

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, July 27, 1998**

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8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Public Comment Period.

**CONSENT AGENDA  
MISCELLANEOUS**

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Presentation – Update on the Skagit Conservation District Programs.

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Presentation – Samish Watershed Council.

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 27, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chairman Robert Hart opened the Public Comment Period.

Thomas Solberg of 1725 Minne Road, Sedro Woolley, explained that he was present to make a plea again to open up the 120 day window. He said that it seems unreal that the people who contributed to this lawsuit finally won something and are not able to take advantage of it. He stated that it is his belief that the Growth Management Hearings Board realizes they made a mistake and that anyone with any compassion at all is going to let this somewhat correct itself.

Mr. Solberg also advised that because of Senate Bill 6094 he has submitted his personal property again, which is in one of these sub-areas. He said that with the new senate bill he has a pretty good chance of being able to submit it on a no cost basis.

Louis Requa of 310 West Bennett Street, Sedro Woolley, passed out a portion of a Memo of Understanding from the City of Sedro Woolley. He indicated that he came to the Board a few weeks ago asking that the County modify the interim ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan so people in the urban growth area, at least Sedro Woolley, can go ahead with plans to develop their property.

Mr. Requa stated that he has worked with the Planning Commission and the City Council and they have adopted this modification, which means that people can do short plats the way short plats were intended to be done.

Commissioner Anderson advised that Mr. Christensen has been instructed by the County Commissioners to work on this modification.

Commissioner Wolden said there needs to be a Call for Public Hearing to establish a Memo of Understanding between the Cities and Skagit County.

Mr. Requa added that another need is for public testimony to be taken to modify the interim ordinance that adopted the Comprehensive Plan, since the interim ordinance does not allow anyone to do what the Comprehensive Plan says they can do.

Mr. Requa noted that business people are usually the first people to see a downturn in the economy. Something needs to be done to get short plats going again, as business in the County is being very badly effected. Mr. Requa said he would like to see someone do something to get this on track so work can be done that is in line with the current regulations.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda was presented to the Commissioners as follows:

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Wednesday, July 22, 1998.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Thursday, July 23, 1998.
3. Call for Public Hearing to Consider the Formation of the Clear Lake Cemetery District. The public hearing will be held on August 17, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. (**Resolution #17074**)

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

4. Award of Contract for the Reservation Road, No. 40210, Improvement Project, Phase II, to G.G. Excavation, Inc. for the total amount of \$416,074.54. (**Resolution #17075**)
5. Contract with G.G. Excavation, Inc. for the Reservation Road, No. 40210, Improvement Project, Phase II, for the total contract amount of \$416.074.54. (**Contract #004018**)
6. Bid Award for the Alger-Cain Lake Road, No. 53540, et al., 1998 Guardrail Project, CRP 53540-2 to Petersen Brothers, Inc. for the total amount of \$145,321.33. (**Resolution #17076**)
7. Call for Public Hearing for Vacation of a Portion of Unused County Right-of-Way known as South Westview Road, #502. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 18, at 11:00 a.m. (**Resolution #17077**)

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

8. Personal Services Agreement with Paul Schissler Associates, Incorporated, to assist the County in the preparation of a Flood Mitigation Assistance Program Grant and in the administration of such a grant. The contract will commence on July 2, 1998 and will continue until terminated, and the contract amount is not to exceed \$5,000. (**Contract #004019**)
9. Call for Public Hearing to Consider an Amendment to Skagit County Code Section 15.24 – Skagit County Addressing Ordinance relating to Definitions and Method of Assigning Addresses. The public hearing will be held on Monday, August 10, at 9:00 a.m. (**Resolution #17078**)

**SKAGIT EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER:**

10. Bid Award for the purchase of Dispatch Console Furniture to Watson Furniture Systems for the total bid amount of \$68,865. (**Resolution #17079**)
11. Professional Services Contract with Pacific Consulting Services to develop standardized dispatch procedures for the new E-911 Center and a training manual for same. The contract is in the amount of \$18,950 and will be paid out of a state training grant of \$30,000. (**Contract #004020**)

