

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, October 2, 2000**

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	CONSENT AGENDA. MISCELLANEOUS.
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Human Services Department Quarterly Update.
11:00 a.m. – Noon	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.
*T 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Proclamation – 4H Week in Skagit County, October 1-7, 2000.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 2, 2000, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart, and Ted W. Anderson present.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Anderson asked to remove Item No. 7, the Resolution Adopting Findings in Support of Ordinance No. 17945, which adopted Town of Concrete Development Standards on an Interim Basis for the Unincorporated Portion of the Town's Urban Growth Area, due to the public hearing to be held in Concrete this evening about the Town's Urban Growth Area.

Chairman Wolden asked to pull Item No. 16, the Bid Award Resolution for the Aldon Creek Fish Passage Project. He objected to awarding the bid to the next highest bidder, causing an increase of \$90,000 for this project. He asked that Public Works Staff inform the Board when the low bidder pulls their bid and not to arbitrarily give the bid to the second lowest bidder without the Board's knowledge.

Sheriff Goodman asked the Board to deny the Dance Hall License, Item No. 6, due to a number of complaints regarding the Salon Mexico. These include noise complaints, and removal of intoxicated individuals. County Staff have monitored a noise meter, which exceeded acceptable limits. The Sheriff has received numerous complaints from residents in the area, together with complaints from businesses regarding graffiti, broken beer bottles and trash, and noise.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 2, 2000, with the removal of items 6, 7 and 16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart and passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, September 25, 2000.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, September 26, 2000.
3. Reappointment of Carol Ehlers to the Skagit County Planning Commission for the term September 26, 2000 through September 25, 2004. **(Resolution No. 18004)**
4. Resolution establishing the Holiday Schedule for 2001 for County employees. **(Resolution No. 18005)**
5. Resolution Authorizing Submission of Application for Community Development Block Grant on behalf of the Skagit County Community Action Agency. **(Resolution No. 18006)**

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6. Dance Hall License Application for Angelica Cruz for the Salon Mexico for the period October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001. The Sheriff is recommended "denial" of this license. **(DENIED, REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA)**

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:

7. Resolution Adopting Findings in Support of Ordinance No. 17945, which Adopted Town of Concrete Development Standards on an Interim Basis for the Unincorporated Portion of the Town's Urban Growth Area. **(REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR ONE WEEK)**

INFORMATION SERVICES:

8. Software Evaluation Agreement with Moose Logic, Inc. (Citrix) to provide WinFrame/MetaFrame Evaluation of the County's Server for an installation fee of \$295. The contract begins September 15, 2000 and will continue until terminated. **(Contract No. 05065)**

HUMAN SERVICES:

9. Personal Services Agreement with Community Mental Health Services for the period October 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001 in the maximum amount of \$55,000, and provides for continuation of substance abuse treatment services and adds new mental health services to clients with co-occurring disorders. **(Contract No. 05066)**

SENIOR SERVICES:

10. Frozen Meal Food Service Agreement with the Department of Corrections Correctional Industries, d.b.a. First Choice Foods to prepare and deliver frozen meals and dinner rolls to the Skagit Nutrition project located at the Burlington Community Center. The County shall pay \$1.65 per frozen dinner meal and \$0.07 per dinner roll. The Agreement shall be effective January 1, 2001 and be in force through December 31, 2001. **(Contract No. 05067)**

DISTRICT COURT:

11. Amendment No. 1 to contract with Department of Social and Health Services which clarifies the fees that the County has been paying for several years. There is no change in the total contract amount of \$56,000. **(Contract No. 04614)**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

12. Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing to Establish a Maximum Speed Limit of 25 mph on a portion of Burkland Road, No. 82050, from Milepost 0.00 to Milepost 1.00. The public hearing is scheduled for October 17, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. 18007)**
13. Equipment Lease Agreement with Regional Disposal Company pertaining to the truck that transports bins to the rail spur. The agreement makes possible the purchase of the truck in January 2001 for the sum of \$27,000. This lease will be effective through January 31, 2001. **(Contract No. 05069)**
14. Resolution Establishing the Eligibility List for Procurement of Maintenance Materials. **(Resolution No. 18008)**
15. Bid Award Resolution for the Baker Lake Road Fish Passage Project, awarding the bid to Harkness Contracting, Inc. with a bid of \$140,800.30. **(Resolution No. 18009)**

