The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Regular Session on April 12, 1993, at 9:30 a.m., Island County Courthouse Hearing Room, Coupeville, Wa. Chairman Dwain Colby, and members J. Michael Shelton and William L. McDowell were present.

VOUCHERS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following voucher/warrants were approved for payment by the Board: Voucher (War.) No. 100923 - 101103....$304,077.74.

The Board by unanimous motion, accepted the recommendation of the Veteran's Assistance Review Committee and approved a claim for assistance to a South Whidbey veteran in the amount of $2,220.43.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARD:

The Board presented to John Lee, Camano Road Shop, a Certificate of Service Award and ten year pin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/INPUT

Whidbey-Camano Ferry by George Bacon. Paul Jones, Race Road, Coupeville, addressed a presentation made to the Board by George Bacon last week, proposing a ferry landing in the area of Race Road, Central Whidbey Island. Although Mr. Jones recalled speaking to Mr. Bacon about it, he had not taken Mr. Bacon seriously. For the record he advised he did not support the proposed location, the site selected by Mr. Bacon did not seem appropriate.

Mr. Jones was assured by the Chair that should a zone change be sought on the property in question, that he and the other property owners in the area be notified.

Request for Speed Limit Increase, Torpedo Road. George Baldauf, 318 W. Ducken Road, called the Board's attention to what he perceived as a problem with a posted speed limit coming from HW20 branching off to Torpedo Road, North Whidbey. Coming from HW20 at 50 mph immediately to 30 mph on Torpedo Road is a severe drop in speed limit he finds impractical, a form of legal entrapment or legalized tyranny. Mr. Baldauf requested the speed limit on Torpedo Road be increased to 40 mph instead of 30 mph.

Chairman Colby recalled that the speed limit on that road had been reduced because of a high accident count where Torpedo Road intersects Crescent Harbor Road, and there had been a real problem the County was trying to address.

With the Board's concurrence, the Chairman asked the Engineer to review this matter and report back to the Board.

ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY BIDS FOR WHIDBEY ISLAND AND CAMANO ISLAND - RATIFY MOTION OF THE BOARD ADOPTED APRIL 7, 1993 STAFF SESSION

Action before the Board with regard to the bids received for Whidbey and Camano Island animal control facilities was to ratify the motion adopted by a majority of the Board at April 7, 1993, staff session, not to award the bids received to construct the Whidbey Island and Camano Island animal control facilities, and task the Engineer to come up with plans and costs for upgrading the two existing facilities.

The Board's original motion on 4/7/93, adopted by majority vote:

> "...move that we inform the successful bidders for the animal control facilities that we are not going to move forward in executing the contract for that and in addition, that we perhaps task Mr. Looff with coming up with some costs in terms of upgrading the facility on Whidbey as well as the one on Camano and report back to us on proposed costs."

Chairman Colby acknowledged receipt of a letter from Diane Johnson, President, Whidbey Animals' Improvement Foundation (WAIF) dated April 9, 1993, requesting action by the Engineering Department to commence with a design for and renovation of the presented Animal Shelter be postponed, allowing time to explore the possibility of partially redesigning the proposed Whidbey Island facility to determine if costs can be reduced and determine what specific changes would be desirable.

Ms. Johnson addressed the Board, indicating that now that a new facility appeared to be out of the question, WAIF wanted to do a building improvement study for input into renovation of the old facility.

Larry Mason, architect for what was to have been a new facility on Whidbey, submitted an outline for a building improvement study. He saw improvements in two forms: upgrading remedial conditions at present facility and expanding to the extent possible onto the existing facility. Issues involved: agreement on scope of improvements; available land for new building/parking/adequate septic system; staging of new work with renovations. Needed from Island County: construction/renovation budget; drawings of existing building and site; definition of additional adjacent land; and cost estimating services.

Commissioner McDowell moved to modify the Board's original motion on Wednesday, 4/7/93, to allow WAIF as much time as needed to look at the Whidbey site prior to County engineering taking any action or expending any additional funds out of the construction budget. Amendment seconded by Commissioner Shelton, and adopted unanimously.

The original motion of April 7, 1993, as amended today, passed by majority vote; Commissioner Colby voted in opposition, as he did the original motion April 7, 1993 staff session, still feeling there was a way to do it and disappointed the County was not doing so.

PRESENTATION - OVERVIEW/UPDATE - JUVENILE TASK FORCE

Alan Hancock, Superior Court Judge, appeared before the Board to discuss the Island County Juvenile Justice Council, following with some of the members of the Council providing more detailed information. With the support of DSHS, schools, Prosecutor, Juvenile Court Services, treatment providers and others, the Juvenile Justice Council was formed, with excellent response from all agencies dealing with juveniles.

For 1993, the Council identified three major emphasises for issues to be addressed:

> SAFE POLICY PROGRAM (School Administrators for Effective Police Prosecution Probation Operations Leading to Improved Children and Youth Services)
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> DETENTION AND ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION Need to address local detention facility. Island County now using the Skagit facility, which will not be available after October this year, except on a part time basis.
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> SYSTEMS ISSUES Identifying problems in the juvenile justice system and solving those problems, with the idea of coordinating among the various agencies so as not to overlap services and identify issues that exist in the system.

Bill Hawkins, Prosecuting Attorney, discussed accomplishments of the Council, related to uniform juvenile detention standards created which are applied consistently throughout the various police agencies in Island County, and a sharing of information (example given using overhead projector) between all the various agencies dealing with juveniles in Island County. The goal is to keep kids from entering criminal justice system and for those already in the system, keep them from re-entering or prevent from more serious crimes.