

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, June 29, 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.  |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  | <u>Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director.</u><br>1) Discussion – Additional Flood Control Assistance Account Program (FCAAP) 1997-1999 Biennium Funds for Skagit County Feasibility Study.<br>2) Discussion – Erosion Control at Marine Drive.<br>3) Miscellaneous. |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | <u>Planning &amp; Permit Center – Tom Karsh, Director.</u><br>1) Discussion and Possible Action – Resolution Waiving Demolition Permit Fees on Properties Purchased with Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds.<br>2) Miscellaneous.  |
| *T 11:00 a.m. – Noon    | Presentation – Deep Water Slough Implementation (Department of Fish & Wildlife/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers).   |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 29, 1999, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden, and Robert Hart present.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.**

**1. Discussion – Additional Flood Control Assistance Account Program (FCAAP) 1997-1999 Biennium Funds for Skagit County Feasibility Study.**

Sky Miller, Surface Water Section Manager, reviewed the status of funds received through the Flood Control Assistance Account program (FCAAP) for the 1997-1999 Biennium. He explained that the amendment before the Board would increase the amount of funds received for the Skagit River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Wolden moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to FCAAP Grant No. G9800166. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 03837)**

**2. Discussion – Erosion Control at Marine Drive.**

Mr. Miller next discussed erosion control problems at Marine Drive. He stated that the division is proposing a project to reduce potential future erosion. He reviewed the exact location of the proposed project. He stated that the overlying problem is the geological instability of the area and the location of homes.

Mr. Miller indicated that Marine Drive collects drainage from approximately 60 acres on its east side. Currently some of this water is conveyed under Marine Drive through an existing culvert to an unprotected gully, with the remainder of the water infiltrating into the road prism and possibly contributing to springs on the properties west of Marine Drive. Surface Water Management (SWM) would like to tightline the existing culvert to Burrows Bay to reduce the potential for further erosion down the gully. Mr. Miller indicated that at the same time, SWM would like to collect the water along the east side of Marine Drive and convey it to the existing culvert to prevent any possible infiltration.

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Mr. Miller next discussed the concerns of landowners along Whitecap Lane (between Marine Drive and Burrows Bay). These landowners believe Skagit County is collecting and contributing water to their properties increasing the rate of erosion along their bluff. Skagit County geologist, Gary Sorensen, suggests that the County maybe providing some amount of water, but that it is only a portion of the water, and other factors are contributing to their bank erosion. Mr. Miller stated that this project would be designed to prevent Marine Drive drainage from causing gully erosion and eliminate any contribution that Marine Drive drainage may have on the erosion of the Whitecap Lane properties.

Mr. Miller further commented on the need for residents in the area to stop disposing of grass clippings, branches and shrubs over the bank as this hampers stabilization efforts. He further commented on the residents to collectively address their drainage problems, assuring proper operation of septic systems.

Mr. Miller noted the need to work in partnership with the property owners to assist them in taking actions privately to solve their drainage problems, noting the need for an equivalent level of participation from property owners. He further stated that there are adequate funds in the Drainage Utility to address this project.

Chairman Anderson stated that people from across the County pay into the Drainage Utility, and the fairness of the distributions needs to be analyzed.

Mr. Miller responded that the Drainage Utility Committee has not met for over a year and has not had input on this project.

Chairman Anderson asked about the previous priority array that the Drainage Utility Committee had developed.

Mr. Miller gave a brief synopsis of the projects that had been developed by the Drainage Utility Committee and their status. He discussed the projects at Edison and Jackman Creek. In addition, he stated that there are several dozen drainage complaints that SWM is working on throughout the County, together with a prioritized list from the Drainage Utility Committee.

Commissioner Hart asked that, if this whole beachfront bluff is a sensitive area, and since the County has dedicated both Drainage Utility funds and road fund dollars to the area, perhaps a moratorium on construction should be invoked until a complete study can occur.

