



District No. 1 Commissioner: Phil Johnson
District No. 2 Commissioner: David W. Sullivan
District No. 3 Commissioner: John Austin

County Administrator: Philip Morley
Clerk of the Board: Lorna Delaney

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Week of July 26, 2010

Chairman David Sullivan called the meeting to order at the appointed time in the presence of Commissioner Phil Johnson and Commissioner John Austin.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: a citizen stated that he has talked with individuals who believe that the Shoreline Master Program will negatively impact the market value of their property and was told that they will appeal their property values to the Board of Equalization and if they do not get monetary relief they will file a class action lawsuit; a citizen asked the Board to let the people vote on the issue of shoreline setbacks and he stated that he feels the Board is not listening to the citizens and unilaterally decided on a setback of 150' rather than 50' as recommended by the Planning Commission and supported by the majority of the citizens; a citizen commented about the County hiring a consultant to review a permit submitted by the Sportmens' Association to expand their shooting range and he stated that while he supports their gun range, he wants the same treatment from the County for his gun range; a citizen clarified that the permit application submitted by the Sportmens' Association is to add a couple of "pistol bays" to the facility which constitutes an expansion of less than 1% and he thinks the County is hiring a consultant to review the application in an effort to appear to be fair which in his opinion is an unnecessary expense since the Department of Community Development is capable of doing their job.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Johnson moved to approve all the items on the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-10** re: **HEARING NOTICE:** 2010 2nd Quarter Supplemental Budget Extension - Appropriations; Various County Departments; Hearing Scheduled for August 9, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers (Rescheduled from August 2, 2010)
2. **AGREEMENT** re: Provide Archiving and Imaging Services for Various County Departments; Jefferson County Auditor; US Archive & Imaging Services, Inc.
3. **AGREEMENT NO. LA7177, Supplemental No. 1** re: Quinault South Shore Road Repair; Jefferson County Public Works; Washington State Department of Transportation
4. **AGREEMENT Change Order No. 14** re: Jeffcom 911 Radio System Improvements Project Change Order No. 14 in the Amount of \$5,463.00; Southwick Enterprises; Jefferson County Jeffcom; Buchanan General Contracting Company
5. **Advisory Board Reappointments (4):** Jefferson County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC);
1) Amanda Lovelady, Kalaloch Lodge, Three (3) Year Term Expiring July 23, 2013; 2) Miriam



- Villiard, Inn at Port Ludlow, Three (3) Year Term Expiring July 23, 2013; 3) William Tennent, Jefferson County Historical Society, Two (2) Year Term Expiring July 23, 2012; and 4) Joy Baisch, Tourism Coordinating Council Representative, Two (2) Year Term Expiring May 29, 2012
6. Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants Dated July 19, 2010 Totaling \$650,568.62, and Dated July 21, 2010 Totaling \$5,377.00
 7. Payment of Jefferson County Payroll Warrants Dated July 20, 2010 Totaling \$91,497.49 and A/P Warrants Done by Payroll Dated July 21, 2010 Totaling \$16,679.89

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Commissioners and County Administrator reported on the following items:

Commissioner Austin:

- Visited the Big Quilcene River with the Hood Canal Coordinating Council to examine the results of the riparian restoration and found the habitat to be no longer degraded.
- Within the next two months there should be a decision made on how the Dosewallips Road will be restored.
- There is interest in moving a 10,000 gallon water tank that was used by the Forest Service near Falls View campground in Quilcene for use in Brinnon.

Commissioner Johnson:

- This week a Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. to discuss County finances.

Commissioner Sullivan:

- Discussed the Peninsula Regional Transportation Planning Organization (PRTPO) which prioritizes road projects in Jefferson, Clallam, Kitsap and Mason Counties. He noted that regional support is important in obtaining federal funding for projects.

