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Mr. Brookings said he did remember those discussions with Commissioner Anderson and the previous Commissioners but, he emphasized, it is very common that a certain amount of funding is used for planning.

Commissioner Anderson said he would not object to spending money for engineering, but if it were within a dike and drainage district the County would not participate.

Chal Martin said they would bring a map to the board showing clearly where those boundaries are. The planning has involved an EIS so somehow this watershed information has to be included. Plus there are other fund sources that probably could be used. There are overlapping boundaries, but at what point do the drainage and dike districts need to pony up for this.

Commissioner Anderson said, since they don't pay for it, if it is within their district it is their responsibility. He emphasized that it is important that County funds be used for what they are earmarked for.

Commissioner Munks said it is important to study the entire issue. The state has required that we run water, yet when some of these developments are planned, retention ponds are being put in, which the state is trying to do away with. When something is done on a hill, it can affect everything below it.

Mr. Brookings said one of the goals is to identify some possible retention facilities. The new DOE regulations are taking a lot of area that could be used for other things.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said there are probably three drainage districts around Bayview Hill. He does not have a problem with a drainage utility with funds designated for those projects, but the Commissioners need to meet with some of the Drainage District commissioners. There needs to be some communication.

2) **Discussion and Consideration of Signature – Change Order No. 1: Baker Lake Road, MP 3.63 Fish Passage, C.R.P. No. 97000-3 (Harkness, Inc.) (Contract #005079)**

Mr. Brookings presented a change order to the Commissioners for their approval. He said that this project was to be done in the late fall, but it was held up because the County didn't have a Corps permit. Also, it is required that it be done in a certain time frame. He said they worked with the contractor to create a bypass route so a situation doesn't happen such as occurred at Parker Creek, where the amount of traffic was not anticipated. A bid price has been received of just over \$32,000 for the bypass road.

Commissioner Anderson said he would take this to the Public Lands Steering Committee because of the discussions that have occurred about how much the County provides for some of these kinds of infrastructure.

Commissioner Munks said he has no problem with this. Commissioner Dahlstedt agreed with Commissioner Munks. Commissioner Munks motioned to approve and sign the Change Order. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Chal Martin wanted feedback from the board about a potential staff study to communicate the importance of this possible flood bypass, which may go to the President, to address the flood impacts. He showed a map they have been using to convey the preliminary look at this project.

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Commissioner Dahlstedt said that he would handle this since he has taken the lead on it.

Mr. Martin said they would consult with Commissioner Dahlstedt about this.

Commissioner Munks added that it is important to get going on this. There needs to be something definitive about what we are doing and where. The more information that can be provided, the more funding the County can attract.

Commissioner Anderson added that Bob Weidner told them the Corps should be involved. He suggested that might be one of the first steps to take.

CONSENT AGENDA

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, June 4, 2001.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, May 29, 2001.
3. Resolution to Call for Public Hearing for Dissolution of Sewer District No. 3 to be held June 26, 2001. **(Resolution #18265)**
4. Resolution for Re-establishment of the Skagit County Law and Justice Council. **(Resolution #18266)**
5. Resolution to Re-Appoint Maxine Williams to the Skagit County Northwest Senior Citizens Board for a term of three years. **(Resolution #18267)**
6. Resolution to Re-Appoint Barbara Lee to the Skagit County Northwest Senior Citizens Board for a term of three years. **(Resolution #18268)**

BUDGET AND FINANCE:

7. Resolution setting Statutory Dates for the 2002 budget schedule. **(Resolution #18269)**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

8. Out of State Travel Request for Dale Kloes to attend a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Train the Trainer seminar in Emmetsburg, Maryland, July 16-18, 2001 for a total cost of \$63.50. FEMA will reimburse airfare and lodging.
9. Out of State Travel Request for William DeHon to attend a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Train the Trainer seminar in Emmetsburg, Maryland, July 16-18, 2001 for a total cost of \$63.50. FEMA will reimburse airfare and lodging.

