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Island County Code, Chapter 2.01, Section 2.01.060(a) providing for reimbursement of county officers and employees for operation of private vehicles has previously been enacted 8 December 1975; and

WHEREAS, it now appears that because of the increased costs of vehicle operation due to the current rate of inflation there exists a need to amend Section 2.01.060(a) to increase reimbursement to county officers and employees for the use of private automobiles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Island County Code 2.01.060(a) be amended to read as follows:

(a) Private automobile at 18¢ per mile

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above amendment to the Island County Code be in full force and effect 1 January 1980.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Delmon L. Anderson, Chairman
R. W. Christiansen, Member

ATTEST: E. Duane Kemp
County Auditor & Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Board

COURTHOUSE EXPANSION PROJECT

The Chairman noted that the Board is continuing discussions with Gary Shavey, Architect, Shavey-DeGrasse-Shavey, Seattle, regarding addition/expansion of the courthouse facilities -- the County not taking on the project as previously presented by the architect, but are in the process of setting priorities for areas which are in real need of space, to be determined by what the County can afford. Areas of discussion include Rufus Rose's comments about the size of the previously proposed Judges' Chambers, small conference rooms, with top priority set for access to the courthouse for the handicapped; prioritizing, but at this time not yet decided on the exact amount of additional square footage required. The Board is considering the formation of another committee to work on this project. Rufus Rose volunteered to serve on the committee.

HEARING HELD: ZONE CHANGE APPLICATION NUMBER Z0379 BY SNOHOMISH LUMBER COMPANY, RURAL TO COMMERCIAL, NORTH WHIDBEY AREA

The Chairman opened a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on the matter of Zone Change Application No. Z0379 by Snohomish Lumber Company from Rural to Commercial for the purpose of a lumber yard and office on property located on North Whidbey lying south of Fakkema Road and east of State Highway 20 intersection. This matter was continued from November 13, 1979. Ed Cabrian, North Island Realty, reminded the Board that at the previous meeting he had requested that all three