Update re: Jefferson County Budget: County Administrator Philip Morley gave an update on the 2010 budget and the preliminary financial projection for 2011 - 2015. Revenues in 2010 are tracking at approximately \$204,147 above what was initially projected, while expenditures are tracking at approximately \$93,000 over budget which is mostly attributed to the extraordinary costs involved in a court case (Pierce Trial). A summary of the 2010 General Fund shows a projected unreserved fund balance of \$634,921. He recommends using only half of those funds for the 2011 budget and reserving the remainder for use in futures years.

The ending cash and investment balance in the General Fund for 2010 through 2015 is projected as follows:

2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$2,207,883	\$1,461,505	\$266,361	(\$1,034,831)	(\$2,428,940)	(\$3,939,138)



According to policy the County's fund balance at the end of each year must stay at 10% of expenditures. Revenues in 2011 are expected to grow at approximately 1% while expenditures at the current level will increase 3.4%. The County will need to find additional revenue and/or reduce expenditures by approximately \$500,000 to get on track for 2011. If changes are not made in 2011, the County will have even larger budget gaps in future years. Ultimately, the County will need to get to a point where revenues and expenditures are matched.

Revenues and Expenditures for 2010 through 2015 are projected as follows:

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Revenue	\$15,299,199	\$15,256,321	\$15,379,840	\$15,881,727	\$16,419,962	\$16,959,148
Expenditures	\$15,729,626	\$16,164,343	\$16,742,408	\$17,356,484	\$17,994,011	\$18,655,905
Balance	(\$430,427)	(\$908,022)	(\$1,362,568)	(\$1,474,757)	(\$1,574,049)	(\$1,696,757)

After reviewing historical figures, he discussed the County's budget objectives which include implementing the Strategic Plan, keeping the budget balanced while planning for the long term, and trying to protect employees while retaining as many public services as the County can afford. In order to do this, County staff will need to work together in a coordinated fashion on developing potential plans to contain costs. It is also important that the County work with its bargaining units on containing labor costs, coordinate with neighboring jurisdictions for the common good, and communicate with the public to be open and honest about its services and financial situation and options.

Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2011 Budget Goals and Objectives: County Administrator Philip Morley explained that the budget goals and objectives will guide the work of County departments in preparing a balanced budget for 2011. Each year the Commissioners update and adopt a resolution establishing budget goals and objectives that reflect current needs. He reviewed the 2011 fiscal budget objectives and discussed the budget preparation process.

Chairman Sullivan stated that volunteers have played a large part in the County's cost savings and he suggested adding a new subsection "d" to the "Fiscal Budget Objectives" under section #6 "Look for cost savings opportunities" which reads "*Continue to partner with community volunteers to provide services, programs and functions where appropriate (such as animal services, etc.)*", and that the previous section "d" become section "e" and the words "*(such as animal services, etc.)*" be removed from that section.

Commissioner Austin moved to make the changes as suggested by Chairman Sullivan and approve **RESOLUTION NO. 26-10** establishing goals and objectives for the 2011 County Budget. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.



Commissioner Johnson excused himself from the meeting due to another commitment.

Discussion and Possible Approval of an Agreement re: Watershed Stewardship Resource Center Environmental Protection Agency Grant: Associate Planner Michelle McConnell explained that this agreement is with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that will provide grant funding to the County for the creation of a Watershed Stewardship Resource Center that will guide property owners and developers in applying sustainable development practices. The center will be located in the Department of Community Development (DCD) office. The center's services are optional and will promote low impact development to stormwater management, shoreline, critical area and other environmental protection requirements. Using an innovative coaching model, the center will assist applicants with site design and will feature low impact development demonstration site and provide extensive learning resources. This is a 3-year pilot project and is a great opportunity for citizens to get involved and pursue voluntary approaches to meeting regulatory requirements for environmental protections.

County Administrator Philip Morley stated that 2 people will be hired to staff the center that is funded by this 3-year grant. This will help to provide more resources in the front office of DCD for all applicants, as well as provide some relief for the currently understaffed DCD office. He added that if there is no revenue coming in to continue staffing the center after the grant funding ends in 3 years, then the staffing of the center will also end. He views this center as having a lasting value to the County in terms of retaining technical learning resources and assisting the public through complex regulations. For these reasons he supports the approval of this grant agreement.

