

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, April 10, 2000**

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Public Comment Period.
	<b>CONSENT AGENDA MISCELLANEOUS</b>
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of Agricultural Variances for: 1) Carolyn Lloyd for property located at 20286 Cook Road, Burlington (AV 99-0699); and 2) Herald Catlin for property located at 20740 Cook Road, Burlington (AV99-0696).
*T 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Proclamation – 128 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arbor Day – April 12, 2000.
*T 11:30 a.m. – Noon	Proclamation – April 2000 as Disaster Preparedness Month.
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.
3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Discussion with Horticultural Pest and Disease Board of Skagit County.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 2000, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Commissioner Hart was absent for this agenda item.

Jack Cross, Citizens to Save Pilchuck Creek, 3405 North Shore Drive, Mount Vernon, stated that he is aware that the Board has authorized \$35,000 to the Parks & Recreation Department for a survey of the proposed shooting range. He listed the budget cuts that were made for the 2000 budget, and stated that it is a bad idea to continue funding a project which benefits only a small percentage of Skagit County residents. He stated that no cost analysis has been done and it is unknown how much money would eventually be spent. He commented on lost timber revenue for the proposed site. He asked the Board to terminate the project before more County funds are wasted.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Consent Agenda, except for Item No. 2 which was not yet completed, and a correction on Item No. 20, changing a typographical error on the bid award from Pacific North Equipment to Smith Tractor. He clarified that the motion was to approve items 1 and 3-21, with the aforementioned correction to number 20. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, April 3, 2000.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, April 4, 2000.

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3. Resolution Appointing Charles Lorenzo Murray as a County Designated Mental Health Professional as of January 1, 2000. **(Resolution No. 17829)**

### BUDGET/FINANCE:

4. Resolution and Interlocal Agreement with the Concrete School District #11 for construction of football and track and field facilities wherein the County agrees to pay the sum of \$76,500 to the District, with the amount of \$38,250 being paid in the Year 2000. **(Resolution No. 17830, Contract No. 04849)**
5. Professional Services Agreement with Susan Musselman to provide debt policy and financing services for the period February 1, 2000 through December 31, 2001. Debt Policy Services will be paid on an hourly rate of \$85 for an estimated 40 hours, for an estimated cost of \$3,400. Financing services will be paid at a fee of \$1 per \$1,000 of financing, with a minimum fee of \$3,000 for any bond issue. Special projects or assignments will be reimbursed at the rate of \$125 for financial advisor and \$45 for support services. **(Contract No. 04850)**

### PERSONNEL/TRAINING ADMINISTRATION:

6. Out-of-State Travel Request for Stephanie Wood to attend the NEPLRA Annual Training Conference in San Diego, California, March 26 through March 31, 2000, for a total cost of \$2,530. **(Approved)**
7. Personal Services Agreement with Frank Hamilton to provide "pilot car" training and certification for Public Works Road Maintenance Technicians. Contractor will be compensated at the rate of \$75 per person plus mileage at \$.315 per mile and one night's lodging. The contract begins March 30, 2000 and will continue until terminated. **(Contract No. 04851)**

### PARKS, RECREATION & FAIR:

8. Out-of-State Travel Request for David C. Fair to travel to view the event center and fairgrounds in Linn County and Canby, Oregon, May 4 and 5, 2000, for a total cost of \$220. **(Approved)**
9. Resolution authorizing a Request for Qualifications for Delineation and Mapping of the Critical Areas on the Northern State Property owned by Skagit County. Submittals are to be received no later than May 5, 2000. **(Resolution No. 17831)**

### HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

10. Amendment No. 2 to an agreement with Kathy Rosencrantz for Medicaid outreach, extending the termination date of her contract to June 30, 2001, and adding \$18,000 to the contract compensation for a total maximum of \$33,000. **(Contract No. 04421)**
11. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement with Francisca Ramon for Medicaid outreach, extending the termination of the contract to June 30, 2001, and adding \$18,000 to the contract for a total maximum of \$20,000. **(Contract No. 04821)**
12. Amendment No. 2 to an agreement with Beverly Conn for Medicaid outreach, extending the termination date of the contract to June 30, 2001, and adding \$18,000 to the contract for a total maximum amount of \$26,000. **(Contract No. 04674)**

