

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, August 31, 1998**

9:00 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**

\*T 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Presentation – “Skagit Reads” Program and Grant.

11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Burlington-Edison School District Kick-Off Meeting for the 1998-99 School Year, High School Commons and Cafeteria, 301 No. Burlington Boulevard, Burlington.

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Public Transportation Area Board Salary Review Committee Meeting, Skagit Transit, 380 Pease Road, Burlington.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 24, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Norman Hornbeck, 7460 NE Cape Horn Road, expressed disgust at the inability to split his property. He stated that the cost of imposing a CaRD is beyond his ability, and asked the Board for relief in this regard.

Jim Lair, Skagit Transit, spoke regarding the proposed name of “County Shop Lane” and requested that the Board consider a modification to County lane or Skagit Lane. He voice his concern that calling the private road “County Shop Lane” might be confusing to vendors and others coming to visit Skagit Transit.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, August 31, 1998. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, August 24, 1998.
2. Vendor Services Agreement with Garden Animal, Dimity O’Neil, to place, water, fertilize, clean, prune, repot and replace interior plants owned by the County at the Administration Building and Public Works Building. Compensation will not exceed \$4,500 per year (\$2,500 for the Administration Building and \$2,000 for the Public Works Building). The contract begins January 1, 1998 and will continue until terminated by either party. **(Contract No. 04042)**
3. Supplement No. 1 to Memorandum of Agreement with CommonGround: The Dispute Resolution Center of Skagit County adding compensation of \$2,500 as a one-time add-on charge, increasing the total contract amount to \$49,500. **(Contract No. 03791)**

**BEST SELF:**

4. Facility Use Agreement for lease of the Marblemount Community Center to house the Marblemount location of the Best SELF Program. The County will pay the Marblemount Community Center the sum of \$1,075 payable by September 15, 1998. **(Contract No. 04043)**

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**ASSIGNED COUNSEL:**

5. Personal Services Agreement with J. Eric Gaston, Attorney at Law, to provide professional legal services in performing all Superior Court, District Court, and Juvenile Court cases that are considered to be conflict of interest cases for the Skagit County Public Defender's Office and have been determined to be within the scope of indigent defense. Per case charges are detailed in Exhibit "B" of the Agreement and range from \$550 per case for felonies to \$60 per hour for Juvenile Dependency and CHINS petitions. The contract term begins August 1, 1998, and will terminate upon notice given by either party. **(Contract No. 04044)**

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE:**

6. Personal Services Agreement with Amanda Light to provide interviewer services for sexual assault cases at a rate of \$833 per month. The contract commences on August 26, 1998 and will continue until terminated by either party. **(Contract No. 04045)**
7. Personal Services Agreement with Thomas H. Wolfendale, as a partner, and Preston, Gates & Ellis, LLP, to provide legal counseling and representation for the Public Works Department in the lawsuit filed by Wedco Construction, Inc. against Skagit County. Compensation will be at the rate of \$205 per billable hour, plus costs. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1998 and will continue until the conclusion of all matters relating to this cause. **(Contract No. 04046)**

**PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:**

8. Out-of-State Travel Request for Jon Schmidt to participate in the American Planning Association (APA) sponsored 1998 Planner's International Exchange Program in London, England, October 2-26, 1998, at no cost to the County. A Code Enforcement Officer from London will visit Skagit County from September 8-18, 1998. **(Approved)**

**INFORMATION SERVICES:**

9. Amendment No. 2 to contract with R&D Industries, Inc. exercising the option to extend the agreement for the second of two one year extensions. All provisions in the basic Agreement remain in effect. **(Contract No. 02999)**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

10. Guest Speaker Contract with Art Hayward for a presentation on Personal Perspectives on HIV/AIDS for a \$25 fee for the presentation. **(Contract No. 04047)**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

11. Resolution establishing a road name for a private access road which services the Skagit County Public Works Road Maintenance Facility and Skagit Transit Maintenance Facility, to be known as "County Shop Lane." **(Resolution No. 17120)**
12. Resolution noticing a road closure of a portion of Reservation Road, No. 40210, from Stevenson Road to Similk Bay Road with three working days notice. **(Resolution No. 17121)**
13. 1999 - 2001 Rural Arterial Program (RAP) Prospectuses. **(Approved)**
14. Vendor Services Agreement with Professional Service Industries, Inc. to provide coring of various roads in Skagit County that were overlaid in 1997. The work will be performed at a "Not to Exceed" amount of \$2,500, and will commence on August 25, 1998 and continue until terminated by either party. **(Contract No. 04048)**

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15. Supplement No. 2 to Professional Services Agreement with Skagit River Steel & Recycling, Inc. reflecting current market trends for ferrous metals by +\$10/ton (credit). **(Contract No. 03770)**
16. Professional Services Agreement with KVOS TV for the production of an 8-10 minute video on recycling and waste reduction techniques. Grant funds from the Washington State Department of Ecology will be used to help fund this project. The contract amount is \$5,000, and the term of the Agreement is August 25, 1998 through October 31, 1998. **(Contract No. 04049)**

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1. 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, August 31, 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 numbered 26823 through 27313 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$697,818.01 (Transmittal No. C-57-98);

Payroll warrants numbered 21502 through 21579 in the total dollar amount of \$86,284.71 (Transmittal No. P-43-98); and

Payroll warrants numbered 950249 through 950301 in the total dollar amount of \$68,750.58 (Transmittal No. P-44-98).

2. Staff presented Amendment "A" to a contract with American Building Maintenance for the Board's consideration. The Amendment adds janitorial services at the "Brakefield Building," 300 So. Second Street, Mount Vernon, for a not-to-exceed amount of \$651.82. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Amendment as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03248)**

**PRESENTATION – "SKAGIT READS" PROGRAM AND GRANT.**

Commissioner Wolden was absent for this portion of the proceedings.

Donna Sitts, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, reviewed the program where retired seniors assist with reading programs in various schools throughout the County. She advised that there are a dozen or so volunteers working in seven schools throughout the County.

She reviewed the particulars of the grant that was awarded to the County in this regard, and the need for an allowance of a small stipend for key volunteers who take on added responsibilities. The proposed amount of the stipend is \$150 per month. Ms. Sitts reviewed some concerns regarding the paying of stipends that were expressed by County Administrator, Mike Woodmansee. She reviewed documentation that alleviated these concerns.

Chairman Hart stated that a precedent has been established with the Cooperative Extension program and other similar programs. He added that this is a great opportunity for volunteers to do something significant for their community.

It was discussed that a Resolution approving such stipends would be necessary.

Commissioner Anderson expressed his support of this program.


Commissioner Anderson moved to authorize stipends as outlined by Ms. Sitts, which include two volunteers at stipends of \$150 per month. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Sitts indicated that a Resolution would be prepared to effectuate this action.

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**ADJOURNMENT.**

Chairman Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

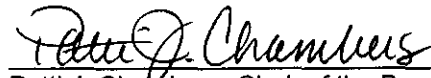
  
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Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners