THURSTON COUNTY AND ITS COMMISSIONERS: 1852 - 2011

(Gleaned from the original minutes of Commission meetings, Olympia City Directories, and a few observations from Rathbun's <u>History of Thurston County, Washington, 1895</u> by Winnifred L. Olsen, Thurston County Historic Commission).

BEGINNINGS

Thurston County was created by an act of the Oregon Territorial Legislatures January 12, 1852. The intent at first was to name the area Simmons County for Michael T. Simmons, but upon the news of the sudden death of Samuel Royal Thurston, first Territorial Representative to Congress from Oregon, the name was changed to Thurston "to perpetuate his memory."

The boundaries of the new county encompassed most of what is now Western Washington, reaching from Lewis County to the Canadian border, from the summit of the Cascade Range to the Pacific Ocean. In December, 1852, the counties of Jefferson, Pierce, and King were created from Thurston; others followed.

The first Thurston County officials elected in June, 1852 were: A. J. Simmons, Sheriff; A. M. Poe, County Clerk; Daniel R. Bigelow, Treasurer; R. S. Bailey, Assessor; Edmund Sylvester, Coroner; and A. A. Denny, Sidney S. Ford Sr., and David Shelton, County Commissioners. In the early years, the County Commissioners also acted as judges of the court.

Thus, the year 1852 marked the beginning of organized government of Puget Sound.

1852 FIRST TERM OLYMPIA, MONDAY, JULY 5, 1852

"At a term of the Board of County Commissioners of Thurston County, Territory of Oregon held at Olympia July 5, 1852, Arthur A. Denny and David Shelton appeared and took the oath of office; appointed Daniel R. Bigelow, Clerk, pro tem, and opened court at 9 o'clock A.M." D. R. Bigelow, Clerk, Pro Tempore

July 6, 1852

Present were: A. A. Denny and David Shelton, Commissioners, A. J. Simmons, Sheriff and D. R. Bigelow, Clerk, pro tem. David Shelton was appointed presiding judge of the County Commissioners court (or Chairman). Voting precincts were designated. Upon drawing lots to determine the terms of office, it was noted that:

A. A. Denny would serve one year David Shelton, two years Sidney S. Ford, three years.

Seven school districts were approved on July 7th and two grocery store licenses granted.

<u>September 6, 1852</u>

Commissioners present were A. A. Denny and Sidney Ford, with David Shelton absent. The first order of business was approving the petition of William Packwood for a school district between Olympia and Steilacoom. Packwood was also allowed a ferry license on the Nisqually River, for which he was to pay the county treasurer the sum of one dollar. Fees were also set for passengers and animals. Road districts were designated throughout the entire county.

December 6, 1852

The meeting was adjourned to December 7th as David Shelton was the only commissioner appearing. He was again the lone attendee Tuesday, December 7th so the meeting was adjourned until six o'clock December 8th when Arthur A. Denny arrived from Seattle. A full meting was held December 9th and 10th.

1853

President Millard Fillmore signed congressional legislation March 3, 1853 creating Washington Territory. Isaac I. Stevens was appointed Territorial Governor by President Pierce. Thurston County census in the summer of 1853: 906.

1853

Sidney S. Ford, Commissioner David Shelton, Commissioner

Thurston County had only two commissioners during 1853 as King County had been created and that is where A. A. Denny resided. Sessions were scheduled for March, April, July, September, October and December but the two Commissioners seemed to have played "cat and mouse" about attending.

At the September three day session, Ford was the only one arriving each day and the meeting was adjourned to October 3.

David Shelton was the only Commissioner present October 3 and 4 and he ordered the sheriff to go to the Ford's home to see if and when he could attend. Ford was present the next day, but no business was reported.

Business conducted the next day, October 6, including appointing Urban E. Hicks, Clerk with James R. Hurd and Stephen D. Ruddell signing as sureties for his bond. (Hicks was Ruddell's step-son.) Pierce County petitioned for money from Thurston County school funds but were told that all funds had been distributed and there was only \$56.52 left in the county treasury. Several "Road Viewers" were appointed.

January 30, 1854

Washington Territorial legislature elected.

February 27, 1854

First Territorial legislature meets at the Gold Bar restaurant.