Commissioner Austin noted that this will also help the economy by allowing DCD staff to work on their backlog of permitting projects and he moved to approve the agreement as submitted. In the absence of Commissioner Johnson, Chairman Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Discussion and Possible Direction to Staff re: Request to the Washington State Department of Ecology for a 45 Day Extension of Time to Respond to Shoreline Master Program Comments: Associate Planner Michelle McConnell reviewed the Shoreline Master Program Comprehensive Update #MLA08-475 process. The Shoreline Master Program which the Board locally approved by resolution last December is now undergoing review by the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE). As required by State law, DOE held a public workshop, public hearing and set a public comment period during which they received many public comments which have been forwarded to the County for a response to the issues raised in the comments and verbal testimony. DOE has provided a listing of the comments to aid the Department of Community Development (DCD) staff in preparing the County's response which must be submitted to DOE within 45 days of receiving the comments. The deadline for submitting the County's response is July 30, 2010. At this point, DCD staff has not completed the County's response and is asking the Board to authorize DCD to submit a 45-day deadline extension request to DOE which would make the new deadline October 4, 2010. She noted that DCD staff anticipates completing the task before that date.



Commissioner Austin moved to authorize DCD staff to request from DOE a 45-day extension of the deadline for responding to issues raised in public comments on the Shoreline Master Program that were received during the State-wide public comment period. Chairman Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

An Executive Session was scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with the Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, County Administrator, Sheriff and Outside Legal Counsel (by telephone) regarding potential litigation under exemption RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(B) as outlined in the Open Public Meetings Act. The Board actually met in Executive Session on this topic from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m as scheduled. At the conclusion of the Executive Session the Board resumed the regular meeting and no action was taken.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING SESSION: County Administrator Philip Morley reviewed the following with the Commissioners:

- Calendar Coordination
- Miscellaneous Items

Letter to Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office: Commissioner Austin moved to approve a letter to the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office in support of a U.S. Forest Service application submitted by the Back Country Horsemen of Washington for funding the Lower Big Quilcene River Bridge trail project. Chairman Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. until the next regular Monday meeting at 9:00 a.m. or special meeting as properly noticed pursuant to RCW 42.30.080. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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Week of August 2, 2010

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Chairman David Sullivan called the meeting to order at the appointed time in the presence of Commissioner Phil Johnson and Commissioner John Austin.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: The following comments were made by citizens in attendance at the meeting: a citizen submitted a petition with 306 signatures requesting that the Commissioners consider putting the Shoreline Master Program to an advisory vote of the people; a citizen suggested the Commissioners use a positive approach in dealing with economic development such as processing building permits faster to stimulate revenue rather than increasing sales tax; a citizen stated that he supports a positive change in service attitude and he also stated that the State Department of Ecology controls the Shoreline Master Program not the Commissioners; a citizen complemented the Board on their practice of honest budgeting; a citizen commented on the Board's decision to proceed with a new sales tax and asked for clarification on other issues related to outside watering and well permits; a citizen feels the County not only needs to make budget cuts, but also look at ways to generate revenue; a citizen stated that it was the Commissioners who decided on a 150' shoreline buffer as a regulation in the Shoreline Master Program, not the State Department of Ecology. He also commented on the budget and stated that he believes that calling the proposed new sales tax a "Law and Justice Tax" is misleading and dishonest because the tax can be used for other purposes; a citizen feels that the County needs to seek ways to facilitate progress and put the interest of its citizens in the forefront.

