

Island County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee
2% Hotel/Motel Tourism Lodging Tax (first or basic 2% tax)
Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2025

The Island County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee met on August 27, 2025, beginning at 2:30 p.m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room #102B

Committee Members Present:

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| Janet St. Clair, Chair | |
| Hannah Bates | |
| Tom Felvey – via Zoom | |
| Barry Wenaas | |
| Paul Foster – via ZOOM | |

Commissioner St. Clair called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Presentations from 2026 Lodging Tax Facilities Applicants

The following applicants provided presentations to committee members:

- Amy Bush, Camano Arts Association
- Dan Abshere, Stanwood-Camano Veterans Museum and Resource Center
- Jessica McCready, Camano Chamber of Commerce
- Roni Freund, Cascade Loop
- Wendy Horn Whidbey Island Marathon
- Sara Stawarz, Clinton Chamber of Commerce
- Lynda Eccles, Coupeville Chamber of Commerce
- Emily Gilbert, Deception Pass Park Foundation
- Robert Pelant, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve
- John Ellis, Island County Chauns Motorcycle Club
- Nancy Thelen, Island County Fair Association
- Dalva Church, Island County Historical Society
- Jan VanMuyden and James Sylvester, Island County
- Olena Hodges, Island Shakespeare Festival
- Nicole Whittington-Johnson, Langley Chamber of Commerce
- Mayor Tim Callison, Langley Main Street Association
- Eric Marshall, Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce
- Cheryl Grehan, Oak Harbor Main Street Association
- Cynthia Mason, Oak Harbor Music Festival
- Lisa Bernhardt, Pacific Northwest Art School
- Barry Meldrum, Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum
- Marshall Miller, Run Ragnar
- Lee Badovinus, Sound Waters University

- Billy Tierney, WICA
- Joe Hudon, Whidbey Island Garden Tour
- Charlotte Bear, Whidbey Island Grown

Follow Up:

Staff will contact the Oak Harbor, Langley, and Coupeville chambers of commerce, as well as their Main Street associations, to obtain the amount of funds sent by the Washington State Commerce.

Timeline:

LTAC members will receive an email from staff regarding the deadline for completed scoring sheets. The LTAC will meet on September 9th to discuss the dispersal of funds recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Roll