A corps of county officers were designated in counties where vacancies existed.

April 3, 1854

David Shelton and Sidney S. Ford hold a commissioners meeting.

June 5, 1854

"Messrs Sidney Ford, James McAllister and David J. Chambers appointed members of the Board of County Commissioners for Thurston County by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Washington; sworn in before Clerk Urban E. Hicks, notary public of said county, and thereupon cause the court to be opened in due form."

June 7, 1854

More precincts are formed and election official appointed.

September 7, 1854

Only Chambers and Ford attend.

December 4, 1854

John N. Low, Levis Shelton and Sidney S. Ford sworn in at 9 a.m. (no information as to new election or appointment)

December 6, 1854

Commissioner terms are drawn:

Sidney S. Ford - 3 years Levi Shelton - 2 years John N. Low - 1 year

March 5, 1855

John N. Low - Commissioners Levi Shelton Sidney Ford - absent at most of the 1855 meetings.

Prohibition was approved in Thurston County in the summer of 1855 but failed to carry in the Territory. 377 votes cast in Thurston County.

December 4, 1855

Levis Shelton - commissioners Joseph Broshears Sidney Ford - not attending

March 1856

Levi Shelton Joseph Broshears (Broshears was listed only at two meetings.) Sidney Ford - not attending

September 1, 1856

A. J. Chambers, elected Chairman Joseph Cornell Sidney Ford - not attending until September 6th.

(results of a July election)

March, 1857

A. J. Chambers Sidney s. Ford, Sr. Joseph Cornell

September 7, 1857

Joseph Cornell James Biles (Biles became Chairman December 7th.) Andrew J. Chambers

March 2, 1858

James Biles, chairman Andrew J. Chambers Joseph Cornell

Entire Year 1859

James Biles, Chairman

Andrew J. Chambers Joseph Cornell

May, 1860

James Biles, Chairman Andrew J. Chamberes Joseph Cornell

August, 1860

Andrew chambers, Chairman Joseph Cornell Sidney S. Ford (re-elected)

May 6, 1861

James Biles (appointed in consequence of the action of the territorial legislature) Andrew Chambers, Chairman Joseph Cornell

August, 1861

Andrew Chambers, Chairman G. W. French G. W. Miller

August 4, 1862

G. W. Miller, Chairman G. W. French Stephen D. Ruddell

September 7, 1863

Geo. W. French, Chairman Stephen D. Ruddell Joseph Gibson (sworn in to replace G. W. Miller)

August 8, 1864

Stephen D. Ruddell, Chairman Joseph Gibson James Dunlap

August 14, 1865

James Dunlap, Chairman Abram Tilley W. S. Parsons (only listing was attending this meeting)

July 2, 1866

James Dunlap, Chairman Abram Tilley Robert Waddell (replaced Parsons)

August 5, 1867

James Dunlap, Chairman J. M. Shotwell A. W. Cairns

1868

James Dunlap, Chairman J. M. Shotwell A. W. Cairns

June 28, 1869

A called session for newly elected board and new chairman

George A. Barnes, Chairman Stephen Hodgden Olen Crosby (Clanrick)

1870

George A. Barnes, chairman Stephen Hodgden Clanrick Crosby

July 5, 1871

A special session to reorganize the new board. Wm. James was elected, but died before being sworn into office.

Wm. McLane (appointed to replace James and was named Chairman) Ira Ward, Jr. Geo. W. French

August 5, 1872

Stephen Hodgden (appointed to replace G. W. French who moved to Olympia) Wm. McLane, Chairman Ira Ward, Jr.

February 3, 1873

Benjamin Harned, Chairman A. S. Yantis James Longmire

Francis Henry named County Superintendent of the Poor "with authority to relieve the immediate necessities of such persons as are in a destitute condition."

Bounties listed for animal scalps: \$2.50, cougar; \$2.50, bear; \$1.50, wildcat.

1874

Benjamin Harned, Chairman James Longmire A. S. Yantis

Special election called July 10 to approve bonds to build railroad from Budd's inlet to Tenino.

February 1, 1875

A. J. Chambers, President Wm. H. Mitchell Wm. F. Ogle

1876

A. J. Chambers, President Wm. H. Mitchell Wm. F. Ogle

On December 28th, \$56.25 was allowed to Daniel R. Bigelow for six month's salary as county school superintendent.

