

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, June 27, 2000**

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| 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. | Commissioners' Staff Meeting. |
| 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition. |
| 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) Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony regarding the Renaming of Rosario Picnic Area Road, No. 10030, to Rosario Beach Road, No. 10030.2) Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony regarding the Establishment of a Maximum Speed Limit of 50 m.p.h. on a Portion of Farm-to-Market Road, No. 31010, from Milepost 0.00 to Milepost 7.70.3) Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony regarding the Establishment of a Maximum Speed Limit of 50 m.p.h. on a Portion of Pioneer Highway, No. 80090, from Milepost 0.244 to Milepost 3.158.4) Miscellaneous. |
| *T 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Presentation of Firefighter of the Year Award. |
| 11:30 a.m. – Noon | Human Services Department Quarterly Update. |
| 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Work Session – Capital Facilities Plan. |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 27, 2000, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Ted W. Anderson present. Commissioner Robert Hart's absence was excused.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.

1. Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony regarding the Renaming of Rosario Picnic Area Road, No. 10030, to Rosario Beach Road, No. 10030.

Jim Karcher, Public Works Department Staff, reviewed the exact location of the proposed road renaming, which is the subject of the public hearing. He advised that there was 100% participation from the citizens along the roadway requesting the name change via petition.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the road name change from Rosario Picnic Area Road to Rosario Beach Road. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17917)**

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2. **Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony regarding the Establishment of a Maximum Speed Limit of 50 m.p.h. on a Portion of Farm-to-Market Road, No. 31010, from Milepost 0.00 to Milepost 7.70.**

Mr. Karcher reviewed the exact location of the proposed speed limit revision along Farm-to-Market Road.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the establishment of a maximum speed limit of 50 m.p.h. on a portion of Farm-to-Market Road, No. 31010, from Milepost 0.00 to Milepost 7.70. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution to be provided by Staff at a later date)**

3. **Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony regarding the Establishment of a Maximum Speed Limit of 50 m.p.h. on a Portion of Pioneer Highway, No. 80090, from Milepost 0.244 to Milepost 3.158.**

Mr. Karcher reviewed the exact location of the proposed speed limit revision along Pioneer Highway.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the establishment of a maximum speed limit of 50 m.p.h. on a portion of Pioneer Highway, No. 80090, from Milepost 0.244 to Milepost 3.158. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution to be provided by Staff at a later date)**

4. **Miscellaneous.**

1. Chal Martin, Director, discussed briefly the “historical building” located on the proposed Guemes Ferry parking lot property. He explained that once federal money is injected into such projects, the County is required to take certain actions in this regard. He reported that the Department is waiting for a consultant’s report, which is required by federal law, and should be available within the next few weeks. Following the report, a public process may be necessary to determine what mitigating actions might be necessary.

Chairman Wolden commented on the need to identify such problems in advance before utilizing federal monies, and to have staff well educated in this regard.

Mr. Martin stated that the project is still moving forward, and would proceed once a mitigation plan is in place. He indicated that this project may have to be constructed during the winter months.

2. Mr. Martin gave a brief update on the formation of a business unit within the Public Works Department that would be utilized for reimbursable work. He advised that a proposal may be coming to the Board within the next few weeks. He emphasized that all of such work would be reimbursable. He commented briefly on the move toward regional partnerships for mutually beneficial projects.
3. Mr. Martin next discussed the Cook Road Improvement Project, and the need for the Board to approve a Change Order in this regard. He advised that the project has a tentative completion date of July 17th. The Board commented on the need to have Jack Metcalf present for the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the completion of the project.

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The Board reviewed the proposed Change Order, and Commissioner Anderson questioned the price of \$15/yard for the base course material, asking Staff if that price was comparable to earlier bid results from the maintenance materials bids.

Janice Marlega, Project Engineer for the Cook Road Improvement Project, stated that the Department is still negotiating with Wilder on the price for gravel base, because of several conversion factors. Mr. Martin affirmed that most of the gravel base stayed in place.

