

Kitsap County Citizens Budget Committee
Minutes
January 4, 2010

Persons present: John Ahl, Kitty Candelaria, Shannon Childs, Robert Gelder, Bob Lamb, Chris Lemke, Steve Maxim, Bob Meadows, Jeff Pfof, Jo Schumacher, Jim Sommerhauser, Nancy Grennan, and Stephanie Pinard.

Chair Ahl called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Minutes for the previous meeting, December 7, 2009, were approved.

Before taking up the first agenda item, the committee discussed new information from Stephanie Pinard about the county's intended budget process for the execution of this year's budget and drafting of the budget for 2011. As noted by Pinard, the new process would involve obtaining much of the same information that is the focus of the committee's draft "core functions" document, so it may be better to coordinate the two rather than have the two efforts go ahead separately and simultaneously.

Discussion ensued on the nature of this new budget process and the committee's agenda item: the committee's "core functions" information request. The committee's draft request would seek to identify "core functions" and the laws that require them, while the county's intended "zero-based" budget process would do much the same without necessarily requiring citations to the governing law. In both cases, there would be an effort to identify the resources needed to carry out each function and to determine what level of service is appropriate. The county's process would seek to distinguish between "regional" and "local" services provided by county government, which would be different but not incompatible with the committee's desire as reflected in the draft document. A county work plan can be drafted and emailed to the committee members to think about before discussing it at a February meeting.

Rather than go forward now with its "core functions" information request, the committee voted to "table" the matter and coordinate with the county's effort.

After discussion of possible agenda items for February, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.