Commissioner Romeo stated he had mixed feelings at the moment concerning redistricting, but would like to do further checking; he stated however, he would make a motion one way or the other on Monday, May 12, 1980, during the Planning Director's time on the agenda.

Harriet Hayes, North Whidbey resident, asked Mr. Rose when talking about the Navy and eliminating that population from the figures, was he referring to people living in the barracks or the total Navy population. Mr. Rose responded that the 1980 census rules required that military people on active duty away from their place of residence at the time of census not be included in that residence, but in talking to the Management Assistance Office at NAS Whidbey, he found that the 1977 special census did not exclude that number of people because they were not asked to -- those people from barracks, naval housing, officer's housing, caphart, enlisted housing, etc. -- two categories; those deployed according to the 1980 census should not be counted. Mrs. Hayes stated she did not believe that to be a fair evaluation. Mr. Rose stated that the second category of approximately 5,000 to 6,000 military, now part of the incorporated City Limits of Oak Harbor, get a lot of tax benefits (liquor tax, highway tax, etc.) but not spent there, except for some fire, police and dog catcher by mutual agreement by the Federal Government and the City of Oak Harbor. Mrs. Hayes reported it was her feeling that no decision should be made without full facts, and noted her disagreement with Mr. Rose. Mr. Rose stated he found that the little bit of dredging he did came up with such errors, that he would assume further dredging would amplify those errors and make them more worthy of consideration. Mrs. Hayes felt further study would be a good idea because she knew of many Navy people who do have the interest of the County at heart as much as the people who are not Navy. Commissioner Anderson agreed, but noted that in analyzing voting, the percentage of voting is poor in many of those precincts in local elections. Mr. Rose stated that if what Mr. Hayes suggested that the deployed military people should properly be counted here because this is where their dependents are, and if that were done, he would ask that all the summer homes and weekend homes on South Whidbey and Camano Island equally be given that status because they are all taxpayers here.

Ton Roehl felt that if the Commissioners concern was the potential for challenge, either way it would be a fifty-fifty percent, the reason being because the County is in-between -- the 1977 special census and waiting for the 1980 census results.

Jack McPherson, Coupeville resident, questioned if the Board had a reading from the Prosecutor's Office concerning the once every four years redistricting issue in that if there is a court ruling, would that ruling over-ride the law for redistricting only once every four years. Mr. Kemp noted that Dr. Morrill had indicated it was not uncommon for the court to order another redistricting within a year. Mr. Semple asked that since the County Commissioners had no authority over the three incorporated cities, why would the population of those cities be included in the division of commissioner districts. Commissioner Anderson stated they did have some authority, but was not as involved as in the County.

Mr. Rose stated it was his opinion that if either of Dr. Morrill's proposals were done, neither would be very popular, and would appear to be unpopular with the commissioners as well as a majority of the citizens present at the meeting today, and the commissioners would be complying with their impression of what the law is. He therefore encouraged the Board make further communications with the State Supreme Court regarding the pending suit to discuss the various issues the Commissioners believe to have merit, whether they have legal standing or not. As to the procedure, Mr. Rose questioned whether Commissioner Romeo's motion would be done by ordinance or resolution; Commissioner Romeo indicated it would be by resolution.

Harriet Hayes stated she hoped that the Board's decision would be made for the good of all people in the County and not just for a few people in the room at the present time. The matter will be heard on Monday, May 12, 1980 during the Planning Director's agenda time.

BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MEETING OF 5 MAY 80

AGENDA

9:30 Approval of April Bills

10:00 PUBLIC HEARING Resolution No. C-8-80 Planning Budget

11:45 Prosecuting Attorney

1:30 Planning Director

2:00 Oak Harbor Traffic Circulation Vicinity of Heller, Ft. Nugent & Swantown Roads
Oak Harbor City Council

2:30 Island County Redistricting

Chairman's File of Pending and Unfinished Business

MEETING OF 8 MAY 80

AGENDA

10:00 Engineer

10:00 PUBLIC HEARING Application for Franchise Cable Television
Youngren Enterprises & Maynard Polkinghorn South of Lake Hancock

10:15 PUBLIC HEARING Application for Franchise Water Lines
North Bluff Association Greenbank Area

10:30 PUBLIC HEARING Ordinance No. PW-1-80 Water System Standards

11:15 PUBLIC HEARING Receipt of Bids 900 Ft. of 12 In. Culvert/bands

11:30 The Board will convene as the Island County Board of Health

Shoreline Management Substantial Development Permit Applications as follows:

1:30 SDP 0280 Construction Pier, Ramp & Covered Moorage Graham B. Phillips
Cultus Bay, Sandy Hook

2:00 SDP 0380 Fill, Grade & Ditch to Resolve Drainage Problems Alida Elayne Murray
Camano Island, Livingston Bay

2:30 SDP 2579 Grading for Residential Development John Grady
North Whidbey, North of Libby Road & West of West Beach Road

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E. Duane Kemp
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