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Board Study Session
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Meeting Notes

Topic: *Kitsap County Revenue Sources,*
Ben Holland, Kitsap County Director of Administrative Services

The PowerPoint presentation given by Ben Holland is on the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council's web site: www.kitsapregionalcouncil.org. Click on *The Council Board* on the left, scroll down to the September 11, 2007 Board Meeting section and click on *Kitsap County Budget Presentation*.

Questions or discussion points from the Board:

- How do most appropriations come? *Answer:* From the federal government, through the State, to the County. Most funds cannot be moved around into other uses.
- Hopefully in the future we can come to consensus on how Kitsap County's Cities can participate. The County's budget process is currently not conducive to City involvement.
- Question: How many citizens understand how the revenue process works? *Answer:* There is a Property Tax 101 class that Ben Holland has developed and given to Rotary Clubs and other organizations.
- The County is working on other ways to get this information to more people.
- The Board of County Commissioners is talking about dealing with the revenue sources on a Urban Growth Area (UGA) by UGA basis, with analysis done in early 2008 to figure out the cost of providing urban level of services. We do not yet know the effect this will have on the possible incorporation of Silverdale, population 18,000. Analysis will have to be done to see how it compares with Kingston or the West Bremerton UGA.
- Bainbridge Island is currently in a financial perfect storm. The County has a \$326m budget, but only \$11m in debt services. What are the guidelines to balance the percentages of debt services in the overall budget? *Answer:* A Revised Code of Washington (RCW) law dictates the guidelines; the Board will further discuss the debt to revenue ratio offline.