### MAPPING:

13. Out-of-State Travel Request for Janice Baird to attend an Introduction to ArcSDE Training in Redlands, California, June 12-13, 2000, for a total cost of \$1,575. **(Approved)**

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14. Out-of-State Travel Request for Geoffrey Almvig to attend an introduction to ArcSDE Training in Redlands, California, June 12-13, 2000, for a total cost of \$1,575. **(Approved)**

### DISTRICT COURT PROBATION:

15. Probation Services Agreement with the City of Burlington for the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 at a service unit value for the year 2000 of \$80.88. **(Contract No. 04852)**

### SENIOR SERVICES:

16. Vendor Services Agreement with D-Tech, Inc. for monthly monitoring of the digital fire alarm system for a total yearly amount of \$300. The contract begins January 1, 2000, and continues until terminated. **(Contract No. 04853)**
17. Agreement for Mutual Support of the Skagit County Senior Information and Assistance and Case Management Program with the Northwest Regional Council for the calendar year 2000. The County will provide direct financial support of \$12,000 for the year 2000. **(Contract No. 04854)**

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

18. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to consider the vacation of a portion of unopened County right-of-way known as Lincoln Avenue, No. 96630. The public hearing is scheduled for May 2, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. 17832)**
19. Resolution Awarding Bid for the purchase of one new latest model excavator with tires to NC Machinery Company for a bid of \$207,323.49. The lower bid of \$179,977.35 which was submitted by Pacific Utility Equipment Company, did not meet the specifications of the County for steering, dozer blade, auxiliary hydraulic circuits, linkage style hydraulic thumb or minimum rotation. **(Resolution No. 17833)**
20. Resolution Awarding the Bid for the purchase of one new latest model all-wheel drive motor grader to Smith Tractor & Equipment Company, Inc. for a total bid of \$167,909.80. The bid of \$157,601.41, which was submitted by Pacific North Equipment, did not meet the needs of the County for steering or wheel lean. **(Resolution No. 17834)**
21. Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior to operate and maintain the gauging stations on the Sauk and Skagit rivers during the period October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2001. The County will pay \$34,560 for these services from the River Improvement Fund. **(Contract No. 04855)**

### 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, April 10 2000, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Payroll warrants numbered 952958 through 953020 in the total amount of \$73,886.79 (Transmittal No. P-13-00);

Payroll warrants numbered 50492 through 51258 in the total amount of \$786,605.41 (Transmittal No. P-14-00); and

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Warrants numbered 67642 through 68267 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$1,232,354.82 (Transmittal No. C-24-00).

Warrants numbered 68268 through 68269 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$62,070.00 (Transmittal No. C-25-00).

2. Staff presented, on behalf of the Sheriff's Office, a Vendor Services Agreement with Extraditions International, Inc. wherein contractor will take custody and provide secured transportation of prisoner Mitchell Marvin Anfield from Middlesex County Jail in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Skagit County Jail for a total cost of \$2,151.80. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented, and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04856)**
3. Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, reviewed with the Board the need for Emergency Management to move out of the Bayview Shop. He explained that the Department stores blankets and other miscellaneous equipment in one corner of the Shop, in an area approximately 30' x 30'. He suggested that perhaps a small area could be set aside in the old Maintenance Shop for this use. Commissioner Anderson indicated that perhaps Emergency Management could take over the space that was previously occupied by parts and other equipment. Chairman Wolden stated that he would contact Chal Martin to discuss the feasibility of utilizing a portion of the old Maintenance Shop.

### **CONSIDERATION OF HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF AGRICULTURAL VARIANCES FOR:**

- 1) **Carolyn Lloyd for Property located at 20286 Cook Road, Burlington (AV99-0699); and**
- 2) **Herald Catlin for property located at 20740 Cook Road, Burlington (AV99-0696)**

After a brief discussion on the location of the subject properties and the relationship to the Cook Road Improvement Project, Commissioner Hart moved to approve the two agricultural variances as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution Nos. 17835 and 17836)**

### **PROCLAMATION – 128<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ARBOR DAY – APRIL 12, 2000.**

Commissioner Hart read the Proclamation of the 128<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arbor Day, April 12, 2000. Commissioner Wolden moved to adopt the Proclamation, and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Al Craney, District Forester, thanked the Board for the Proclamation for Arbor Day. He stressed the importance of trees in providing oxygen and carbons. He presented the Board with some handouts from the National Arbor Day Foundation.