February 5, 1877

A. J. Chambers, Chairman J. S. French John M. Swan

1878

Andrew J. Chambers, Chairman J. S. French John M. Swan

February 3, 1879

John M. Swan, Chairman District 1
James Longmire District 2
Samuel Davenport District 3

1880

John M. Swan, Chairman James Longmire Samuel Davenport

Bounties were raised to \$5.00 for cougar scalps, \$4.00 for bears; and dropped to \$1.00 for wildcats.

February 7, 1881

John M. Swan, Chairman Joseph Gibson A. S. McKenzie

A motion to raise school taxes was discussed for four days in August and then "laid on the table."

1882

John M. Swan, Chairman A. S. McKenzie Joseph Gibson

Commissioners met for four sessions during the year.

February 5, 1883

A. S. McKenzie, Chairman J. S. Dobbins John L. Yantis

August 6, 1883

B. F. Ruth (appointed from Yelm precinct to replace A. S. McKenzie, resigned)

1884

J. S. Dobbins, Chairman

John L. Yantis

B. F. Ruth

First women's names drawn for grand jury and petit jury. None called, nor were any women named election officials.

(Contract let to highest bidder, \$5.00 per year, to purchase hay growing on court house lots.)

February 2, 1885

John L. Yantis, Chairman

Geo. B. Capen

A. B. Woodard

(C. B. Mann petitioned to let his cow graze on court house pasture at \$10.00 per year)

February 1, 1886

John L. Yantis, Chairman

Geo. B. Capen

Thomas Prather (appointed to replace A. B. Woodard)

(June 28, 1886 the county voted on Prohibition. It carried every precinct except Olympia, whose total negative vote defeated the measure: 649, no; 573, yes.)

February 7, 1887

Geo. B. Capen, Chairman

John L. Yantis

Thomas Prather

May 2, 1887

A. E. Young (replaced John L. Yantis - no reasons listed)

February 6, 1888

Geo. B. Capen, Chairman

A. E. Young

Thomas Prather

February 4, 1889

Geo. B. Capen, Chairman A. E. Young Thomas Prather

April 25, 1889

Reece A. Brewer (replaced A. E. Young - no reason listed)

Commissioners appointed special judges and inspectors for May 14 election for delegates to state constitution convention. November 11, 1889, Washington became the 42nd state. Elected to represent Thurston County: Wm. O. Bush and Francis Rotch, Representatives; N. H. Owings, Senate - all Republicans.

February 3, 1890

Geo. B. Capen, Chairman Reece A. Brewer Thomas Prather

Australian ballot system used first time in county elections.

August 7, 1890

B. B. Smith (appointed to fill resignation of Geo. B. Capen) Reece A. Brewer, elected Chairman

(The number of commissioner meetings increased rapidly as plans were drawn for a new court house.)

January 12, 1891

Reece A. Brewer, Chairman T. C. Van Epps B. B. Smith

\$100,000 Court house bond finally approved March, 1891.

(Eighty-six days of commission meetings, many on Saturdays, letting contracts on new court house - which later became the state capitol building at Sixth and Washington Streets)

April 4, 1892

Reece A. Brewer, Chairman

T. C. Van Epps

B. B. Smith

(Eight faced tower clock contract let to a Portland firm over the bid from Talcott. Commission held 139 meeting days.)

January 9, 1893

Despite their viligent efforts, all three 1892 Commissioners were replaced in the fall election. The outgoing Commissioners stated in their minutes: "The new board of county commissioners being present and the time having arrived to surrender to them the duties and responsibilities of this office, the affairs of the county are therefore placed in their hands. Monday, January 9, 1893."

New Commissioners:

W. C. Israel, Chairman Thomas Prather G. W. Osborn

1894

Thomas Prather

W. C. Israel

G. W. Osborn

(With the collapse of Western Washington economic boom, county, city and school warrants went begging for buyers. Commissioners leased the basement of the new court house for a post office.)

1895

F. S. Whalen 3rd District G. W. Osborn 2nd District Thomas Prather, Chairman 1st District

(Special county election was called to validate outstanding school warrants. Passed by the necessary 60%.)