Commissioner Wolden noted the need to take a long look at steep slopes and critical area policies, but that this project needs to move forward.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Wolden moved to go forward with this project at Marine Drive and Whitecap Lane, for a total of \$20,000 for engineering and design and \$87,000 for construction. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

3. Miscellaneous.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, presented a Contract for the construction of the Avon-Allen Road. The contract is with Paragon Construction Company, Inc. for a total amount of \$469,743.18. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the contract as presented by Mr. Flude. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04474)**

Commissioner Hart asked that the Department work closely with the homeowners along Avon Allen Road during this construction.

**PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Tom Karsh, Director.**

1. **Discussion and Possible action – Resolution Waiving Demolition Permit Fees on Properties Purchased with Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds.**

Corey Schmidt, Assistant Director, discussed waiving the demolition permit fees on the properties purchased with Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds. He stated that such fees would be retrievable under the terms of the grant as in-kind services.

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Fee Waiver for Demolition Permit as presented by Mr. Schmidt. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17493)**

A discussion ensued on obtaining possible additional funds from the State for this project, and the parameters that should be developed for future purchases of private property. Chairman Anderson commented on the need to establish a new priority list in this regard.

2. **Miscellaneous.**

- A. Kendra Smith, Assistant Director, presented an Interim Ordinance Amending Portions of the Short Subdivision Ordinance (SCC 14.08) Relating to Interim Short CaRD (Conservation and Reserve Development) Subdivision. This Ordinance had been previously approved by the Board, and was a signature item only. **(Ordinance No. 17494)**
- B. Gary Christensen, Assistant Director, updated the Board on both the Commercial/Industrial and Mineral Resource status. A discussion ensued on the need to hold a public hearing for each of these items on July 21 and July 22. The Board suggested evening hearings, to allow possible greater participation by the public.
- C. A brief discussion ensued on the 6094 Committee and the need to notify each landowner with commercial/industrial property. The Board indicated their desire to have notices go to each property owner, together with a paid advertisement in the local newspaper.

**PRESENTATION – DEEP WATER SLOUGH IMPLEMENTATION (DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE/U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS).**

Bruce Sexhauer, Army Corps of Engineers, reviewed with the Board the final design and plans for the Deep Water Slough Implementation Project, presenting each Board member with a copy of such plans.

Mr. Sexhauer indicated that on August 9 the Corps will be mobilizing equipment and will start construction. He detailed the elements that would be completed in 1999, and reviewed the specific tasks to be accomplished over the entire scope of the project. Mr. Sexhauer spoke regarding mitigation measures that would be taken to restore habitat. He specifically discussed the use of explosives and the need for a well coordinated, safe plan for such use. He stated that a public meeting would be held on July 8<sup>th</sup> in Hearing Room B to review the use of explosives to the general public.

Sheriff Ed Goodman suggested that the 911 Center should be notified when the explosions are to occur, and Commissioner Wolden spoke of the same concerns for Snohomish County due to the close proximity to the County line. Commissioner Wolden further commented on the need to coordinate with the County's Public Works Department. Sheriff Goodman stressed that the notice to the public is of the utmost importance.

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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1. Staff presented a Resolution appointing Dave Cleave to the Skagit County Housing Authority to fill a vacant position. Mr. Cleave will serve temporarily from June 29, 1999 to October 22, 1999. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17492)**
  
2. Staff presented a Resolution regarding the Sale of Surplus Equipment consisting of a microfiche printer/viewer to the City of Mountlake Terrace for a fee of \$250. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution and Sale of Surplus Equipment as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 17495)**
  
3. Alicia Huschka, Budget Manager, presented a Resolution calling for a public hearing regarding supplemental budget. She brief explained the funds that would be affected by this supplement., noting that the hearing would be held on July 12, 1999, at 11:00 a.m. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Call for Public Hearing as explained by Ms. Huschka. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17496)**

**ADJOURNMENT.**

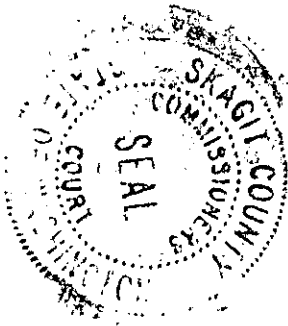
Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Robert Hart, Commissioner



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