

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, May 4, 1999**

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| 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Commissioners' Staff Meeting. |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Work Session – Operations Division Manager/District Maintenance Supervisors. |
| *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | <u>Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Presentation by the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) of "Certificate of Good Practice."2) Signature – Resolution Establishing a Skagit County Marine Resources Committee as provided for under the Northwest Straits Commission.3) Signatures – Cook Road Improvement Project.<ol style="list-style-type: none">A) Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus (DOT Form 140-101 EF);B) Local Agency Agreement (DOT Form 140-039 EF).4) Signature – Supplement No. 1 to Contract with GeoEngineers, Inc. re: Avon Allen Road, No. 33110, Improvement Project.5) Signature – Supplement No. 4 to Consultant Contract Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. re: Cook Road Improvement Project, CRP No. 63000-6.6) Signature – Standard Consultant Agreement with Rodney P. Kinney Associates, Inc. re: various Skagit County Projects.7) Miscellaneous. |
| *T 11:00 a.m. – Noon | Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony re: Proposed Zoning Code Changes to permit Forest Industry Operations on Crown Pacific Property adjacent to the Town of Hamilton. |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Bid Opening – Guemes Ferry Haul-Out and Dry Dock. |
| 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Bid Opening – Steel Bridge Cleaning and Painting. |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.

1. Presentation by the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) of "Certificate of Good Practice."

Commissioner Wolden stated that a Certificate of Good Practice has been presented to Skagit County from the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) and forwarded to the State Treasurer for "good practices" in adhering to laws and regulations of the State of Washington. Commissioner Wolden presented the Certificate to Chal Martin, Director of the Public Works Department. Mr. Martin stated that the certificate is a good reflection on the Department's engineering and accounting staff.

2. **Signature – Resolution Establishing a Skagit County Marine Resources Committee as provided for under the Northwest Straits Commission.**

Sky Miller, Surface Water Division Manager, reviewed with the Board a proposed Resolution establishing a Skagit County Marine Resources Committee as provided for under the Northwest Straits Commission. He advised that the mission of the Marine Resources Committee is to address local marine issues, recommend remedial actions to local authorities, and build local awareness of the issues and support for remedies consistent with the Benchmarks for Performance established by the August 20, 1998 Report to the Convenors by the Murray- Metcalf Northwest Straits Citizens Advisory Commission.

Jill McKinney with Senator Patty Murray's Office, voiced her support of the proposed Resolution and noted that this is truly a grassroots process, representing a vast variety of interests. She stated that the report followed a consensus process.

Roy Atwood, from Senator Metcalf's Office, also spoke to Senator Metcalf's support of this locally-driven process.

Commissioner Hart moved to approve a Resolution establishing a Skagit County Marine Resources Committee as provided for under the Northwest Straits Commission. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, but indicated the need to include more information for education in preserving the economic and environmental efforts throughout the County. Commissioner Anderson indicated his reservations regarding this matter, but indicated his hope that this continues to be a grassroots bottoms-up approach. Upon call for the question, the motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No.17433)**

A discussion ensued regarding the process for forming the committee and for increased educational awareness.

3. **Signatures – Cook Road Improvement Project.**

A. **Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus (DOT Form 140-101 EF).**

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, presented a Local Agency Federal Aid Project Prospectus regarding the Cook Road Improvement Project. He explained that this request would be put through to TransAid to obligate State funds for the Cook Road Improvement Project. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Prospectus as presented by Mr. Flude. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04395)**

B. **Local Agency Agreement (DOT Form 140-039 EF).**

Mr. Flude then presented a Local Agency Agreement for the Sedro Woolley portion of the Cook Road Improvement Project in the amount of \$150,000 wherein the Chairman would be authorized to sign such documentation. Commissioner Hart moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary documentation and for approval of the Local Agency Agreement as presented by Mr. Flude. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04396)**

4. **Signature – Supplement No. 1 to Contract with Geo Engineers, Inc. re: Avon Allen Road, No. 33110, Improvement Project.**

Mr. Flude presented Supplement No. 1 to a contract with GeoEngineers, Inc. regarding the Avon Allen Road. He explained that this supplement would increase the contract amount by \$685.36. After a brief discussion on the timing of the project, Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Supplement No. 1 with Geo-Engineers as

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explained by Mr. Flude. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03932)**

5. Signature – Supplement No. 4 to Consultant Contract Agreement with David Evans and Associates, Inc. re: Cook Road Improvement Project, CRP No. 63000-6.

Mr. Flude stated that the Supplemental Agreement is to modify the budget and scope of the original contract by adding the remaining preliminary engineering work and right-of-way acquisition necessary to complete the construction bid package for the Cook Road Improvement Project. This supplement agreement would bring the total contract amount to \$736,642.

Upon query from the Board, Mr. Martin advised that the total construction cost would be approximately \$7.8 million, with consultant billing in at \$1.3 million.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Supplement No. 4 with David Evans and Associates, Inc. as presented by Mr. Flude. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04009)**

6. Signature – Standard Consultant Agreement with Rodney P. Kinney Associates, Inc. re: various Skagit County Projects.

Mr. Martin advised that the proposed Standard Consultant Agreement with Rodney P. Kinney Associates is to provide for construction inspection services for projects this summer, including last year's overlay work on Higgins Airport Way. He reviewed the specifics of the contract.

Commissioner Hart expressed his concern over the process and amounts expended in hiring consultants. He further noted the difficulty he has approving such contracts when specific projects are not spelled out.

Mr. Martin replied that the \$100,000 is a conservative estimate. He further indicated that his Staff works under many restrictions, and hiring such a consultant alleviates some of the restrictions to allow the Department's human resources to be directed to getting projects done and deadlines met. He commented that the amount that Skagit County spends on consultants does not compare to other jurisdictions within the State. He noted that the types of projects Staff is dealing with are sizable.

