HEARING SCHEDULED: RESOLUTION #PLG-01-96 AMENDING LAND USE FEES

On unanimous motion of the Board, a public hearing was scheduled for January 22, 1996, at 2:45 p.m. to consider Resolution #PLG-01-96, amending land use fees as outlined in Exhibit A of the Resolution.

HEARING HELD: RESOLUTION #C-105-95 IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT TO THE ISLAND COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DISTRICTING PLAN

Dave Jamieson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, appeared on behalf of the Districting Committee. The Prosecuting Attorney is the Chairman of the Committee and Bill Hawkins delegated the responsibility to Mr. Jamieson.

The Districting Committee held a meeting to make some changes to the districting plan dealing with judges pro tem and court commissioners to bring into line the actual practice of the court in the county with the plan. The way the current plan is written, there can be up to three court commissioners of the district court with the pay to be established as a salary by the Board of County Commissioners. Instead of having three full time or part time court commissioners, in order to save money, the District Court has hired court commissioners on a per diem basis for a pro rata portion of a day basis, down to as small as 1/4 of a day, the amount based on the pay of the District Court Judge.

The Committee met and approved the proposed changes now in front of the Board. Provisions are included to deal with the amount of time off for vacation that the District Court Judge gets before any reduction in District Court Judge's salary occurs pursuant to State law.

No other comments were made either for or against the proposed resolution.

By unanimous motion, the Board adopted Resolution #C-105-95 in the matter of amendment to the Island County District Court Districting plan .

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT	)	
TO THE ISLAND COUNTY DISTRICT	)	RESOLUTION C-105-95
COURT DISTRICTING PLAN	)	

WHEREAS, the existing Island County District Court Districting Plan provides for the appointment of up to three court commissioners who assist in disposition of cases; and

WHEREAS, the districting plan does not distinguish whether the up to three court commissioners serve continuously on a full time or part time basis; and

WHEREAS, there is no express provision in the districting plan allowing for the appointment of a court commissioner or judge pro tem to serve and be paid for service on a one day or less basis; and

WHEREAS, the Island County District Court Districting Committee met on December 13, 1995 and resolved that modifications set forth on Exhibit "A", attached hereto, should be made to the District Court Districting Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable that the districting plan be brought into conformity with the actual practice of appointment of court commissioners and judges pro tem; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Island County District Court Districting provisions contained in chapter 1.12 of the Island County Code are modified as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A". Underlined provisions are added to existing provisions.

Suggest that these County moneys be paid to CCS on a definite basis not `fee for service based upon most current Title XIX rates' (see Exhibit B). Last year's contract was set at $70/hr. Why are you trying to go back to the amorphous `Title XIX' rates?"

Ms. Morris, Mr. Jamieson and Commissioner Shelton this morning discussed the matter. Title XIX fee schedule is the way that mental health agencies do business, changes from time to time, and more than the $70/hr. services available through this contract. Mr. Jamieson ended up saying that it would be fine with him to go with the current Title XIX rates as long as the Board concurred. Therefore, Ms. Morris added the DSHS boiler plate agreement which the County signed and Mr. Jamieson approved in July stating what the categories are and the process used to set rates.

Commissioner Shelton confirmed that mental health is governed by Title XIX and $70/hr. does not cover everything. After the discussion, Mr. Jamieson added on the Form the note he would approve "subject to BCC agreement to pay pure County $ at same rate as Federal gov't agrees to pay for services". That statement is included in the Statement of Work.

By unanimous motion, the Board approved Contract #HS-1-96 and #HS-02-96.

CONTRACT #HD-16-95 HIV/AIDS CASE MANAGEMENT, WHIDBEY GENERAL HOSPITAL

Tim McDonald, Health Services Director, presented Contract #HD-16-95 for the Board's consideration. The contract proposes to provide case management services to HIV/AIDS clients, contract in the amount of $15,000 for the year 1996, between Island County and Home Health Care and Hospice of Whidbey General Hospital.

In response to a questions from Art Hyland, Auditor, Mr. McDonald stated he did not know of any other contracts the County had with Home Health Care. He was aware there were lots of other purposes and issues when it comes to home health care, case management and hospice. In this particular case, the issue relates to funds received from the AIDS Omnibus Act to provide specific services for HIV and AIDS. Some of the funds go towards counseling, education, testing and another category is case management. Case management used to be done by an employee of the County but it has been separated out under this contract, the Whidbey Island part of that function to be provided by Whidbey General Hospital. Case management with respect to AIDS patients can be visiting someone at home, managing that person's care, medical and personal level, making sure they have what they need to exist. Home Health occupies a temporary building on the hospital site, active within the community, and has some 7 employees plus volunteers.

The Board, by unanimous motion, approved Contract #HD-16-95 as presented.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC SERVICE GRANT, CONTRACT #1-96-745-046, DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY TRADE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A contract came before the Board for consideration and approval between Island County and the State Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development, representing $179,957 to fund public services for the Opportunity Council for Island, Whatcom and San Juan counties. The Contract has now been reviewed and signed off by the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and Risk Management Department.

Tim McDonald confirmed he had read the initial contract document when it went in, noting the County link now for the contract would be Dewey Desler, Northwest Regional Council (NWRC). First Tier sub-recipient is Island County; second tier being NWRC.