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: After typographical corrections were noted for item #2 and item #6, Commissioner Austin moved to approve all the items on the consent agenda. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 27-10** re: Cancellation of Unclaimed Warrants
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 28-10** re: Providing a Loan to the Jefferson County Veterans Relief Fund (#155-000-010) From the County Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund (#501-00-010)
3. **AGREEMENT NO. G1000406** re: Coordinated Prevention Grant Enforcement - Promote and Ensure Compliance with Solid Waste Management Regulations; Language Change Only; Jefferson County Public Health; Washington State Department of Ecology
4. **AGREEMENT NO. G1000404** re: Coordinated Prevention Grant - Education; Language Change Only; Jefferson County Public Health; Washington State Department of Ecology
5. **AGREEMENT NO. 0963-68037, Amendment No. 3** re: Support of Chemical Dependency Prevention Services; Additional Amount of \$32,715.00; Jefferson County Public Health; Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA)



6. **AGREEMENT, Interlocal** re: Environmental Health Director Services; \$88.51 Per Hour; Jefferson County Public Health; Kitsap County Health District
7. **AGREEMENT** re: Carpet Replacement of the First Floor Conference Room and Treasurer's Office; For A Total Amount of \$5,377.72; Jefferson County Central Services; McCrorie Carpet One
8. Payment of Jefferson County Vouchers/Warrants Dated July 19, 2010 Totaling \$520,572.07 and Dated July 27, 2010 Totaling \$44,446.70

COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING SESSION: The Commissioners and County Administrator reported on the following items:

Commissioner Austin:

- Reported on the Emergency Operations Center meeting held last week which was attended by representatives of the U.S. NAVY, City of Port Townsend, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Emergency Radio Network, and Neighborhood Preparedness Groups
- There will be a drug court graduation ceremony held this Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in the Superior Court Courtroom.

Commissioner Johnson:

- Reviewed his meeting schedule for the week.

Commissioner Sullivan:

- Received a telephone call from Senator Patty Murray's office and was informed that the Senator along with several other Senators, will be sending a letter in support of the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools funding to the President of the United States.
- He met with the City of Port Townsend's finance committee to discuss the proposed "Public Safety and Infrastructure" sales tax option. At least 1/3 of the tax must be dedicated to public safety. State law also requires that the tax be split 60% to the County and 40% to the City.

County Administrator Philip Morley:

- He will continue meeting with the Sportmen's Association on their permit which includes an application for an additional pistol range and possibly extending the hours of operation. Outside review of the permit is being conducted because the County is the property owner.
- He will begin looking at the possibility of changing the way the Brinnon Motel is currently operated in order to maximize its potential as a motel.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Austin moved to approve the minutes of July 19, 2010 as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

Discussion re: Jefferson County Finances: County Administrator Philip Morley explained that there is growing gap between General Fund expenditures and revenues which will require significant reductions to public services and programs in order to balance the budget. The Board is being asked to consider the possibility of giving citizens a choice of whether they want to make those program and service cuts, or whether they want to provide funding to retain some programs and services.



Consultant Anne Sears reviewed General Fund Revenue and Expenditure projections for 2011 through 2015 as follows:

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Revenue	\$15,256,321	\$15,379,840	\$15,881,727	\$16,419,962	\$16,959,148
Expenditures	\$16,164,343	\$16,742,408	\$17,356,484	\$17,994,011	\$18,655,905
Balance	(\$908,022)	(\$1,362,568)	(\$1,474,757)	(\$1,574,049)	(\$1,696,757)

County Administrator Philip Morley stated that he is in negotiations with the labor unions to freeze employee pay increases for 2011 which would save approximately \$350,000 and reduce the growth of costs and narrow the projected budget gaps.

Discussion ensued regarding the framework for giving voters a choice between cutting or funding some programs and services. Two options to be considered for giving voters a choice include: 1) a public safety sales tax of .3% (thirty cent on a \$100 purchase); or 2) a property tax levy lid lift.

During a Special Meeting held last week on the County's Finances there was general consensus among the other Elected Officials and Department Directors that a public safety sales tax would be preferred over a property tax levy lid lift because it would apply to all citizens and visitors Countywide rather than only affecting property owners. Both options require a ballot measure which must be submitted to the Auditor by August 10, 2010 in order to be included in the November election. There is only one regular Commissioner's meeting scheduled before that deadline.