Chairman Anderson asked if it would make more sense to have a person or firm on retainer that could bid this service out to us on an "as-needed" basis, with an hourly charge. He also commented on the uncertainty of a contract without a pre-determined amount and specific projects.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the propriety of such consultant contracts, and the resultant efficiencies gained by the Department.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Standard Consultant Agreement with Rodney P. Kinney Associates, Inc. for various Skagit County Projects as explained by Messrs. Flude and Martin. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04398)**

7. Miscellaneous.

A discussion ensued on the proposed rural arterial project on the Prairie Road, and the \$500,000 allocated for this project five or six years ago.

PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER TESTIMONY RE: PROPOSED ZONING CODE CHANGES TO PERMIT FOREST INDUSTRY OPERATIONS ON CROWN PACIFIC PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THE TOWN OF HAMILTON.

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing.

Gary Christensen, Assistant Director of the Planning & Permit Center, explained that the purpose of this public hearing is to hear testimony regarding an amendment to Interim Ordinance No. 17209. Such amendment would exempt the Crown Pacific Ltd. Property adjacent to and west of the Town of Hamilton from the restrictions permitting only temporary (12 month) operation of forest processing and management activities as specified in the Skagit County Code.

Kirk Johnson, Associate Planner, reviewed the details of the Department Report, wherein the Department recommended approval of the proposed zoning changes. He advised that this change could effectuate 75-100 permanent jobs in the area. The Department believes that the exemption is appropriate for the Company's property. This project will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and no comments challenging the DNS were received.

Mr. Christensen advised that two letters of comments were received, one from Ian Munce, City of Anacortes, and another from Margaret Fleek, Planner for the Town of Hamilton. He advised that the Department is addressing the issues raised in these letters through the Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) and that neither letter expressed opposition to this proposal.

Russ Paul, Timberlands Manager for Crown Pacific, 12162 Bayhill Drive, gave a brief history of the location in question, explaining that the site was a transshipment site for logging operations. The site has been in this classification of use for a number of decades since the 1930's. He asked the Board to approve the proposed zoning change.

Bob Carmichael, representing Crown Pacific, reviewed aerial photographs of the site showing the exact location of the property. He also displayed a map that showed the city limits of Hamilton and boundaries of the property. From Crown's perspective, this proposal is intended to restore the use of this site, and it is understood that the intent of the original ordinance was not to bisect the property. He stated that Crown Pacific is seeking restoration of the original use of the site, stating that the site is the nerve center for Crown's forestry operations in the area. Mr. Carmichael indicated that this proposal is consistent with the objectives of the Growth Management Act, that Crown Pacific endorses the provisions of the Staff Report, and asked the Board to make the requested zoning change.

Margaret Fleek, 901 E. Fairhaven, Burlington, Town Planner for Hamilton, reviewed long-term concerns for the future of the upriver communities. She commented on the work being done for the improvement of the Hamilton water system. She stated that this proposal represents a long-term commitment by the upriver communities to help revitalize the area.

Don Wick, Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC), 204 Montgomery, Mount Vernon, stated that he serves on the Citizen Advisory Committee for rural economic development. He stated that EDASC supports this proposal by the Planning Department to restore this site and provide 75-100 jobs in the timber industry to one of the most distressed pockets in Washington State. He stressed that this is an opportunity that cannot be passed by.

There being no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Hart moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

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Commissioner Hart moved to adopt the Staff's recommendation to approve zoning code changes to permit forest industry operations on Crown Pacific property adjacent to the Town of Hamilton. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. (Resolution to be provided by Staff at a later date)

BID OPENING – GUEMES FERRY HAUL-OUT AND DRY DOCK.

Charlie Tewalt, Guemes Ferry Supervisor, advised that two bids had been received as follows:

Bellingham Bay Shipyard
201 Harris Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225
\$193,481
Bid bond enclosed.

Dakota Creek Industries, Inc.
820 Fourth Street
Anacortes, WA 98221
\$204,224.00
Cashier's check enclosed.

Mr. Tewalt indicated that the bids would be reviewed and a bid award recommendation would be forthcoming within the next week.

BID OPENING – STEEL BRIDGE CLEANING AND PAINTING.

Barb Hathaway, Engineering Staff, opened the following bids:

Interstate Coating
754 So. Chicago Street
Seattle, WA 98108-4321
Bid bond enclosed – addendum acknowledged.
\$727,587.00

Dunkin & Bush
4648 Pacific Highway
Bellingham, WA 98226
Bid bond enclosed – addendum acknowledged.
\$468,864

Long Painting Co.
8025 10th Avenue South, PO Box 81435
Seattle, WA 98108
Bid bond enclosed – addendum acknowledged.
\$605,940

A & A Coatings, Inc.
4217 Lakeridge Drive E.
Sumner, WA 98391
Bid bond enclosed – addendum acknowledged.
\$498,950

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Robison-Prezioso, inc.
10114 Shoemaker Avenue
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
Bid bond enclosed – addendum acknowledged.
\$813,040

DS Purcell Painting, Inc.
75 Burnett Avenue South
Renton, WA 98055
Bid bond enclosed – addendum acknowledged.
\$760,790

Ms. Hathaway stated that the bids would be evaluated and that the Public Works Department would be back with a bid award recommendation during the week of May 17th. She further advised that the engineer's estimate was \$568,000 to \$750,000.

ADJOURNMENT.

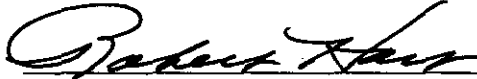
Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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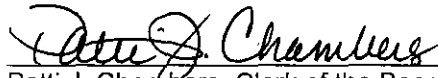
Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



Robert Hart, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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