### **PROCLAMATION – APRIL 2000 AS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH.**

Commissioner Anderson read the Proclamation into the record. Commissioner Anderson moved to adopt the Proclamation and Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, reviewed the preparation being done to effectuate preparedness for any emergency in Skagit County.

### **DISCUSSION WITH HORTICULTURAL PEST AND DISEASE BOARD OF SKAGIT COUNTY.**

Alan Merritt, Chairman of Pest Control Board, advised the Board that it was most difficult for the Pest Control Board to come before the Commissioners to ask for money. He reviewed the history of the passage of I-695 and the resultant elimination of pest control funds from the budget. He introduced Steve Sakuma, Todd Gordon and

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Jim Perkins who were in attendance. He stated that the Board had a brief meeting with County Administrator, Mike Woodmansee, and Budget/Finance Director Alicia Huschka to discuss their situation. That conversation resulted in the successful reinstatement of some of the monies to the Pest Control Board. He informed the Board that their previous Coordinator had resigned, and now the Board is looking at hiring a replacement. Mr. Merritt stated that the position alone will require all of the money in the budget just to cover wages.

Mr. Perkins spoke to the difficulties in asking the growers to assess themselves more in order to add another \$4,000 to the budget. He reviewed the various amounts that have already been assessed by the growers. Mr. Merritt concurred that the assessments are getting to be too high. He stated that the Apple Commission assessment alone is over \$400 per acre, and that most growers are running at a deficit level. He confirmed that under the language of the apple maggot quarantine, the growers are given stringent requirements to adhere to, and have assessed themselves accordingly to comply.

Alicia Huschka, Budget/Finance Director, advised the Board that the budget currently allocated to the Pest Control Board is \$16,2000, which is the same funding level as 1999.

Commissioner Wolden suggested that perhaps the Pest Control Board could utilize the County Summer Hire program, if a qualified horticultural student could be found. The salaries of the Summer Hire program would be paid from a different fund, and would not be deducted from the Pest Control Board's budget.

A discussion about the particulars of utilizing the County Summer Hire Program ensued.

Mr. Merritt noted that the time period for the pest control functions is June 1 through the first week of October, and that it may be difficult to utilize a college student through the end of the project.

Mr. Sakuma stated that no matter how the budget is looked at, there is still a shortfall of \$4,200 that must be made up somewhere.

Commissioner Anderson indicated his approval of dedicating two summer hires to this project. He stressed the need to have someone in charge who is credible and can make sure the program is kept on course.

Mr. Sakuma concurred with Commissioner Anderson's comments, stressing the need to maintain the credibility of the program. He indicated that if the west side growers are not seen as being credible, they will eventually have no place to take their product. He stated that they would be willing to participate in a training program, but their biggest concern is not to lose the credibility of the entire program.

Commissioner Hart suggested that perhaps a retired pest inspector might be willing to take charge of the project for the few months it is up and running.

Commissioner Anderson indicated that he would be willing to dedicate one of his summer hire positions to this program, but asked if there is any possible way of finding the extra \$4,200 in the County's budget to assist the apple growers. He explained that his overriding concern is that agriculture in the valley is under siege. He expressed the need to expand the orchard industry by building our own storage facility to protect this industry.

Mr. Perkins acknowledged the efforts of the apple growers and the County in educating the public on the apple maggot problems.

Ms. Huschka indicated that the growers have funded half of the program, and that the additional \$4,200 could be found to assist the growers in this year's program.

Commissioner Anderson summarized that he would be comfortable finding the additional \$4,200 for the program, and exploring ways to utilize summer hires to assist in maintaining the program.

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Mr. Perkins stated that the growers have come in under budget every year, and this fact was confirmed by Ms. Huschka. Mr. Perkins stated that they would not spend the extra money unless they absolutely have to.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Harvey Wolden, Chairman

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Robert Hart, Commissioner

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Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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