**ARIS/BEST SELF:**

12. Cooperative Agreement between Skagit Youth Services and Skagit County ARIS for the provision of individual treatment aids (ITA). ITA services provided by Skagit Youth Services will be billed at the rate of \$16 per hour. The contract will run from October 1, 1997 through December 31, 1998. **(Contract #004021)**
13. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Concrete School District #11 for the County and School District to work together to provide the Best SELF program. The contract will run from April 1, 1998 through August 31, 1998. **(Contract #04022)**
14. Supplement No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement with Jennifer Clark to add the provision of individual therapy at a rate of \$60 per therapy hour. **(Contract No. 03865)**

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:**

15. Federal STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant providing funds to Skagit County in the sum of \$15,389.00. The contract will run from July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. **(Contract #4029)**

**SENIOR SERVICES:**

16. RSVP Grant #440-P024 Amendment awarding an additional \$11,400 to Skagit County for 26 additional volunteers serving 5,110 hours for a total new base funding level of \$52,391. **(Contract No. 03743)**
17. Out-of-State Travel Request for Donna Sitts to attend a workshop entitled "American Reads & National Service: Building Strong Literary Programs", August 26-28, in Columbus, Ohio, for the total dollar amount of \$716.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

18. Out-of-State Travel Request for Duane Neufeld to attend a seminar entitled "Street Survival" in Portland Oregon, September 28 and October 1, for a total cost of \$499.
19. Out-of-State Travel Request for Mark Sonnabend to attend a seminar entitled "Street Survival" in Portland, Oregon, September 28 and October 1, for a total cost of \$499.

Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

1. Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve Adopting the Planning Agency Recommendations Regarding A Long-term Stipulated Issue in Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) Case No. 97-2-0060c and Amending the 1997 Skagit County Comprehensive Plan. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Ordinance No. 17080)**
2. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, July 27, 1998, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants 24402 through 24914 in the amount of \$939,974.06. **(C-48-98)**

**PRESENTATION – UPDATE ON THE SKAGIT CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAMS.**

Carolyn Kelly advised the Board that she and members of the Skagit Conservation District staff were present to provide an update on the Skagit Conservation District Programs.

Ms. Kelly introduced John Schuh, Dairy Waste Technician with the Skagit Conservation District, to the Board.

Mr. Schuh passed out a Summary of Activities of the Dairy Waste Management Grant. His scope of work includes public outreach, not only in Skagit County, but on Whidbey Island. He reviewed the public outreach program, development of waste management systems, and the implementation of dairy waste management systems.

With Senate Bill 5151, dairymen are facing a requirement for conservation by the year 2002, with implementation by 2003. Funding is going to have to be available to these dairies to have a plan implemented. Mr. Schuh said that he is almost a go-between among dairymen and the State.

Ms. Kelly then introduced Dean Hayden to the Board.

Mr. Hayden presented his mid-term report on the Samish Watershed Agricultural BMP Program. He explained that they are currently half way through the four year grant, and the main emphasis in the program has been on small farms. A lot of input from small farms far exceeds commercial as far as nutrients put into water sources. The first thing that was done was a water quality review, using citizen volunteers to go out on a monthly basis.

Some workshops were organized that were very well received. For example, a horse seminar was held and vets were brought in to talk about hoof care. The response from people after the workshop was virtually overwhelming. There will continue to be small workshops, emphasizing different needs, and looking at how water quality fits into the whole picture.

Ms. Kelly introduced Al Craney who presented a final report on Forestry for Clean Water Funds.

Mr. Craney told the Board that they have just finished an award-winning program and were able to get funding through 1998. There has been a lot of transition over the years, but forestry is still a big part of Skagit County.

Mr. Craney discussed the forest stewardship plan, which assesses all forestry resources on the land. Once approved by the different agencies, an applicant is then eligible for cost share assistance. Under the new federal guidelines the person applying must have a plan. The plan can provide a relatively secure guideline period for 25 years.

A number of information education programs were held and in three counties 46 workshops were conducted. It was a very successful program that is important for the landowners. It is nice to go and visit them on their property so they are not overwhelmed by layers of bureaucracy. The Conservation District is not a regulatory agency, but is there to help landowners through any plans they may have.

Commissioner Wolden noted that there were many acres put into this program. After further comments by Mr. Craney, Commissioner Wolden suggested that he solicit support here and in Island and San Juan County to continue this successful program. It would be appropriate for the Commissioners to write a letter of support.

Mr. Craney advised that they cannot apply through DOE again for this funding.

