

County Administrator's Briefing Notes

2:00 PM Monday – January 23, 2006

Commissioner's Conference Room

*What are we asking for?
Why is it important?
Is it realistic?*

Attendance: Commissioner Jan Angel (Chair), Commissioner Patty Lent, County Administrator Cris Gears; Administrative Services Director Ben Holland; Arley Bright, Charisse Ritzman, Jim and Ginger Sommerhauser and Administrative Coordinator Don Burger.

2:00

1. Convene Meeting & Approve Minutes of Previous Briefing:

1/9 PM Brief:

- Minutes approved as written, subject to Commissioner Endresen's approval.

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2. Arbitrage Compliance (Ben Holland)

- Ben Holland described two types of arbitrage (Positive and Negative).
- Described county's responsibility regarding bond review.
- Discussed recent changes to Internal Revenue regulations regarding, in particular, positive arbitrage.

Action:

- Ben Holland plans to write a letter to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) explaining the County's current status and proposed plan of action (with the Board's concurrence).

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3. Board of Commissioners Sign-Off on Suquamish Community Council

Action:

- Board agreed to support.

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4. Board of Commissioners'/Administrator's Issues

- Cris Gears discussed the need to conduct another Customer Survey as part of the new budget process.
- Discussed with David Porter (Economic Development Council) an opportunity to discuss economic strategies (possibly during a Monday PM Brief or have the Board of County Commissioners attend an EDC Executive

Board meeting. Purpose: to develop a County-Wide vision for Economic Development. (possibly third Thursday in February).

- Discussed unused accumulated leave earned by County Employees.
- Discussed rotating Department Heads as “County Point- of Contact” representatives for specific issues and/or projects.
- Commissioner Angel is slated for jury duty the week of February 20, 2006.
- Commissioner Lent discussed liaison with the Canadian government regarding communication towers.
- Commissioner Lent requested a brief on the process for adding projects to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP).

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5. Adjourn

Approved