A lengthy discussion ensued on approved quarry sites, and the authority of the contractor to utilize vendors of their choice. Ms. Marlega advised that the crushed surfacing base course came from Concrete Nor'West.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Cook Road Improvement Project, increasing the total contract amount by \$970,058.56 for a total estimated contract total after change of \$6,245,896.64. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04826)**

PRESENTATION OF FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, indicated that Chairman Wolden had instructed him earlier this year to contact the Fire Chiefs Association for recommendations for the Volunteer Firefighter of the Year. He stated that the overwhelming choice was to honor the "Five Musketeers" of firefighting in Skagit County – Gene Olson, Pete Walker, Tommy Oakes, Ted Banta and Herb Hofstad. Mr. Sheahan introduced the family members of the honorees.

Mr. Sheahan reviewed the activities of the honorees during their service through the Fire Chiefs Association. He spoke to the development of fire hydrant standards, Mutual Aid Agreements, and the spirit of cooperation in the sharing of goods and revenue with smaller fire departments and districts.

Herb Hofstad talked about a recent tour of the 911 Center and spoke to procedures still being utilized that were developed by local fire departments years ago.

Representatives from the families of the individuals being honored, as well as fellow firefighters and associates, spoke to the Board, discussing the contributions each individual made to the public and the fire service in Skagit County.

Commissioner Anderson explained that volunteer firemen make many sacrifices to their families to better their communities, and that the citizens of Skagit County owe a debt of gratitude to these pioneers.

Chairman Wolden reviewed his history of firefighting since 1960, and spoke to the influence of the honorees on laying the groundwork for the 911 Center

The Board presented the plaque to Herb Hofstad, the only surviving member of those being honored.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE.

JoAnn Angevine, Human Services Director, briefly updated the Board on the substance abuse programs and the good things that are happening in that regard. She detailed the work being done on cross-training for emergency services and the establishment of a triage center. She reported that there are now two youth de-tox beds at Skagit Recovery, and that those beds are always full and that there is a long waiting list. She further reported that the MICA Program is run by Community Mental Health, which is undergoing staff changes and difficulties. She briefly commented on the pending audit, which will clear many of these issues.

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Ms. Angevine reviewed the Developmental Disabilities programs. She stated that the biggest thing in Developmental Disabilities is pending legislative effort towards consumer choice, with the prospect that within the next 5 to 7 years, counties will not be in the Developmental Disabilities business.

Ms. Angevine advised that Kris Laainen had resigned from Mental Health and that Dr. Jess Jamieson is acting as Interim Executive Director. She reviewed the activities of Community Mental Health, and staff changes that had occurred. She briefly discussed "dual diagnosis" difficulties, and noted that such individuals do not do well in drug court. She reviewed activities of Catholic Community Services.

Ms. Angevine commented briefly on the recurring and difficult problems of Friendship House, noting that a high level of their residents are mentally ill and there are no other places for them to go.

Jess Jamieson, Community Mental Health Interim Executive Director, gave a brief summary of his experience in the mental health field. He stated that he has three immediate tasks to be addressed. The first task is to address the significant financial difficulty of Community Mental Health. He indicated that the overall viability of the agency has been questioned in this regard, and the prospect of the organization not being in the community to serve consumers has been very unsettling. He reviewed the actions he had taken to address this situation. Mr. Jamieson explained that his second main goal is to complete a review of the clinical service delivery system. He stated that having gone through an audit, they have revamped that system and have rolled out a new clinical management system for Community Mental Health. He indicated that all stakeholders in the community will have a copy and be apprised. Mr. Jamieson advised that the third task is the need to open up improved communications with all stakeholders. He stated that the Community Mental Health Board has been very supportive, as have community stakeholders, staff, clients and advocates as well.

A general discussion ensued regarding the status of such services within Skagit County.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Staff presented a Supplemental Agreement to Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement with Richard D. Philips. It was explained that the purpose of this supplemental agreement is to allow the seller (Richard D. Philips) to occupy the property located at 45782 Main Street, Concrete, Washington, for a period of one hundred and twenty days commencing on the date of the closing of the sale of the aforementioned property. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Supplement as presented, and Chairman Wolden seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04891)**

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ADJOURNMENT.

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

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Harvey Wolden, Chairman

Robert Hart, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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