

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 28, 1998**

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Public Comment Period.

**CONSENT AGENDA
MISCELLANEOUS**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Presentation by Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC) regarding Washington Community Economic Revitalization Team (WA-CERT) Grant Funding.

Budget Work Sessions:

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Law Library
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Public Defender's Office
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Indigent Defense.
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Prosecuting Attorney
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Historical Society
11:30 a.m. – Noon	Pest Control Board

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	At-Risk Intervention Specialists/Best SELF
2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Cooperative Extension
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Human Services

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Public Hearing – Consideration of Testimony regarding the Sale of Surplus County Real Property.

*T 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Proclamation – National 4-H Week in Skagit County.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 28, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Tom Solberg, 19019 Minnie Road, Alger, expressed his concern after attending a Conservation Futures Advisory Committee Meeting over the large sums being paid for the selected properties. He discussed the prices that are being paid, which are equivalent to the prices that developers are paying, except that developers have incurred the costs of road construction, provision of water, etc. Mr. Solberg stated that the owners of property purchased by the Conservation Futures monies will receive the full benefit of these funds, without incurring the relevant costs, and therefore the purchase prices should be lower. Mr. Solberg expressed concern that this policy may jeopardize a future Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Program in Skagit County. Mr. Solberg suggested saving some of these monies to build up the fund and buy larger chunks of land. He further stated that the program was promoted as also being used for the purchase of critical areas in upland locations, and so far has not been used for such.

Mr. Solberg also urged the Board to open up a window of opportunity due to the recent Supreme Court victory.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, September 28, 1998, items 1-4, 6-10, and 13-14. Items 5, 11 and 12 are therefore removed from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, September 21, 1998.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, September 22, 1998.
3. Re-Appointment of Member (Margaret Estes) to the Darrington Partial County Library District for the term March 1, 1998 through February 28, 2003. **(Resolution No. 17153)**
4. Resolution Authorizing Application to the Department of Natural Resources for Funding Assistance for an Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Project. **(Resolution No. 17154)**

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

5. Supplemental Agreement #1 to Personal Services Agreement with Gateway Technologies, Inc., providing for an additional term of five years commencing on the 31st day of December, 1998, and increasing the monthly commission percentage from 38% to 40%. **(Contract No. 02462) (REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA)**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

6. State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services Consolidated Contract Interagency Work Order Amendment – ITEIP Amendment. This amendment eliminates the requirement to attend a contractors' meeting during the contract period, which ends September 30, 1998. **(Contract No. 03714)**
7. Amendment to the Agreement between the Snohomish Health District, for Region 3 AIDS Service Network and Skagit County. This amendment shifts dollars in the services section, but does not increase or decrease the contract amount. **(Contract No. 03885)**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

8. Resolution Notice of Road Closure Henson Road, No. 70190 (October 7 – October 21, 1998). **(Resolution No. 17155)**
9. Resolution Regarding the Sale of Excess Property to Washington State University (1992 Ford Pickup). **(Resolution No. 17156)**

E-911 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER:

10. Resolution for Skagit County Emergency Communications Center Administrative Telephone System. This Resolution states that Skagit County will procure the necessary system on a sole-source basis from GTE Northwest for a system cost of \$51,737.73. **(Resolution No. 17157)**
11. Personal Services Agreement Between Skagit County and Dennis Wyatt to conduct background investigations of all applicants for employment at SECOM, to determine their suitability for employment in a position of trust and access to sensitive criminal information. **(REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA)**
12. Personal Services Agreement between Skagit County and Al Tate to provide technical assistance to the SECOM Director in the selection, configuration, installation, testing and acceptance of the Plant MAARS Enhanced 9-1-1 telephone system for the Cascade Communications Center. **(REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA)**

BEST SELF:

13. Vendor Services Agreement with Best S.E.L.F. Program and Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center. The County will compensate contractor \$20 per student not to exceed \$5,000 for 45-minute swimming lessons for Best SELF students. The contract will commence on July 1, 1998 and will terminate August 1, 1998. **(Contract No. 04071)**
14. Vendor Services Agreement with Haines Tree and Spray Services, Inc. for the not-to-exceed amount of \$5,000 for applying pesticide/insecticide to trees, shrubs and/or plants as directed by the Skagit County Pest Control Program. The contract will commence on September 11, 1998 and continue through December 31, 1998. **(Contract No. 04072)**

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, September 28, 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 28486 through 28521 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$331,029.11 (Transmittal No. C-64-98);

Warrants numbered 28522 through 28523 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$60,625.94 (Transmittal No. C-65-98);

Warrants numbered 28524 through 29175 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$863,460.54 (Transmittal No. C-66-98); and

Payroll warrants numbered 22409 through 23134 in the total dollar amount of \$658,118.85 (Transmittal No. P-47-98).

