

PORT DISTRICT OF SOUTH WHIDBEY ISLAND
Minutes of the Public Hearing for the 2013 Preliminary Budget
November 13, 2012
Langley, Washington

Commissioners Present: Curt Gordon (Clinton), Dennis Gregoire (Freeland) and Chris Jerome (Langley)

Others Present:

Port Staff: Ed Field (Port Operations Manager), Angi Mozer (Port Finance Manager) Molly MacLeod-Roberts (Port Clerk) and, Julie James (Harbormaster); **Others:** Jim Sundberg (Langley City Councilmember), Jim Larsen (South Whidbey Record), Charlene Arnold (Coldwell Banker), and **Clinton Residents:** Tom Crites, Bruce Buls, Eric Wiechmann, Nancy Wiechmann, Richard Engstrom, Doug Struthers, Debbie Pagni, Rufus Rose and Dale Christenson

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: The Public Hearing for the 2013 Preliminary Budget of the Port District of South Whidbey Island was convened by the Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, November 13, 2012, in the South Whidbey Parks & Recreation District Meeting Room at 5475 Maxwellton Rd., Langley, WA. Commissioner Curt Gordon, President, called the Hearing to order at 7:05 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING: Copies of the previously published 2013 Preliminary Budget, including v.3 Budget A with FEMA funding and v.3 Budget B with NO FEMA funding (**EXHIBIT A**) and copies of the current 2013 Preliminary Budget v. 3.1 (**EXHIBIT B**) were available for the public. Gordon asked if anyone had any questions. **Jim Sundberg** asked what process the Port uses to calculate the levy request. Port Finance Manager Angi Mozer explained that each year the Port is allowed a 1% increase over the previous year's actual levy amount (the "Highest Lawful Levy"). The Port also receives revenue from New Construction, and Mozer adds an estimated amount of that revenue to the levy for the Ordinance/Resolution and Levy Certification. The Port will get the lesser of the Ordinance/Resolution and Levy Certification OR the Highest Lawful Levy. If the Port's Levy Certification request is LESS than the maximum levy allowed by law, the Port will not be able to receive the full amount of property revenue.

Commissioner Gregoire was interested in obtaining the data from New Construction over the last 10 years. Mozer said she would pull the information for him from Island County's Annual Reports.

Mozer had prepared a "List of Preliminary Budget Changes" as follows:

- 1) Finance Manager is proposing "Budget B" to be adopted. (Budget B assumes NO funding from FEMA's Port Security Grant)
- 2) Ending Cash Balance for 2012:
 - a) Previously assumed \$536,396 in 2012 tax revenue
 - b) Now assuming \$493,767 in 2012 tax revenue (-\$42,629)
- 3) Property taxes
 - a) Previously budgeted \$525,000 for 2013. Now budgeting \$515,000 (Preliminary Highest Lawful Levy Calculations = \$501,987.98)

Regarding Line 81 of "Budget A", **Bruce Buls** asked, "\$615,000 for Response Vessels...what's that?" Gordon explained that through the Port Security Grant, the Island County Sheriff's Office and the South Whidbey Fire/EMS would be able to purchase response vessels with a 25% match. The Port would pay the full amount up front and then get 75% reimbursement from FEMA and 25% reimbursement from the Sheriff and Fire District (basically a pass-through). The boats would be moored at the South Whidbey Harbor, and the Port had requested funding from FEMA to pay for the dock.

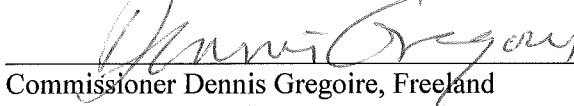
Gordon asked if there were any other questions or comments from the public. There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: The Hearing was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Approved:



Commissioner Curt Gordon, Clinton

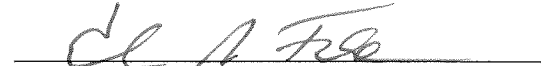


Commissioner Dennis Gregoire, Freeland



Commissioner Chris Jerome, Langley

Minutes prepared by:



Edwin S. Field, Port Operations Manager

Exhibit A: 2013 Preliminary Budget v.3 Budget A and v.3 Budget B

Exhibit B: 2013 Preliminary Budget v. 3.1