Ms. Kuller was aware that the City of Oak Harbor was going to adopt the resolution, and she hoped they would take the further action formally as Ms. Sipes indicated. She believed that the City Council in showing their support for a County wide campaign was s going to earmark a certain amount of dollars given to the Oak Harbor Chamber to go towards the County wide campaign.

Commissioner McDowell noted that the proposed draft agreement written in August of 1998, talked about the use of 2% funds to be for "shoulder season" as opposed to year around, and questioned if that perhaps was too restrictive.

Ms. Kuller clarified that the group was talking year around rather than just the shoulder season because in order to promote something for fall or winter, it has to be worked on during summer and spring. In order to get traffic here in those other months the program itself has to be worked on year around.

Ms. Martin further clarified that accommodations members present at the meeting at Greenbank Farm pointed out that July and August are already full tourism months, and additional promotion for that time could cause a negative impression of the Island with tremendous ferry backups and backups at the bridge, and therefore felt additional monies should go toward promoting the shoulder months.

Joann Lechtner, Eagle's Nest, South Whidbey, spoke on behalf of herself and the Whidbey Bed & Breakfast Association members. She agreed support would certainly change as far as the additional 2%; without concurrence of the cities and town. With regard to comments about the shoulder season being a little restrictive, she thought that the professional to be hired would determine where strengths and weaknesses are throughout the County and throughout the season as needed, and she favored taking out the reference to shoulder season. She asked that the Board consider the following:

1. B&B Association would support an increase only if the additional 2% funds were used to hire a qualified marketing and public relations firm from outside the County to help develop a promotional campaign to increase tourism in Island County.

2. To fund an on-going basis of such a professionally designed program that would be aimed at promoting all of the County's tourism destinations.

3. The funds should be used for no other purpose other than the perpetuation of an on-going tourism program and advertising for the strength and growth of our County's second largest economic industry.

The Chairman agreed that the mayors be contacted about imposition of the additional 2% tax, and provide to them at least a proposed draft interlocal agreement, and that the Board send the issue of potential imposition of the additional 2% hotel/motel tax to the County's 2% Advisory Committee for review and recommendation back to the Board.

By unanimous motion, the Board referred the issue of the potential additional 2% Hotel/Motel Excise Tax to the Special Excise Tax 2% Committee for their recommendation back to the Board with emphasis on their consideration of this subject at their October 29, 1999 meeting, and that the Board notify the cities and town of the County's intent and send a copy of the draft proposed interlocal agreement that would garner their participation in this program should it go ahead.

CONTRACT OF INTENT - LUCENT DEFINITY PBX PHONE SWITCH SYSTEM

Cathy Caryl, Director, Central Services, recommended purchase of new phone switch, the Lucent Definity phone switch system. As she noted in a memorandum to the Board, the company specializes exclusively in PBX switches and peripherals. An Interlocal Agreement with Spokane County has been worked out such that Island County and take advantage of Spokane County's RFP and selection process for this equipment, and take advantage of any other competitive bids let by Spokane County.

By unanimous motion, the Board approved the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement between Island County and Spokane County.

HEARING SCHEDULED: ORDINANCE #C-132-99 - PROPOSAL TO EXPAND SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Thorn moved that the Board schedule a Public Hearing to consider proposed Ordinance #C-132-99, a proposal to expand the size and composition of the Island County Board of Health, with the hearing date set for November 8, 1999 at 11:10 a.m. Motion, seconded by Commissioner Shelton, carried by majority vote; Commissioner McDowell voted opposed.

GRANT BETWEEN DOE AND ISLAND COUNTY FOR NW STRAITS PROJECT: ESTABLISH AND ORGANIZE THE IS. CO. MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Board, by unanimous motion, approved Grant Contract #RM-EXT 99-0070 between the State Department of Ecology and Island County for the NW Straits Project to establish and organize the Island County Marine Resources Committee, in the amount of $10,000.

PETITION FOR VACATION OF COUNTY ROAD – HULTMAN ROAD

Larry Kwarsick, Director, Public Works/Community Development, presented a Petition for Vacation of Hultman Road, a County Road on –Camano Island, located in Section 18, T32N, R3E, submitted by Petitioner: Bruce I. Zelk, et. al.

By unanimous motion, the Board referred the petition to the County Engineer for review and report back to the Board.

CONSULTANT AGREEMENT–TRANSPORTATION PLANNING & ENGR INC.

As presented and recommended for approval by Mr. Kwarsick, the Board by unanimous motion approved Consultant Agreement PW-992039 under CRP 99-02, Work Order 289, between Island County and Transportation Planning & Engineering Inc., a survey and design consultant contract for work on the reconfiguration of East Camano Drive/Cross Island and Arrowhead Road intersection on Camano Island.

REVIEW FINANCIAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Current & YTD Cash Report; County Investment Report & Status
Maxine Sauter, Island County Treasurer, summarized from her written report submitted to the Board under memo dated October 12, 1999, reporting revenues up or on target for major areas. Investments are doing well. Property tax collections are on target. As far as interest on investments, today there was a surge in interest for 90 days at several banks. The average interest rates this year ranged from 5.1 through 5.95%.

Auditor's Monthly Review of Revenues and Expenditures
Suzanne Sinclair, Island County Auditor, provided the Auditor's September Revenues and Expenditures in written format at this time. The most significant comment relative to this report was that the revenues for the other funds are off from last year because of not having their refund data to add in.

SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR LICENSE # 071122- CAMANO COUNTRY CLUB

By unanimous motion, the Board approved Special Occasion Liquor License No. 071122 by the Camano Country Club to be held October 23, 1999 from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Camano Country Club, located at 1243 S. Beach Drive, Camano Island, WA., contingent upon receipt of favorable recommendation from the Island County Health and Sheriff's Department.

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED: ORDINANCE #C-133-99 [PLG-040-99] AMENDING THE COMP PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; ORDINANCE #C-134-99 [PLG-041-99] PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT & ORDINANCE #C-135-99 [PLG-042-99] RURAL DENSITIES

As scheduled on today's agenda, the Board, by unanimous motion, scheduled the following listed ordinances for public hearing to be held November 8, 1999 beginning at 1:30 p.m., with continuation date, if needed, for November 22, 1999 at 3:00 p.m. (for amendments only):

- C-133-99 [PLG-040-99] Amending the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations to comply with the Order of the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board; [GMA doc. #4905]