

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, September 22, 1998**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Work Session – Operations Division Manager/Road District Supervisor.
*T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<u>Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Introduction of New Employees.2) Signature – Resolution Regarding Notice of Road Closure of Henson Road, No. 70190 (September 28 through October 9, 1998).3) Signature – Request for Letters of Interest and Proposals for On-Call Real Estate Services.4) Signature – Resolution Calling for Public Hearing for 1999-2001 Solid Waste Rates (Public Hearing: October 20, 1998, 9:00 a.m.)5) Signature – Resolution Calling for Public Hearing for Sale of Waste-to-Energy Equipment (Public Hearing: November 2, 1998, 10:00 a.m.)6) Miscellaneous.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<u>Planning & Permit Center – Tom Karsh, Director.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Update on Statewide Planning Issues discussed at recent Association of County and Regional Planning Directors Annual Conference.2) Miscellaneous.
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Bid Opening – Cement Work for Backstop and Dugouts at the Dreamfield.
<u>Budget Work Sessions:</u>	
1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Treasurer's Office
1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Skagit Conservation District
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Auditor/Elections
2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Parks & Recreation
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Superior Court

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 22, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.

1. Introduction of New Employees.

Andy Shaw, Road Supervisor, introduced Lorraine Dunlap, Flagger Maintenance Aide, to the Board.

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, introduced Laura Henry-Slye, an Engineering Tech III in the Surface Water Management Department, and Penny Parrish, new Administrative Assistant within the Surface Water Management Division.

2. Signature – Resolution Regarding Notice of Road Closure of Henson Road, No. 70190 (September 28 through October 9, 1998).

Mr. Brookings detailed the request from the City of Mount Vernon for a road closure for Henson Road, south of Mount Vernon during the extension of a sewer main. Mr. Brookings advised the Board that since the agenda was

formulated, the City has now asked that the road closure be delayed for approximately one week. Consequently, no action will be necessary for today, but the road closure resolution will most likely come through next week for a closure beginning October 5 for approximately two weeks.

3. Signature – Request for Letters of Interest and Proposals for On-Call Real Estate Services.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, reviewed the need to have consultants on call to provide for appraisal/appraisal review, acquisition, and relocation assistance, particularly in the necessary purchase of right-of-way. Each of the three service areas will have a not-to-exceed contract amount of \$115,000.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Request for letters of interest and proposals not to exceed \$115,000 per area. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 17149)**

4. Signature – Resolution Calling for Public Hearing for 1999-2001 Solid Waste Rates (Public Hearing: October 20, 1998, 9:00 a.m.)

Mr. Martin asked the Board to sign a Resolution calling for a Public Hearing for the 1999-2001 Solid Waste Rates, with the Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, October 20, at 9:00 a.m. A brief discussion ensued on the possible reduction in rates, together with the breaking of the rate into two sections, one for direct solid waste disposal, and one for debit service. Mr. Martin indicated that such a possibility would be presented and discussed at the public hearing.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Call for Public Hearing as presented by Mr. Martin. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17150)**

5. Signature – Resolution Calling for Public Hearing for Sale of Waste-to-Energy Equipment (Public Hearing: November 2, 1998, 10:00 a.m.)

Mr. Martin reviewed the Resolution calling for a Public Hearing to consider the sale of Waste-to-Energy equipment located at the Transfer Station. The public hearing will be held on November 2, 1998, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Call for Public Hearing as presented by Mr. Martin. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17151)**

6. Miscellaneous.

A. Mr. Flude reviewed with the Board information regarding a speed limit revision on Reservation Road, following the public hearing held on August 24, 1998. Mr. Flude explained that the area in question is in the Urban Growth Area (UGA) as defined by the comprehensive plan. He stated that the Department believes that the traffic within the UGA boundary is increasing. Further, during the right-of-way purchase phase of the project, several citizens mentioned that the speed limits were excessive. By having a 35 miles per hour speed it allows the County to mitigate several costs to the project. The associated costs saved would be around \$150,000. Mr. Flude explained that this was an expensive project to begin with, and this is one way not to increase the costs.

Commissioner Hart expressed his opinion that the more we lower speed limits and increase stop lights, the more we cause congestion. He stated that It has been easier over the long term to keep lowering speed limits, but there is a cumulative affect in doing that. He indicated that he sees no problem with lowering the speed limit near the approach to Highway 20.

Mr. Martin stated the this section of roadway could be included in the list of guardrail projects next year, if the Board feels that would increase safety in the area, but there are areas in the County that have a greater need than this area. He explained that the contract for the Reservation Road improvements included signage, that the contract is very close to being completed, and, consequently, a decision needs to be made on the speed limit.