Ms. Kelly distributed the Annual Report of Accomplishments from Kristi Carpenter, Project Coordinator, to the Board. She explained that Ms. Carpenter was unable to be present.

The focus of what Ms. Carpenter has been working on is the Watershed Masters Volunteer Training Program. The program provides 40 hours of free training, which covers local geology, stream ecology, non-point sources of

pollution, household hazardous waste and a number of other subjects and issues. She has also been active in a number of other activities.

Ms. Kelly referred to Ms. Carpenter's report and stated that there are a number of letters of testimony about the Watershed Masters Volunteer Training Program, indicating that approval is needed from the County to continue the program. The funding is anticipated to run out and they would like to see the program continue.

Relating to the subject of funding, Ms. Kelly introduced Betty Morton, Chair of the Board of Supervisors. A handout was passed out showing water resource related programs and cost information from Skagit Conservation District.

Ms. Morton told the Commissioners there is a lot of frustration about funding. There are many federal and state mandates with no funding to support them. Al Craney's project is one of the best projects in the state, if not the best, yet it is not refundable, because DOE only funds it once.

Ms. Morton talked about ecology and the possible restructuring of grants. The way to do something well is to start at the bottom with the farmers. Instead, the agencies want to do block grants, which makes another layer of meetings, filling out forms, etc.

Commissioner Wolden agreed that it is those people in between who will consume the dollars in wages rather than getting things done at ground level where the work is done.

#### **SAMISH WATERSHED COUNCIL**

Shirley Solomon of the Samish Watershed Council thanked the Board for the time on the agenda and reported that she brings good news. She advised that Commissioner Hart is the County representative on the Council.

The annual report reviews in brief detail the work of the Council and provides a heads up as to who the Council is, how the Council sees themselves, and where the Council has come in the last year or so. Twenty-seven organizations are members of the Council and, recently, three additional organizations have joined. The Council is consensus based and, therefore, it is important to have a sense of who are active members. All work comes through the committees and action through committee recommendations. There is usually a majority, if not all organizations, represented on the committees and in attendance at the monthly meetings.

The Samish Watershed Council has an ambitious agenda and in addition to habitat restoration, the Council is trying to reach out into the community and educate and make salmon a higher profile issue.

After further comments from Ms. Solomon, she explained to the Commissioners that one reason she is here is that they are writing to different organizations and asking for assistance. There is a web site, which is very helpful, but not everyone is up on the Internet. The Samish Watershed Council would appreciate it if Skagit County could consider some sort of line item as an assistance to the Council.

Commissioner Hart noted that he had discussed this with Ms. Solomon in the past and there as a decision was made that the County would provide space and copying support, and would be co-housed with Fisheries.

Ms. Solomon explained that the Samish Watershed Council was very appreciative of the offer from the County, but felt that it was very important to establish an identity, which was a decision of the Administrative Committee, with full council support.

Commissioner Hart talked briefly about the budget process and told Ms. Solomon that the County expects to do something, although at this time a decision has not been made about what that will be. The greatest success going now is in volunteer projects.

Ms. Solomon stated that if the Samish Watershed Council is successful, there will be more projects than they can execute. She stressed that the Council has been meticulous about getting it out that this is voluntary. She talked about some of the things the Council wishes to pursue.

There was further discussion about the funding of the Samish Watershed Council projects and the fact that there will be some data collection.

Ms. Solomon emphasized that one of the values of the Samish Watershed Council is that it is not crisis driven. The Council is looking at a far broader community based kind of project.

Commissioner Hart said it is very exciting to see the level of commitment so many people in the community have. The response to educational efforts, where Council members have been out speaking to community groups, is very valuable. Education and volunteerism are the most valuable resource.

Ms. Solomon thanked the Board of Commissioners and, in particular, Commissioner Hart, for his attendance at the Samish Watershed Council meetings. She assured them that it makes a difference.

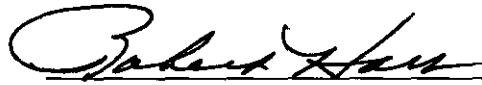
There will be an educational series in November and March on salmon and agriculture which will be very hands on. They will take a piece of ground and prepare an opportunity map for salmon and agricultural practices, then put the two together and see where the conflict is and what can be done.

After further discussion, Chairman Hart closed the meeting. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Solomon for her report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Anderson motioned to adjourn the proceedings and Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

  
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