1896

F. S. Whalen

G. W. Osborn

Thomas Prather, Chairman

January 12, 1897

John Yantis G. W. Osborn, Chairman R. A. Brewer

<u>1898</u>

John L. Yantis G. W. Osborn, Chairman R. A. Brewer

January 9, 1899

John Byrne, Chairman John L. Yantis Geo. W. Mills

<u>1900</u>

John Byrne John L. Yantis Geo. W. Mills

January 14, 1901

John Byrne, Chairman George W. Bell Thomas Ismay

<u>1902</u>

John Bryne George W. Bell Thomas Ismay

January 12, 1903

H. M. Pierce, Chairman Geo. W. Bell Robt. M. Paton

October 17, 1903

H. A. Raymond (appointed to replace Bell, who resigned)

1904

H. M. Pierce, Chairman Robert M. Paton H. A. Raymond

January 9, 1905

Robert M. Paton W. H. Mitchell, Chairman P. J. O'Brien

1906

Robert M. Paton W. H. Mitchell, Chairman P. J. O'Brien

January 14, 1907

P. J. O'Brien, Chairman Wiliam Wherrett Robert E. Pickett

1908

P. J. O'Brien, Chairman William Wherrett Robert E. Pickett

(Commission meetings were typed for the first time instead of in the various handwriting of changing clerks!)

January 11, 1909

C. B. Mann, Chairman (Champion B. Mann) Homer A. Raymond James A. Van Eaton

<u>1910</u>

C. B. Mann, Chairman

Homer A. Raymond James A. Van Eaton

January 9, 1911

A. M. Rowe, Chairman

J. A. Van Eaton

T. J. McBratney

<u>1912</u>

A. M. Rowe

J. A. Van Eaton

t. J. McBratney

January 13, 1913

A. M. Rowe, Chairman

T. J. McBratney

S. C. Gibson

1914

A. M. Rowe

T. J. Mcbratney

S. C. Gibson

January, 1915

B. F. Littlejohn, Chairman 1^{st} District A. M. Rowe 2^{nd} District

T. Ives Dodge 3rd District Bordeaux

<u>1916</u>

B. F. Littlejohn, Chairman

A. M. Rowe

T. Ives Dodge

January 8, 1917

J. C. Sams 1^{st} DistrictOlympiaS. Y. Bennett 2^{nd} DistrictPugetT. Ives Dodge, Chairman 3^{rd} DistrictBordeaux

<u>1918</u>

- J. C. Sams
- S. Y. Bennett
- T. Ives Dodge, Chairman

January 13, 1919

J. C. Sams, Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
S. Y. Bennett	2 nd District	Puget
M. J. Neylon	3 rd District	Tenino

<u>1920</u>

- J. C. Sams, Chairman
- S. Y. Bennett
- M. J. Nevlon

<u>1921</u>

A. M. Rowe	1 st District	Olympia
S. Y. Bennett	2 nd District	Puget
M. J. Neylon	3 rd District	Tenino

<u>1922</u>

- A. M. Rowe
- S. Y. Bennett
- M. J. Neylon

<u>1923</u>

Fred G. Anderson	1 st District	Olympia
M. F. Pugsley	2 nd District	Yelm
M. J. Neylon, Chairman	3 rd District	Tenino

<u>1924</u>

Fred G. Anderson

M. F. Pugsley

M. J. Neylon, Chairman

<u>1925</u>

Fred G. Anderson, Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
M. F. Pugsley	2 nd District	Yelm
J. B. Taylor	3 rd District	Tenino

<u>1926</u>

Fred G. Anderson, Chairman M. F. Pugsley

J. B. Taylor

<u>1927</u>

Fred G. Anderson, Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
M. F. Pugsley	2 nd District	Yelm
J. B. Taylor	3 rd District	Tenino

<u>1928</u>

Fred G. Anderson, Chairman

M. F. Pugsley J. B. Taylor

January 19, 1929

Pearl Cogswell	1 st District	Olympia
Frank A. Weir	2 nd District	Hicks Lake
J. B. Taylor, Chairman	3 rd District	Tenino

1930

Pearl Cogswell Frank A. Weir

J. B. Taylor, Chairman

<u>1931</u>

Pearl F. Cogswell	1 st District	Olympia
Frank W. Weir	2 nd District	Hicks Lake
J. B. Taylor, Chairman	3 rd District	Tenino

