

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, October 3, 2000**

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 – Revisions to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2001 – 2006.2) Submittal – 1999 Skagit County Bridge Report.3) Signature – Professional Services Agreement with R.W. Beck for Work Related to the Study of Drainage Basins South of the City of Mount Vernon.4) Miscellaneous.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Executive Session, Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.
<u>Budget Work Sessions:</u>	
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Information Services
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Administrative Services
2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Board of Equalization
3:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Capital Funds
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Convention Center
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Non-Departmental
3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Commissioners
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Youth & Family Services

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 2000, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.

1. Public Hearing – Revisions to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 2001 – 2006.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer/Assistant Director, reminded the Board that they previously adopted the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP") 2001-2006 on September 5, 2000. The revision to the TIP is being made primarily to ensure that additional projects get included on the TIP and passed on to the Regional TIP and State TIP. The specific revisions to the Six-Year TIP are as follows:

- 1) Cook Road Improvement Project (Sedro-Woolley section) – Item #36
- 2) Morris Street Improvement Project (Town of LaConner) – Item #37.
- 3) Main Street Reconstruction (Town of Concrete) – Item #38.
- 4) Baker River Bridge Rehabilitation (Town of Concrete) – Item #39.

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- 5) SR-20 Bicycle and Pedestrian Path (City of Sedro Woolley) – Item #40.
- 6) Goldenrod Road and Bridge Improvement (City of Burlington) – Item #41.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the revisions to the 2001-2006 Six-Year TIP as presented by Mr. Flude. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (**Resolution No. 18012**)

2. Submittal – 1999 Skagit County Bridge Report.

Mr. Flude presented the Board with copies of the 1999 Skagit County Bridge Report. He stated that the RCW's require the County to make an inventory and bridge report and present it to the Board. The report is then, in turn, submitted later in the year to the County Road Administration Board ("CRAB"). He reviewed the particulars of the current and future projects contained in this document.

3. Signature – Professional Services Agreement with R.W. Beck for Work Related to the Study of Drainage Basins South of the City of Mount Vernon.

Jennifer Aylor, Surface Water Management, reported that the purpose of the proposed contract is to install some flow monitoring data-loggers in ditches south of the City of Mount Vernon due to increased stormwater runoff from increased development on the hillside. She reviewed the involvement of the dike district commissioners. She advised that she was not asking the Board to approve the agreement today, but would circulate the contract to them within the next two weeks.

Ms. Aylor reviewed the specific tasks the Contractor would perform for the County. She stated that the Contractor, R.W. Beck, is also working with the City of Mount Vernon in this area. The Contractor will advise which flow meters should be installed, will install the necessary data-loggers, and monitor the flow, velocity and quantity of water coming off of the hillside. She indicated that the study would focus on Hill Ditch and reviewed the specifics of the exact location of the data-loggers.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the exact location of the various creeks and ditches in the subject area.

Commissioner Anderson asked about the funding mechanism for this \$70,000 contract. Ms. Aylor responded that the majority of the funds would be derived from the drainage utility funds.

Commissioner Hart clarified that this project was the third priority listed from the drainage utility.

Commissioner Anderson indicated that he asked the question to make sure that the drainage utility funds are spent appropriately. He stated that the cities exclusively did not want to be a part of the drainage utility, and wanted to make sure those funds are not used to finance city projects.

Ms. Aylor explained that the issues are interconnected to the City and need to be complementary, adding that this is a major project with lots of issues to the southern area of the County.

4) Miscellaneous.

1. Mr. Flude presented for the Board's approval six right-of-way parcels in conjunction with the West Bow Hill Road Project. He stated that the Department is following the same basic procedure used for acquiring right-of-way along Cook Road. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the

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right-of-way offers as presented, and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(APPROVED)**

2. Chal Martin, Director, discussed with the Board the difficulties in attempting to get Hydraulic Project Approval from the Department of Fish & Wildlife for the bridge on Childs Creek. He reviewed the permitting process and the particulars of proposed gravel removal under the bridge to assist in the movement of water. He stated that the Hydraulic Permit was received, but had 30 conditions, some of which conflict with each other. Consequently, the permit is not practical in its application to the project.

Commissioner Anderson commented that when it comes to state agencies you cannot use the words "practical" or "common sense." He detailed the threat of flooding to neighboring houses if the gravel build-up under the bridge is not alleviated. He stressed that there certainly are issues of public health, safety and welfare. He indicated that it is the Board's responsibility to ensure the safety of our county roads and citizens. Commissioner Anderson stated that the public has no recourse on the State and that this is about the fourth or fifth time the County has lost a window of opportunity due to the State's untimely response.

Chairman Wolden suggested that perhaps the Board should issue an emergency declaration to be able to clean out this area. He commented on the need to attack this problem with a common sense approach.

A discussion ensued on the particulars of the project, the work that is required, and various options for completing the work in a timely fashion.

Mr. Martin indicated that an emergency could be declared, but that there is now water in the creek, which will make performing such work more difficult. He stated that the Department spent a lot of staff time trying to get this permit, and now it seems to be a waste of time. He stated that he has contacted Fish & Wildlife at a higher administrative level to advise them of our problems and dissatisfaction with the timeliness of their permit.

Commissioner Hart stated that the bottom line is that these types of streams are not going to let salmon through when they are filled with gravel. At some point, the gravel needs to be removed not only for the health and safety of residents, but also to allow the fish to get through. He indicated that stopping progress with permit delays is causing problems for everyone.

Mr. Martin emphasized the frustration of the Department and the need to obtain a modified permit to get in to Childs Creek to do the work that is needed. He stated that if that is not possible, the Department would ask the Board to declare an emergency.

Commissioner Anderson stated that this is a constant source of frustration for this Board given the tremendous resources the County has expended toward fish passage projects. This type of activity illustrates what the County is constantly up against when projects are handed off to the local level, but funding and permits are not forthcoming. Consequently the County cannot leverage the resources we have.

Chairman Wolden commented that what used to be permitted in six weeks is now being permitted in two years, and the system is broken.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. On behalf of Youth & Family Services, Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Dr. Donna D. Schram for outside evaluation services pursuant to the Amigos de la Familia grant for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. Compensation is not-to-exceed \$5,000 for one

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year of service as stated in the grant contract. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented, and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 05073)**

2. On behalf of Youth & Family Services, Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Dr. Donna D. Schram for outside evaluation services pursuant to the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention grant for the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. Compensation is not-to-exceed \$7,000 for one year of service as stated in the grant contract. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 05074)**

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**

Harvey Wolden, Chairman

Robert Hart, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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