

Priorities of Government

Public Priorities

County Depts.

(Not Listed in Order of Priority from the Belfair & Shelton Workshops)

Infrastructure must be funded: Treasurer, Judges, Sheriff, Coroner, Clerk, Assessor, Auditor	BOCC (Board of County Commissioners)
Consolidate Internal Svcs- Mail, purchasing, large equipment, finance & accounting function	All Depts
Develop a process that would allow more public participation in the budget	BOCC, Auditor & Treasurer
Expectation that the most efficient/effective use of resources will be made → Public vehicle going home with employee	All Depts.
List the specific mandates and levels of service. → Need to be spelled out	All Depts.
Keep Mason County rural	BOCC & DCD (Dept. of Community Development)
Government fiscal responsibility	All Depts.
Better government transparency and accountability	All Depts.

Less government (consolidation and less regulation)	BOCC
Public safety (safe communities)	Sher. Dept.
Public health services	Pub. Health
More volunteerism/self sufficiency (reduce free handouts)	Gen. Public
More rural gathering/meeting places.	BOCC & DCD
Cross training within depts and between depts	All Depts.
Customer service focus	All Depts.
Balanced set of services for Parks,4-H, Auditor, health & safety, code enforcement	Auditor, DCD, Pub. Health, Parks & WSU
Improved networking and collaboration within and among departments to improve efficiencies (i.e. Central Stores)	All Depts.
Strong sense of pride and fabric in our community	Gen. Public
Community reliant, look to our own businesses and services first before out of County	All Depts.

Transparent budget and decision process with engaged public	BOCC, Auditor & Treasurer
Supportive of entrepreneurs	BOCC & DCD
Improved infrastructure (i.e. internet)	All Depts.
Smart growth that supports rural character	BOCC & DCD
Robust natural-resource based industries.	BOCC & DCD
Consolidation of govt services → Public health & nurses in County jail/partnership, not outside providers – cost efficiency/savings)	All Depts.
Government fiscal responsibility and transparency	BOCC, Auditor & Treasurer
Retain trained employees,	All Depts.
Savings/rainy day fund	BOCC, Auditor & Treasurer
Maintain rural nature → Partner with community groups and more rural gatherings/meetings	BOCC & DCD
Maintain Rural Environment (Keep 'As Is')	BOCC & DCD

Carefully Planned, Controlled Growth → School Capacity available prior to growth → Local government should look for possible U.G.A. incorporation	BOCC & DCD
5 Commissioners, not 3 (More Northend Representation)	BOCC
See traffic go around Belfair	BOCC, DCD & Pub. Works
Less Dependence on Govt. (Personal Responsibility)	BOCC & Gen. Public
Designated Bike Trails (& Walking Trails)	BOCC, DCD, Parks & Pub. Works
More Law Enforcement	BOCC & Sher. Dept.
Safe, Family-Oriented Communities (Less gated areas)	BOCC & DCD
Keep the same, less traffic in Belfair	BOCC, DCD & Pub. Works
Growth based on community as a whole	BOCC & DCD
Hospital, Swimming Pool (Indoors) County Administrator (Less Dependence on Dept. Heads)	BOCC & Other Jurisdiction Involvement BOCC

Zero-Based Budget (Also 2 & 6 year Budgets)	BOCC, Auditor & Treasurer
Accountability & Transparency of Government → 'Checks & Balances' → No 'Closed Door Meetings'	BOCC & All Depts.
Zero Crime → Public Safety	BOCC & Sher. Dept.
Fair application of laws & regulations (Consistency) → Following & Showing 'How a Decision is made': Point A to Point B	All Depts.
Need Trust in Local Govt.	BOCC & All Depts.
Opportunity for more govt input (Meaningful Dialogue, not 'Conversation')	BOCC & All Depts.
Recognize Dissent as Integral to Democracy	BOCC
Road System needs to be planned better → Community Discussion & Input	BOCC & Pub. Works
Improved Water Quality (Public Health) → Salt & Fresh Water Quality & Quantity	Pub. Health & Utilities
Recycle Water	Utilities

Informed Participation by Community	BOCC & All Depts.
Schools (Year-Around) → Children Safety	BOCC, Gen. Pub. & Other Jurisdictions
Sidewalks	BOCC, DCD & Pub. Works
Infrastructure needs to pick up → Public, not Developer-oriented	BOCC & DCD
No competing (more partnering) with other local groups	All Depts.
School Impact Fees (to Support Growth)	BOCC & DCD
Shared Responsibilities with other Counties → Partnering for Services	All Depts.
Re-look at delivering services (Org. restructuring) across the County (Reduce Duplication of Services)	All Depts.
More recreational children activities	Parks
Attract more businesses & industries (hi-tech)	BOCC & DCD
Community gardens	Parks
Print own money	BOCC ?

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Controlled Growth	BOCC & DCD
Transportation (Build By-Pass)	BOCC, DCD & Other Jurisdictions
Public Safety/Law Enforcement	BOCC & Sher. Dept.
Expand Representation from 3 to 5 Commissioners → Re-Districting involving Community Input/Involvement	BOCC
Public Health & Safety	Pub. Health Sher. Dept.
Re-Evaluate U.G.A.'s	BOCC & DCD
Mutual Respect- Dialogue, Transparency, Cooperation → A Value and an Attitude	BOCC & All Depts.
Reorganize Budget Process → Move Budget Director from under B.O.C.C.	BOCC, Auditor & Treasurer
Citizens' Advisory Committee to advise Commissioners	BOCC
Peoples' Budget- A Budget People Understand	BOCC, Auditor & Treasurer
Public Works needs to provide Budget without requesting	Pub. Works
Meetings with Outcomes	BOCC & All Depts.

Review Effectiveness of Advisory Committees	All Depts.
Review Money spent on Consultants (Perform In-House) → Build Internal Capacity	All Depts.
Review Contracting Out more work (Cost-Savings)	All Depts.
Review Span-of-Control & Average Salaries → Managers versus Number of Employees	All Depts.
Trim Management	All Depts.
Review/Restructuring Responsibilities & Accountability	All Depts.
Review out-of-county travel & training	BOCC & All Depts.
Develop Ethics Ordinances (Code of Conduct) for B.O.C.C.	BOCC
No more work on Elfendahl Road	Pub. Works
Better Awareness of personal actions	BOCC, All Depts. & Gen. Public
Review Efficiencies of Employees in each dept	All Depts.
Review Reduced Workweek	All Depts.

'Planned Reserve' for Emergencies & Reserve Fund	BOCC, Auditor, & Treasurer
Fund Basic Infrastructure (Tres., Auditor's, Clerk's) → 'Mandated' vs. 'Non- Mandated' Services	BOCC
Citizens' Performance Audit (Outside Review-Rotational) → Reduce Duplicative Svc → Improve Efficiencies per Department → Don't Fear the Citizen (Involve them)	BOCC & All Depts.
Long-Term Thinking and forethought	BOCC & All Depts.
Explain the Budget to a normal person	BOCC, Auditor & Treasurer
Rely on Citizens' expertise, knowledge and skills	BOCC & All Depts.
Transparency	BOCC & All Depts.
Respect 'We the People'	BOCC & All Depts.