1932

Pearl F. Cogswell, Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
S. Y. Bennett	2 nd District	Rt. 3
T. H. Richards	3 rd District	Tenino

<u>1933</u>

Pearl F. Cogswell

S. Y. Bennett, Chairman

T. H. Richards

1934

Pearl F. Cogswell	1 st District	Olympia
S. Y. Bennett	2 nd District	Rt. 3
T. H. Richards	3 rd District	Tenino

January 14, 1935

S. Frederick Hansen	1 st District	Olympia
Geo. M. Ashford	2 nd District	South Bay
Tom H. Richards, Chairman	3 rd District	Tenino

1936

S. Frederick Hansen Geo. M. Ashford Tom H. Richards, Chairman

January 11, 1937

S. Frederick Hansen, Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
Ray Cruikshank	2 nd District	Yelm
Frank N. Palmer	3 rd District	Rochester

<u>1938</u>

S. Frederick Hansen, Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
Ray Cruikshank	2 nd District	Yelm
Frank N. Palmer	3 rd District	Rochester

January 9, 1939

John Maguire	1 st District	Olympia
Ray Cruikshank, Chairman	2 nd District	Yelm
Frank N. Palmer	3 rd District	Rochester

<u>1940</u>

John Maquire Ray Cruikshank, Chairman Frank N. Palmer

January 1941

John Maguire1st DistrictOlympiaRay Cruikshank2nd DistrictYelmFrank N. Palmer, Chairman3rd DistrictRochester

1942

John Maquire Ray Cruikshank, Chairman Frank N. Palmer

January 11, 1943

John Maguire, Chairman

1st District
Olympia

Harry M. Livingston

2nd District
Rainier

2rd District
Olympia

Joe C. Peters 3rd District Olympia (West side)

1944

John Maguire Harry M. Livingston Joe C. Peters, Chairman

<u>January</u>, 1945

Henry W. (Hank) Bolender 1^{st} District Olympia Harry M. Livingston, Chairman 2^{nd} District Rainier

Joe C. Peters 3rd District Olympia (West side)

1946

Hank Bolender Harry M. Livingston, Chairman Joe C. Peters

January, 1947

Hank Bolender 1^{st} District Olympia Harry M. Livingston 2^{nd} District Rainier

Joe C. Peters, Chairman 3rd District Olympia (West side)

1948

Hank Bolender, Chairman Harry M. Livingston

Joe C. Peters

January, 1949

Hank Bolender, Chairman 1st District Olympia George Elder 2nd District Route 9

George F. Yantis, Jr. 3rd District Olympia (West side)

1950

Hank Bolender, Chairman George Elder Geogre G. Yantis, Jr.

January 8, 1951

Hank Bolender 1st District Olympia George Elder, Chairman 2nd District Route 9 Walter Mills 3rd District Rochester

1952

Hank W. Bolender George Elder, Chairman Walter Mills

January, 1953

Hank Bolender 1st District Olympia George Elder 2nd District Route 9 Walter Mills, Chairman 3rd District Rochester

<u>1954</u>

Hank W. Bolender George Elder Walter Mills, Chairman

January 10, 1955

Hank Bolender, Chairman 1st District Olympia George Elder 2nd District Route 9 Walter Mills 3rd District Rochester

<u>1956</u>

Hank Bolender, Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
George Elder	2 nd District	Route 9
Walter Mills	3 rd District	Rochester

January, 1957

Hank Bolender, Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
George Elder	2 nd District	Route 9
Walter Mills	3 rd District	Rochester

<u>1958</u>

Hank Bolender (Died February 5, 1958)

Lyman Hopkins 1st District Olympia (Appointed February 10, 1958)

George Elder

Walter Mills

2nd District

Route 9

Walter Mills

3rd District

Rochester

January 12, 1959

George F. Yantis, Jr.	1 st District	Olympia
George Elder, Chairman	2 nd District	Route 9
Walter Mills	3 rd District	Rochester

1960

George F. Yantis, Jr. George Elder, Chairman Walter Mills

January, 1961

Districts no longer listed in minutes

George F. Yantis, Jr. George Elder

Walter Mills

<u>1962</u>

George F. Yantis, Jr.