If a ballot measure is enacted by the voters, it would provide additional revenues to allow the County to keep or restore some services that would otherwise need to be reduced in order to balance the budget.

Proposed program areas to fund and preserve include:

Program/Service	Amount
Sheriff & Animal Services	\$170,000
Prosecutor	\$37,000
Juvenile Services	\$75,000
Other Public Safety	\$40,000
Community Centers/Senior Services in Tri-Area, Quilcene & Brinnon	\$126,000
Community Centers/Senior Services in Port Townsend & Gardiner	\$20,000
Public Health Services	\$50,000
Substance Abuse Programs	\$47,000
Jefferson County Conservation District	\$46,000
WSU - Cooperative Extension	\$20,000
Other Community Services	\$30,000
Core County Government Services	\$35,000



A Public Safety Sales Tax is authorized by state law, specifically RCW 82.14.450, which was amended this year to eliminate any restrictions on supplanting or replacing existing revenues for programs. This means any revenue generated from the new sales tax can be spent to replace funding that was cut for existing programs rather than having to use it only for new programs as was previously required before the law was changed.

This tax would be split 60% to the County and 40% to the City of Port Townsend. It is projected that the tax would generate approximately \$634,000 - \$675,000 to fund County services and approximately \$422,000 - \$450,000 to fund City services. At least 1/3 of the tax must be used for criminal justice or public safety purposes. Discussions are underway with City representatives to dedicate 1/2 of the City's share for 5-6 years to help fund County programs that serve within the City. Specifically, help to maintain Memorial Field, re-open and maintain the Port Townsend Recreation Center, and help to fund or match grants to make capital improvements to these facilities. If a sales tax is approved by voters, it would not go into effect until the second quarter of 2011.

Direction is needed from the Board by August 9, 2010 if the County is going to proceed with a ballot measure for a Public Safety Sales Tax. The Board agreed to proceed with giving citizens a choice of whether or not to retain some programs and services by placing a sales tax on the November ballot. The Board also agreed that the title of the sales tax needs to reflect that it is more than just a tax for public safety. It is also a tax for human and social infrastructure and essential services. Staff will prepare a resolution for consideration next week that identifies a specific list of programs and services to preserve from cuts.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING SESSION: County Administrator Philip

Morley reviewed the following with the Commissioners:

- Continue County Budget Discussion
- Calendar Coordination
- Miscellaneous Items

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Austin moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:01 p.m. until the next regular Monday meeting at 9:00 a.m. or special meeting as properly noticed pursuant to RCW 42.30.080. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

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 Special Meeting
 July 28, 2010

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Chairman David Sullivan called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Commissioner Phil Johnson and Commissioner John Austin were present as well as the following Jefferson County Elected Officials and Department Directors: Assessor Jack Westerman, Auditor Donna Eldridge, Treasurer Judi Morris, Superior Court Clerk Ruth Gordon, Sheriff Anthony Hernandez, Judge Jill Landes, County Administrator Philip Morley, Clerk of the Board/Human Resource Manager Lorna Delaney, Juvenile Court Administrator Barbara Carr, Public Works Director Frank Gifford, Public Health Director Jean Baldwin and W.S.U. Extension Agent Katherine Baril.

County Administrator Philip Morley explained that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the County's finances and review future budget projections to determine strategies and goals for containing and reducing expenditures including non-labor and labor costs, as well as to discuss how the County can give its citizens a choice of whether to make cuts or to provide additional funds to preserve some services.

Budget Consultant Anne Sears reviewed the budget projections for 2010 to 2015. In 2011 revenues are projected to increase approximately 1% while expenditures at current levels are expected to increase 3.4%.