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16. Bid Award Resolution for the Aldon Creek Fish Passage Project, awarding the bid to BBG Group for the sum of \$320,996.29. The low bidder for the project was Harkness Contracting, Inc., with a bid of \$232,800.18. This firm was also the low bidder for the Baker Lake Road Fish Passage Project. Since both projects are scheduled for construction in the month of October 2000, the contractor was asked to demonstrate that they would be able to simultaneously construct both projects. After a review of their available staff and equipment, Harkness Contracting, Inc. has asked in writing to withdraw their bid for the Aldon Creek Project and retain their bid for the Baker Lake Road Fish Passage Project. **(REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA)**
17. Bid Award Resolution for the fabrication and delivery of a corrugated metal pipe for installation in Aldon Creek for a bid of \$38,631.66. **(Resolution No. 18010)**
18. Resolution Approving the annexation of additional properties into the Dunbar Sub-Flood Control Zone. **(Resolution No. 18011)**
19. Letter of Understanding with Wayne and Cathy Huben (property owners) in regard to parcel No. P36957, a parcel bordered on two sides by the large Cook Road detention pond. The County agrees to compensate the property owners in the amount of \$1,650 for the supplementation of Detention Pond A's landscaping with the property owners' existing landscaping. The county agrees to monitor and test the water quality from the property's existing well for a period of five years from the date of detention pond construction. **(Contract No. 05070)**
20. Supplement No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement with Semrau Engineering & Surveying extending the period of performance to December 31, 2001 and increasing compensation from \$24,000 to \$28,000 to allow for unanticipated drafting, surveying, and permitting expenses. **(Contract No. 03914)**
21. Personal Services Agreement with Richard C. Yarmuth and Scott T. Wilsdon of Yarmuth, Wilsdon & Calfo, PLLC to provide legal counsel for solid waste issues. The contract begins August 1, 2000 and will continue until terminated. Hourly rates range from \$240 per hour for Mr. Yarmuth to \$70 per hour for paralegal services. **(Contract No. 05071)**
22. Modification No. 002 to Cooperative Agreement among Fish & Wildlife Service, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group and Skagit County. The purpose of the original agreement was to establish a partnership to implement a project to restore McElroy Slough on lower Colony Creek, near Blanchard. This modification increases funding in the amount of \$30,000 from Fiscal Year 2000 Puget Sound Program funds in support of additional tasks to be performed by Public Works and Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group. The County will provide \$5,000 of U.S. Fish & Wildlife funds to the Enhancement Group for public involvement. **(Contract No. 04073)**
23. Construction Contract with Jenkins, Inc. for the 2000 Marine Drive Drainage Improvement Project for a total contract amount of \$149,853.16. **(Contract No. 05072)**

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, October 2, 2000, 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 79478 through 79514 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$20,259.16 (Transmittal No. C-64-00);

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Warrant number 79515 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$125,000.00 (Transmittal No. C-65-00);

Warrant numbers 79516 through 79902 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$811,480.26 (Transmittal No. C-66-00); and,

Warrants numbered 79903 through 79903 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$71,650.80 (Transmittal No. C-67-00).

2. Nancy Brown, Youth & Family Services, reviewed the parameters of a grant that her department is trying to obtain to assist with non-offenders or status offenders. She outlined the workload for the one intervention specialist trying to meet the needs of 40-70 youth per week. Many of these youths are before Commissioner Needy with truancy-related problems. Ms. Brown stated that truancy is often a symptom of other problems. She stated that this grant would help alleviate some of those problems and would lessen the burden on the court system and detention.

Upon query from Chairman Wolden, Ms. Brown indicated that the grant would be for one year, with the possibility of renewing it for three years.

A discussion ensued regarding the need to compile information about these kids to determine why they are getting in trouble, and how to deter such activity.

Funding was also discussed, and the need to sustain these programs if state funding is not available. Commissioner Anderson indicated that he was supportive of the grant application, but asked that Ms. Brown work with the school districts during the initial year of the grant so that if the grant is not renewed, the school districts can participate in sharing costs to maintain the needed activities.