George Elder Walter Mills

January 1963

George F. Yantis, Jr.

George Elder

Walter Mills, Chairman

1964

George F. Yantis, Jr.

George Elder

Walter Mills, Chairman

January 11, 1965

George F. Yantis, Jr., Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
Everett Fourre	2 nd District	Lacey
Walter Mills	3 rd District	Rochester
Walter Mills died September 5, 1965 in Centralia Hospital.		

Walter Mills died September 5, 1965 in Centralia Hospital. Homer Hedgepath 3rd District Littlerock (appointed)

January 10, 1966

George F. Yantis, Jr.	1 st District	Olympia
Everett Fourre	2 nd District	Lacey
Homer Hedgepath, Chairman	3 rd District	Littlerock

January 9, 1967

George F. Yantis, Jr.	1 st District	Olympia
Everett Fourre, Chairman	2 nd District	Lacey
Wesley N. Estes	3 rd District	Route6

January 8, 1968

George F. Yantis, Jr.	1 st District	Olympia
Everett Fourre, Chairman	2 nd District	Lacey
Wesley N. Estes	3 rd District	Route 6

January 13, 1969

George F. Yantis, Jr.	1 st District	Olympia
Ken Stevens	2 nd District	Lacey
Wesley N. Estes, Chairman	3 rd District	Route 6

January 12, 1970

George F. Yantis, Jr.	1 st District	Olympia
Kenneth Stevens, Chairman	2 nd District	Lacey
Wesley N. Estes	3 rd District	Route 6

January 11, 1971

George F. Yantis, Jr., Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
Kenneth Stevens	2 nd District	Lacey
Homer Hedgepath	3 rd District	Littlerock

<u>1972</u>

George F. Yantis, Jr., Chairman

Kenneth J. Stevens Homer Hedgepath

January, 1973

George F. Yantis, Jr., Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
Kenneth Stevens	2 nd District	Lacey
Homer Hedgepath	3 rd District	Littlerock

January 14, 1974

George F. Yantis, Jr.	1 st District	Olympia
Kenneth Stevens	2 nd District	Lacey
Homer Hedgepath, Chairman	3 rd District	Littlerock

January 6, 1975

George F. Yantis, Jr., Chairman	1 st District	Olympia
Kenneth Stevens	2 nd District	Lacey
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Marj Yung 3rd District Route 6 (appointed) (Replaced Homer Hedgepath who decided late in December not to run for re-election)

FIRST WOMAN THURSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

January 12, 1976

George F. Yantis, Jr.	1 st District	Olympia
Kenneth Stevens	2 nd District	Lacey
Marj Yung, Chairman	3 rd District	Route 6

January 10, 1977

George L. Barner, Jr., Chairman 1 st District	Olympia
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Del Pettit 2nd District Marj Yung 3rd District

January, 1978

George L. Barner, Jr. Del Pettit Marj Yung, Chairman	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1979	
George L. Barner, Jr. Del Pettit W. (Woody) D. Anderson	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1980	
George L. Barner, Jr. Del Pettit W. (Woody) D. Anderson	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January 7, 1981</u>	
George L. Barner, Jr. Karen Fraser (second woman) W. (Woody) D. Anderson	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1982	
George L. Barner, Jr. Karen Fraser, Chairman W. (Woody) D. Anderson	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1983	
George L. Barner, Jr., Chairman Karen Fraser Les Eldridge	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District

January, 1984

George L. Barner, Jr., Chairman	1 st District
Karen Fraser	2 nd District
Les Eldridge	3 rd District

January 7, 1985

George L. Barner, Jr.	1 st District
Karen Fraser	2 nd District

Les Eldridge, Chairman	3 rd District
<u>January, 1986</u>	
George L. Barner, Jr. Karen Fraser Les Eldridge, Chairman	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January 6, 1987</u>	
George L. Barner, Jr. Karen Fraser, Chairman Les Eldridge	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January, 1988</u>	
George L. Barner, Jr., Chairman Karen Fraser Les Eldridge	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January 3, 1989</u>	
George L. Barner, Jr. Diane Oberquell (third woman) Les Eldridge, Chairman	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January, 1990</u>	
George L. Barner, Jr. Diane Oberquell Les Eldridge, Chairman	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January, 1991</u>	
George L. Barner, Jr. Diane Oberquell, Chairman Les Eldridge	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1992	
George L. Barner, Jr., Chairman Diane Oberquell Les Eldridge (resigned in January 1992) Linda Medcalf (appointed February 3, 1992 Dick Nichols (appointed to complete term	