County Administrator Philip Morley reported that General Fund Revenue and Expenditure projections for 2011 through 2015 are as follows:

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He is negotiating with the labor unions to reduce employee labor costs which are approximately 55% of the General Fund budget. Employees are the most valuable aspect of the General Fund, because without staff the County is unable to provide any service. But, there are labor agreements that have minimum cost of living allowances, even at a time when inflation is arguably negative. There are also step increases that are automatic for each year of service until the top of the scale is reached. At a time when the County is facing significant budget cuts and layoffs, he thinks it makes sense to be looking at trying to contain labor costs. As part of the budget goals and objectives adopted by the Board this week the County will suspend salary increases next year for certain Elected Officials and exempt salaried positions. If he is able to negotiate a suspension of employee cost of living adjustments and pay increases for 2011 with the labor unions, he expects the County will save approximately \$350,000. Even with that savings there is still a significant budget gap.



Two revenue options that can be decided on by citizen choice include:

- 1) Public Safety Sales Tax of .3% (thirty cents on a \$100 purchase)
- 2) Property Tax Levy Lid Lift

He noted that if the Board decides to proceed with taking one of these options to a vote of the people, the deadline for submitting a ballot measure to the Jefferson County Auditor to be included in the November General Election is August 10, 2010. Therefore, a decision will need to be made by August 9, 2010 which is the last regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioner's meeting prior to that deadline. Or a Special Meeting on this issue could be held the morning of August 10, 2010.

Chairman Sullivan added that a Public Safety Sales Tax ballot measure can only be voted on in a Primary or General Election, so if the Board decides not to do it the next General Election held in November, then the next opportunity would be in the Primary Election next year. A Property Levy Lid Lift can be done in any election, however, the County levy rates must be set by the end of November, therefore, in order to have it go into effect for next year it can only be done in the November General Election, otherwise, it would have to be done next year for the following year. Additionally, a sales tax requires notification of the State 75 days before the quarter in which the sales tax takes effect. That means if it is approved in the November General Election, then the tax would not go into effect until the second quarter of 2011.

A Public Safety Sales Tax would be split 60% to the County and 40% to the City of Port Townsend. It is projected that the tax would generate approximately \$675,000 (slightly less for 2011 because it would not go into effect until April 2011) for the County and approximately \$450,000 for the City. At least 1/3 of the tax must be used for criminal justice or public safety purposes. The City may be willing to temporarily assist with County programs within the City such as Memorial Field and the Port Townsend Recreation Center, in return for this additional funding.

Additionally, state law was amended this year to eliminate any restrictions on supplanting or replacing revenues for existing programs and services. This means any revenue generated from the new sales tax can be spent to replace funding for existing programs and does not have to be used for new programs only.

A proposed property tax levy lid lift increase of 12% per \$1,000 of property value would raise approximately \$622,000. An increase of 15% would raise approximately \$777,000. A twelve cent increase per \$1,000 for a property valued at \$250,000 would result in a property tax increase of approximately \$30.00 per year.

After discussion of the options and how they may compete with similar ballot measures for other agencies, County Administrator Philip Morley polled the Elected Officials and Department Directors on which option they prefer. There was general consensus that a public safety sales tax would be preferred over a property tax levy lid lift because it would apply to all citizens and visitors Countywide rather than only affecting property owners.



Discussion ensued regarding potential cuts for each department and how they will be impacted. After reviewing the "Operating Transfers Out" and "Non-Departmental" funds, County Administrator Philip Morley stated that he will prepare some goals regarding programs the County will ask the voters to support with a new tax which will give the public a clear choice about what they are voting for. The target is to identify programs and services that will total \$675,000.

It was noted that the title "Public Safety Sales Tax" may be misleading to voters because a portion of the tax can be used for other purposes. Calling it an "Infrastructure" or "Special Purpose" "and Public Safety Sales Tax" may better reflect its usage.

Each Elected Official and Department Director was asked to provide the County Administrator with their recommended permanent budget cuts for a ballot measure by 5 p.m., Friday, July 30, 2010.

NOTICE OF ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m. until the next regular Monday meeting at 9:00 a.m. or special meeting as properly noticed pursuant to RCW 42.30.080.

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