Ms. Brown indicated that there is no cash match for this grant.

The Board signed the letter of support for the grant as requested by Ms. Brown.

Ms. Brown briefly outlined a second grant that her department would apply for which would provide \$25,000 in funds for tribal children in the 6-12 year old range. She indicated that the tribes would be providing the cash matching funds.

3. The Board was asked to sign a letter of support for CERB Grant through the Department of Community, Trade & Economic Development for the Fredonia Business Park. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the letter as drafted, and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the letter of support was signed.

HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE.

JoAnne Angevine, Human Services Department Director, reviewed the programs of her Department for the Board.

She first reviewed the activities in the Substance Abuse area. Ms. Angevine discussed cross-training with Skagit Recovery and Community Mental Health and the resulting benefits. She reviewed the problems in the past of identifying the specific needs of individuals, whether such needs require mental health professionals, or alcohol and drug abuse treatment. She reviewed the activities at the Skagit Recovery Center and their youth detox services.

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Ms. Angevine reported on the MICA Program of Community Mental Health and the recent change-over in staff, which has enhanced mental health services.

She spoke to the specifics of Prevention/Substance Abuse, with prevention focusing on substance abuse. She discussed the interaction of the literacy grant, which focuses on many of the risk factors involved. Consequently, it has been difficult spending the money allocated in a meaningful fashion. She reported on the efforts to provide mental health services and prevention training to high risk children who are emotionally disturbed. She indicated that it may be necessary to turn the money back if the stakeholders cannot find appropriate ways to spend the money.

Upon query from Commissioner Hart, Ms. Angevine explained that the money is federal money and must be spent on those under the age of 19 for the purposes of prevention.

Ms. Angevine next spoke to the issue of complaints received and demands made that the County pay for tying up rooms at the Emergency Room for mentally ill and drunk individuals. She explained that a plan is being developed that would allow an individual from the County stakeholders to oversee the health and safety of individuals until their blood alcohol level goes down while in the Emergency Room.

Ms. Angevine next discussed the Developmental Disabilities component of her Department. She spoke regarding choice determination matters with two employment vendors, Chinook Enterprises and Service Alternatives. Service Alternatives, headquartered in Everett, decided that, since their contract had been reduced, that they would choose not to continue participation. Another vendor, Rehabco, intends to carry on the service that it always has provided. She discussed choice and self-determination to be implemented over the next seven years were families can receive and expend funds from the County or State for the program they would choose for their disabled son or daughter. Ms. Angevine voiced her disapproval for this type of system, stating that the best thing that has happened is that the Association of County Human Services has started to fight back against this proposal. She stated that the point is that such a systems change is not appropriate as designed, and no one is happy about the way self-determination is planned. Ms. Angevine indicated that there is no implementation plan. She stated that the good news is that locally Skagit County is doing great with the services of SPARC, Chinook Enterprises, and Rehabco.

Ms. Angevine next discussed Community Mental Health and various changes in administration made by Jess Jamieson. She indicated that morale is high, and Mr. Jamieson keeps everyone well informed. He is communicating and has the experience to deal with an agency having union members. Ms. Angevine reported that Community Mental Health has sold at a profit the land they owned on the hill, which was a very positive thing. Their financial outlook has greatly improved, and they are looking at the possibility of locating in an office building in downtown Mount Vernon.

Ms. Angevine advised that the Regional Support Network would be hiring a new director after conducting interviews on this coming Thursday. There are four final candidates remaining.

PROCLAMATION – 4H WEEK IN SKAGIT COUNTY, OCTOBER 1-7, 2000.

Commissioner Anderson was not present for this part of the agenda.

Chairman Wolden welcomed the 4H Program members and leaders present for the Proclamation signing.

John Yengich, 4H Program Coordinator for Skagit County, thanked the Board for support of the various 4H Programs.

Commissioner Hart read the Proclamation into the record. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Proclamation as read and Chairman Wolden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Some of the members of 4H groups spoke to the Board about their projects and programs.

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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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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Harvey Wolden, Chairman

Robert Hart, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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