January 4, 1993

January, 2000

Judy Wilson Diane Oberquell

Judy Wilson	1 st District
Diane Oberquell, Chairman	2 nd District
Dick Nichols	3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1994	
Judy Wilson	1 st District
Diane Oberquell	2 nd District
Dick Nichols	3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1995	
Judy Wilson	1 st District
Diane Oberquell	2 nd District
Dick Nichols	3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1996	
Judy Wilson	1 st District
Diane Oberquell	2 nd District
Dick Nichols	3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1997	
Judy Wilson	1 st District
Diane Oberquell	2 nd District
Dick Nichols	3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1998	
Judy Wilson	1 st District
Diane Oberquell	2 nd District
Dick Nichols	3 rd District
<u>January</u> , 1999	
Judy Wilson	1 st District
Diane Oberquell	2 nd District
Kevin O'Sullivan	3 rd District

1st District 2nd District

Kevin O'Sullivan	3 rd District
January, 2001	
Cathy Wolfe Diane Oberquell Kevin O'Sullivan	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
January 2002	
Cathy Wolfe Diane Oberquell Kevin O'Sullivan	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
January 2003	
Cathy Wolfe Diane Oberquell Bob McLeod	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
January 2004	
Cathy Wolfe Diane Oberquell Bob McLeod	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
January 2005	
Cathy Wolfe Diane Oberquell Bob McLeod	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
January 2006	
Cathy Wolfe Diane Oberquell Bob McLeod	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District
January 2007	
Cathy Wolfe Diane Oberquell Bob McLeod	1 st District 2 nd District 3 rd District

January 2008

Cathy Wolfe	1 st District
Diane Oberquell	2 nd District
Bob McLeod	3 rd District

January 2009

Cathy Wolfe 1st District
Sandra Romero 2nd District
Karen Valenzuela 3rd District

January 2010

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Cathy Wolfe} & & 1^{\text{st}} \, \text{District} \\ \text{Sandra Romero} & & 2^{\text{nd}} \, \text{District} \\ \text{Karen Valenzuela} & & 3^{\text{rd}} \, \text{District} \end{array}$

January 2011

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \text{Cathy Wolfe} & & 1^{\text{st}} \, \text{District} \\ \text{Sandra Romero} & & 2^{\text{nd}} \, \text{District} \\ \text{Karen Valenzuela} & & 3^{\text{rd}} \, \text{District} \end{array}$

SUMMARY

One hundred and two persons have been elected or appointed a Thurston County Commissioners as of January 4, 1993: 97 men and five women.

The woman have been:

Marj Yung	elected one term (4 years)	1975-1978
Karen Fraser	elected two terms (8 years)	1981-1988
Diane Oberquell	elected two terms (8 years)	1989-1996
Linda Medcalf	appointed part of one year	1992
Judy Wilson	elected first term	1993-1996

Numerical Order:

Linda Medcalf was the 100th person elected or appointed, but the 99th person to serve (Wm. James, elected in 1871, died before taking oath).

Dick Nichols (replacing Medcalf November 18, 1992 following his election) is aactually the 100th Commissioners sworn in to serve.

Judy Wilson is the 102^{nd} person to be elected or appointed and the 101^{st} to server as a Thurston County Commissioner.

Longest Service:

George F. Yantis, Jr., 1st District First Term: 1949-1950 (two years); one two year term, four 4-year terms, 1959-1970 (18 years) for a total of twenty years.

George Elder, 2nd District Completed four consecutive terms 1949-1964 for sixteen years.

George L. Barner, 1st District Completed four consecutive terms 1977-1992. Started as Chairman and ended as Chairman. Served 16 years.

Walter Mills, 2nd District (Rochester) Elected four terms starting 1951, died in 1965. Served 15 1/2 years.

Henry "Hank" Bolender, 1st District Elected four terms starting 1945, died February 1958. Served 13 1/2 years.

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