2. At the request of Paul Schissler, grant writer for Skagit County, Staff presented a Resolution authorizing Application to the Department of Natural Resources for Funding Assistance for an Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Project. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17158)**
3. Staff presented a Bid Award for the Skagit County Fueling Facility and Road Oil Tank System Upgrades, awarding the bid to Foss Environmental for a total of \$372,608 plus any unit quantity bid costs as a result of any contaminated soil or water for the referenced project. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 17159)**
4. Staff presented a Call for Bids for a Skagit County Emergency Generator to upgrade the County's Emergency Generator System, as prepared by Facilities Management. The bids will be opened on October 20, 1998, at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Call for Bids as presented by Staff, and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 17160)**
5. Staff presented on behalf of the Public Works Department a Cooperative Agreement among the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement, and Skagit County for the Board's consideration. The county will retain \$3,000 of these funds for engineering services, and make available up to \$7,000 to the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group for consultant services. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Agreement as presented and explained. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04073)**

6. Staff presented on behalf of the Farmland Protection Program a Cooperative Agreement between the U.S. Commodity Credit Corporation and Skagit County, which consists of a grant agreement allowing the County to accept \$450,000 worth of grant funds for the Conservation Futures Farmland Protection program. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04074)**
7. Staff presented a Building Lease for property located at 121 South 12th Street, Mount Vernon for the exclusive purpose of a Recreational Center for the Skagit County Parks & Recreation Department. The term of the lease shall be for two years from October 1, 1998 through October 1, 2000, for a monthly rental sum of \$2,000 per month. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Building Lease as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04075)**

PRESENTATION BY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF SKAGIT COUNTY (EDASC) REGARDING WASHINGTON COMMUNITY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TEAM (WA-CERT) GRANT FUNDING.

Don Wick, Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC), stated that this session is scheduled for the quarterly update of the prioritization of projects for the Washington Community Economic Revitalization Team (WA-CERT) Grant Funding program.

Mr. Wick reviewed the proposal from Skagit County, Skagitians to Preserve Farmland, WSU Cooperative Extension, and the Mount Vernon Research Unit to submit an application for a feasibility study to determine the need for a cold storage and controlled atmosphere facility, created by the recent apple maggot quarantine.

Mr. Wick reviewed the previous priority list submitted last quarter.

Commissioner Anderson stated that it is his opinion this item should be inserted as the number two priority.

Commissioner Hart verified that this additional project is for a feasibility study only and a general overview of the entire market. Mr. Wick confirmed this fact.

Commissioners Hart and Wolden indicated they could also support the insert of this item as the number two priority.

Commissioner Wolden moved to add the application for a feasibility study to determine the need for a cold storage and controlled atmosphere facility as the number two priority to be submitted for consideration by WA-CERT. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17161)**

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF TESTIMONY REGARDING THE SALE OF SURPLUS COUNTY REAL PROPERTY.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing, indicating that Tim Newman, of S.A. Newman, Consulting Foresters, would give a brief overview of the property location and related factors.

Mr. Newman reviewed the location of the subject property and the evaluation performed to develop a proposed minimum bid. He indicated that necessary permits customarily obtained prior to marketing have been obtained. The property consists of 37 acres on the northeast side of Lake Cavanaugh, and lacks direct road access. He described the property as emanating from a road up a steep embankment. Mr. Newman stated that the property is unsuitable to handle motorists, has no parking available, with none obtainable. He indicated that the property is unsuitable for private development, and that the on-site timber is the principal asset. He described exactly what timber would be permitted to be harvested, and explained that the details of the forest practice permit are available for public review. Mr. Newman advised that the property would be sold via selective sealed bid solicitation, with a proposed minimum acceptable bid of \$400,000 cash.

Chairman Hart confirmed with Mr. Newman that the Board would have the right to reject any and all bids for the property.

There being no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Anderson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Wolden moved to declare the aforementioned County real property surplus, and directed the sale of said property by sealed bids as described by Mr. Newman. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17163)**

PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL 4-H WEEK IN SKAGIT COUNTY.


Chairman Hart read the Proclamation of National 4-H Week in Skagit County, October 4 – 10, 1998.

Several members of various 4-H groups throughout the County spoke regarding the activities of their different clubs.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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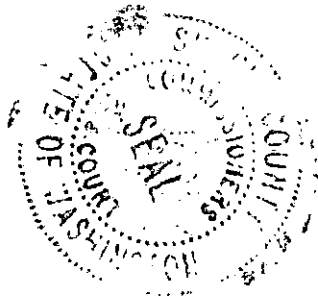
Robert Hart, Chairman




Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



ATTEST:



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