Don Hanna, representing the Camano Island Non-motorized Trail Steering Committee, appeared before the Board asking for the Board's sanction and action on a stretch of trail in the non-motorized trail plan that Island County previously adopted . Other members of the Committee present included: Judith Mowery, John Mowery, Carol Triplett, Karen Hamalainen. The Committee briefed Tom Shaughnessy and Senator Haugen about the Committee and the trail about three weeks' ago.

Packet of materials submitted that included today's agenda , "Camano Island Trails Vision" brochure; Work Plan-Camano Island Trails Implementation Process; Camano Island Non-motorized Trails Public Relations Plan; Camano Island Non-motorized Trails Plan Pre-steering Committee Meeting June 5, 1995 Minutes; Criteria. The group worked with the County for some years in a variety of capacities: GMA issues, open space and transportation. From there evolved exploration of the practicality of a trail network. The Steering Committee developed a process by which to evaluate the trail networks [see handout "Criteria"] and a work plan , brochure and public relations plan [hand outs].

The group physically walked, drove and examined all of the trails identified in the Island County Trails Plan, and using the Criteria List, evaluated and judged those and came up with a trail network the core of which is identified in the plan the County's consultant came up with, linking the public spaces on the southern part of Camano Island: the existing State Park with the new State Park acquisition at Cama Beach, tying into the DNR land by Elger Bay.

Support has been indicated through surveys and word of mouth, and was something that would enhance the quality of life. It is a multi-purpose trail and will be close to a commercial hub with Elger Bay Store, bus stop and Post Office.

Judith Mowery walked the Commissioners through the trail network using a map -- describing this as the trail network the Committee asks that the Board to sanction, and direct the appropriate County department to move on with all deliberate speed. She left the map for Mike Morton, Public Works Department, on completion of her presentation.

The Committee strongly urged that the Board back the Committee to help make the project a reality.

Commissioner Shelton could not agree more, and in terms of quality of life had no question about what trails do and the proposal looked like a wonderfully viable trail. He agreed with the need of the County to investigate with regard to the County road right-of-way to see if there is already sufficient right-of-way owned by the County.

Commissioner Shaughnessy wanted to see the project proceed. He liked the fact that from what he could tell from the proposed trail there would be very little impact on private property.

Mike Morton was award of funding available for a project and it was his belief, that staff, with Larry Kwarsick's concurrence, liked the project and thought the $80,000 in ICETEA money should be directed toward completing the trail.

Chairman McDowell made the comment that in general the Board supports trails. He confirmed that the Board would provide the handouts and map to Mike Morton and direct that staff review and report back.

NORTH SOUND REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK RSN 93-AD 01-01

The referenced contract having been a topic of discussion at a recent staff session, the Board by unanimous motion approved NSRSN Contract #RSN 93-AD-01-01 for cash advance funds in the amount of $6,922 for mental health to cover the period of time whereby County incurs expenses and receives payment from RSN, for the period 7/1/95 - 6/30/96.

CONTRACT #HD-13C-95, HEART HEALTH COMMUNITY PROJECT

The Board having had the opportunity at Staff Session to discuss and consider the Heart Health Community Project per proposed Contract between Island County and Whidbey General Hospital, approved by unanimous motion Contract #HD-13C-95 in the amount of $5,500.

HEARING TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION #C-81-95 FIXING AND ADOPTING THE ISLAND COUNTY FUND BUDGETS FOR 1996 INCLUDING DIKING DISTRICT # 4

A Public Hearing was held beginning at 1:30 p.m. as scheduled and advertised under Resolution #C-81-95. Margaret Rosenkranz, Chief Deputy Auditor, referred to the handouts for today, including: Resolution #C-81-95; updated revenues and expenditures for both general fund and the individual funds; finalized allocation schedule; graphs; position listing for 1996.

Chairman McDowell opened the hearing for public input. No comments were received for or against. The Chair noted that the hearing would be continued, the Board having been requested to allow public input in the evenings to allow people to attend, and the Commissioners agreed in wanting the process to be as assessable to everyone as possible.

Art Hyland pointed out three areas to review for possible change to the budget for the next hearing, such as: line item for Freeholder reserve; possibility of needing to need to levy the Veterans Fund; may be a need to increase slightly the budgets for Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health to reflect minimum levy.

By unanimous motion, the Board continued the public hearing until November 27, 1995 at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m., to meet next on NOVEMBER 27, 1995 at 9:30 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Wm. L. McDowell, Chairman

Mike Shelton, Member

Tom Shaughnessy, Member

Attest:
Art Hyland, County Auditor & Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Board