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After a brief discussion, Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the 35 mile-per-hour speed limit reduction as proposed by the Public Works Department. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. Chairman Hart again expressed his disappointment in having to lower the speed limit after making costly improvements. The question was called for. Commissioners Wolden and Anderson voted for the motion, and Chairman Hart voted "nay." The motion passed. **(Resolution to be provided by Staff at a later date.)**

- B. Mr. Brookings said that the Department was contacted by the City of Burlington for a road closure of West Whitmarsh Road. He reviewed a map showing the exact location of the proposed closure. The City has been working on their Gages Slough pump station, and now needs to punch across the road. The road will be closed September 25 through October 9. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Notice of Road Closure as outlined by Mr. Brookings. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17152)**

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER, - Tom Karsh, Director.

1. **Update on Statewide Planning Issues discussed at Recent Association of County and Regional Planning Directors Annual Conference.**

Chairman Hart was absent for a portion of this presentation, due to a conflicting meeting of the Canvassing Board.

Tom Karsh, Director, advised that he, Gary Christensen, Bill Dowe, and Corey Schmidt attended this annual meeting. Messrs. Dowe and Schmidt attended for one day only.

Mr. Karsh first reviewed the issue of salmon restoration, and prevention of further deterioration of salmon within the Skagit River system. He stated that Skagit County is receiving attention from the State in terms of habitat activities along the Skagit River and its tributaries. Commissioner Anderson reviewed the problems of the Skagit being determined a critical habitat area, and the associated water quality issues generated by the cities that contribute to the problem. Commissioner Wolden commented on the problems of sewage disposal and manure spreading.

Commissioner Anderson indicated that the County needs to lobby with the legislature to make sure that there is an equitable sharing of costs established among all parties in improving water quality for fish habitat.

Mr. Karsh next discussed some of the efforts going into consolidating and changing the State regulations from the Land Use Study and Shorelines Commission. He advised that part of such changes was to get a consolidated land use code to make state and local government more effective and efficient. This effort has been complicated by salmon-related requirements.

Mr. Karsh advised that there was a great presentation from jurisdictions using advanced electronic and GIS programs.

Position papers to be presented to the legislature were discussed.

Mr. Karsh reviewed a document prepared by Paul Parker of WSAC detailing land use policies.

Mr. Karsh next discussed a Growth Management Seminar that was attended by Mr. Karsh, Mr. Christensen, and John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy. He noted that Skagit County was one of the jurisdictions discussed due to recent court rulings. He emphasized the need to have a complete record to present, not an indication of "this is what we intended." He stated that there are many issues unresolved, and that there is still an area of uncertainty in the area of growth management.

Gary Christensen, Assistant Director, shared that a benefit to attending such a conference is being able to network and establish contacts with other jurisdictions. He stated that talking with peers reiterates that other jurisdictions are dealing with the same issues and problems, and there are assurances that you are not the only one having to deal with such issues. Consequently, there are many good ideas that are of benefit to the County.

He commented on the big issue of salmon recovery, and the Governor's policy, regarding same which will be announced in October.

Chairman Hart was present for the remainder of the proceedings.

Mr. Christensen advised that the Shorelines Master Program Guidelines will be presented to the Legislature for review by summer of next year. He indicated that there will be updated requirements for the County to implement.

Corey Schmidt, Building Official, stated that several things came to the forefront at this conference: salmon restoration together with water quantity and quality levels, water banking issues from the Department of Ecology, control from state agencies shifting to control locally, and the consolidation of land use review codes.

Bill Dowe, Customer Service Manager, discussed what other jurisdictions are doing with increased computerization. A brief discussion ensued on the necessity to provide maps for individuals at the counter in Planning. Mr. Dowe stated that the Department will have this capability shortly.

2. Miscellaneous.

- A. Corey Schmidt updated the Board on the impending move of the Planning & Permit Center to the former Brakefield Building.
- B. Upon query from Commissioner Anderson, a discussion ensued on the status of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Sedro Woolley regarding the Urban Growth Area. Mr. Karsh explained that the Department has been awaiting a ruling from the Growth Management Hearings Board, which would indicate some consistencies that would need to be included in the Interlocal Agreement. Mr. Karsh noted that the ruling is expected any day.

BID OPENING – CEMENT WORK FOR BACKSTOP AND DUGOUTS AT THE DREAMFIELD.

Jon Aarstad, Parks & Recreation Department Director, opened the following bid:

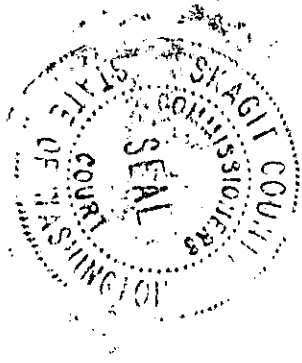
Allied Concrete Construction, Inc.
PO Box 665
Burlington, WA 98233-0665
Item A - \$52,552.50, Alternate Item B: \$21,290.50
A Cashier's Check was enclosed.

Mr. Aarstad stated that unless charitable contributions can be factored in, this bid amount will be more than the monies that are available. He will review the breakdown of the individual bid items and analyze the submitted bid before coming back to the Board for a bid award recommendation. He stated that the estimate was \$43,000 to \$45,000.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Robert Hart, Chairman

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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