SPECIAL SESSION- BUDGET WORKSHOP

The Board met in Special Session at 9:00 a.m. to conduct budget workshops: (1) 9:00 a.m. - Sheriff/Jail/Criminal Justice 1% Sales Tax Fund; and (2) 10:30 a.m. - Prosecuting Attorney, Law Library, Anti-Profiteering/Drug Seizure Fund. Notes from that budget workshop session will be filed in the Office of the Commissioners along with Staff Session Notes.

REGULAR SESSION

The Board of Island County Commissioners met in Regular Session on September 23, 1996, at 1:30 p.m., in the Island County Courthouse Annex, Hearing Room, Coupeville, Wa. Commissioners Wm. L. McDowell, Tom Shaughnessy and Mike Shelton were in attendance. Also in attendance were Art Hyland, Auditor and Clerk of the Board, and E. Meyer, Sec. to the Board.

VOUCHERS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

The following vouchers/warrants were approved for payment by unanimous motion of the Board: Voucher (War.) #165509-#165713.....$ 296,560.06.

Veterans Assistance Fund: by unanimous motion, the Board approved in part a veterans assistance claim for a North Whidbey veteran. Claim was submitted in the amount of 2,228.27+, and the Board's action today authorized payment of the rent and electricity only, for a total of $801.75. Although there was no majority Veterans Assistance Committee recommendation as far as the total amount to approve, each committee member did recommend payment of the rent and electricity.

Discussion:

Food and Refreshments. The matter was called to the Board's attention, having discussed same at a previous meeting and the subject to be taken up at a Department Head meeting. The entire topic of providing food and/or refreshment needs clarification, because the light refreshment clause in the policy is fairly specific. As an example, a voucher presented today for $16.00 to buy sorbet for members attending a meeting would not appear to be in keeping with what the policy is intended to cover.

Island County Fair. A voucher is to be presented in the near future for the purchase of flower arrangements as a thank you to several businesses who helped with the Fair. This appears to be "gifting" which is not allowed, and the Auditor's Office needs clarification whether or not the Fair Association is private or municipal corporation. Up until this point, the Fair has been held to the same policies and standards as other departments of the County. If the Fair does not come under county policies and standards, a consideration then might be that the County charge the Fair for services provided by the Auditor's Office processing vouchers. Follow-up: refer questions to Dave Jamieson and ask whether or not the Board has the oversight over appropriate spending practices of County Fair Funds.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGES #96-0031/WALLACE

A claim was filed August 30, 1996, by Cecil E. Wallace, Jr., Sheriff's Deputy, in the amount of $2,139.47 related to expenses incurred for repairs to two vehicles. Betty Kemp, Director, GSA/Risk Management explained the situation was that an individual slashed the Deputy's tires on two personal vehicles apparently in retaliation to a citation issued to the individual earlier.

The individual was later arrested, found guilty and is to be sentenced the second week in October. Deputy Wallace's insurance only reimbursed him $500. He is asking the county pay the claim and that the Prosecuting Attorney ask for restitution to the County for the same amount. While the recommendation of the Sheriff is to approve the claim, as Risk Manager for the County, and in line with recommendation of Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Ms. Kemp recommended Deputy Wallace continue action against the defendant for restitution, there appears to be no procedure to reimburse this employee, and therefore recommended denial of the claim.

By unanimous motion, the Board accepted the recommendation of Ms. Kemp and denied the claim.

HEARING HELD: RESOLUTION #C-46-96 - PENN COVE PARK WATER DISTRICT ANNEXATION OF TERRITORY

As scheduled and advertised, the Board conducted a Public Hearing at 1:45 p.m. for the purpose of considering the matter of annexation of territory into Penn Cove Park Water District. As acknowledged at the meeting of August 26, 1996, a petition was filed with the Board signed by residents of the area described for purposes of annexation to the District, together with a certificate of concurrence signed by the Water District Commissioners, and the County Auditor filed with the Board his Certificate of Sufficiency,.

The Auditor described the hearing process followed under R.C.W. 57.24.020. At this point, the hearing is being held in order for the Commissioners to decide whether or not it is conducive to the public health, welfare and convenience and confers special benefit to the land to approve such annexation.

The following reports were received from the various departments involved:

Health Department Memorandum 9/9/96 from Tim McDonald, Health Services Director

"We have reviewed the referenced proposal to annex the properties noted in exhibits-F attached. The proposal is consistent with the District's Water System Plan approved by the State Department of Health on December 19, 1995. This department supports the expansion of the existing water system and recommend approval of the annexation.".

Public Works Department Memo 9/19/96 from Roy L. Allen, County Engineer

"After reviewing Penn Cove Park Water District's Resolution No. 96-4-2 for the annexation of certain properties into the water district the Public Works/Engineering Department has no objection to the initial proposal with the understanding that the following matters need to be addressed:

1. The proposed area for annexation and the proposed waterline improvements extend beyond the current franchised area. Therefore, the Penn Cove Park Water District will need to amend their franchise to include this expansion.
2. The existing franchisee has expired and a renewal will need to be processed along with the amendment.
3. Prior to any work commencing within County rights-of-way an appropriate utility permit will need to be applied for and approved.

It should be noted that Penhallegon Associates, the engineering firm representing the Penn Cove Water District, has been made aware of these requirements and has been sent the appropriate paperwork to proceed with this Department's requirements.".

Planning Department Memo 9/23/96 signed by Vince Moore, Director

"The Planning Department has reviewed the Penn Cove Park Water District Annexation request and has determined the proposal is consistent with the Coordinated Water System Plan and other applicable State and local codes. The proposal is also consistent with the existing and future service area boundaries for the Penn Cove Water District approved by the Board of County Commissioners on December 18, 1995 (see attached). Therefore, this Department has no objection to the referenced annexation proposal. Should you have any further questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me or Donna Keeler.".

Representative of Penhallegon Associates, representing the District, was present to respond to any questions there may be. He believed the proposal was straight forward.

By unanimous motion, the Board adopted Resolution #C-46-96, finding that the annexation is conducive to the public health, welfare and convenience and confers special benefit to the land included within the boundaries of the proposed annexation, and scheduling special election November 5 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters within the territory proposed for annexation the proposition of annexation..