INFORMATION SERVICES:

10. Agreement with Constellation Justice Systems to provide the technical support and training for the installation and implementation of the DAMION application system. The term of this Agreement shall commence upon execution and end upon completion, no later than December 1, 2001. Compensation shall be \$90,300, exclusive of travel and living reimbursements to be billed at cost and not to exceed \$8,000. **(Contract #005325)**

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PARKS AND RECREATION:

11. Professional Services Agreement with Skagit Valley Softball Umpires Association to provide certified umpires to officiate softball league and tournament games. The term of this Agreement shall commence on April 1, 2001 and continue until December 31, 2002. Compensation shall range from \$20.50 to \$21.00 per game. The Umpire Coordinator will receive \$36 per day. The Umpire In Chief will receive \$80 per day. **(Contract #005326)**

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

12. Resolution providing a defense to Bruce Bacon in a lawsuit by the Knutson and Brevick families. **(Resolution #18270)**

TREASURER:

13. Resolution to modify the Water Quality Loan Terms to allow a finance rate of 0% interest to be charged on the approved loan to 4-H Leaders Investment Group, LLC. **(Resolution #18271)**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

14. Resolution Establishing County Road Project, No. 93500-7, Wiseman Creek Improvements at Minkler Road, No. 93500. **(Resolution #18272)**
15. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Consider Renaming Bartle Avenue, No. 06540, to Bartl Avenue, No. 06540, and Bartle Street, No. 06730, to Bartl Street, No. 06730. The Public Hearing will be held on July 10, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution #18273)**
16. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Consider Vacation of a Portion of Unopened County Right-of-way Located West of State Route 11, South West Bow Hill Road, and North of Sunset Road. The Public Hearing will be held on July 10, 2001. **(Resolution #18274)**
17. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Consider Vacation of Unopened County Right-of-way Located North of Snee-Oosh Road and .36 Miles North of Dan Street. The Public Hearing will be held on July 10, 2001. **(Resolution #18275)**
18. Supplement No. 2 to the Personal Services Agreement with MSE Environmental, Inc. (ENSCO, Inc.) that updated the State of Washington's Hazardous Waste Disposal Recycling Services. The term of the Agreement is being extended from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002. **(Personal Services Agreement #004511)**
19. Vendor Services Agreement with Bellingham Artic Ship Repair, Inc. to accomplish the Haulout and Dry Docking of the M/V GUEMES. Total compensation shall not exceed \$198,898.00. The Agreement shall commence on June 19, 2001 and continue until terminated. **(Vendor Services Agreement #005329)**
20. Resolution to approve Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Anacortes School District to provide support of the Citizen Shoreline Inventory Project. **(Resolution #18276)**

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21. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Anacortes School District to provide substitute teachers, bus drivers and buses that will allow for the participation of Anacortes High School students to assist Skagit County Marine Resources Committee with the Citizen Shoreline Inventory. The term of this Agreement shall be from March 15, 2001 through October 31, 2001. Total compensation shall not exceed \$1,500. **(Interlocal Agreement #005328)**
22. Personal Services Agreement with Aqua Technex, Inc. to provide lake treatment services for Lake Management District No. 2, Lake McMurray. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2002. Total compensation shall not exceed \$16,000. **(Personal Services Agreement #005330)**

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for June 11, 2001, items 1 through 22. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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, June 11, 2001, the Board, by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants numbered 98268 through 98685 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$3,453,584.90 (**Transmittal No. C-39-01**); and

Payroll warrants numbered 75994 through 76969 in the total dollar amount of \$952,135.66 (**Transmittal No. P-23-01**); and

Payroll warrants numbered 955191 through 955255 in the total dollar amount of \$78,425.48 (**Transmittal No. P-24-01**).

2. Commissioner Munks motioned to approve for signature a letter to Tom Fitzsimmons of the Department of Ecology. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
3. Commissioner Munks motioned to approve for signature a resolution for a public hearing for a franchise for Black Rock Cable T.V. for July 9, 2001 at 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room. **Resolution #18277**
4. Ric Boge presented a Personal Services Agreement for the signature of the Board. He explained that it is similar to the other Personal Services Agreement with Aqua-Tech. Commissioner Munks motioned to approve for signature a Personal Services Agreement for \$209,000 with Aqua-Tech. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract #005331)**

DISCUSSION – NORTHERN STATE RECREATION AREA

Commissioner Anderson opened the discussion, introducing Louis Requa of the Northern State Task Force.

Mr. Requa thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to speak about this. He then provided some background history of the property.

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A task force was formed to discuss possible uses of the site. The Skagit County Fair was not part of the task force and it was not decided whether the site should be used for multi-use events.

The task force is unable to proceed so they are coming before the Commissioners since the Commissioners gave approval to start the process for a youth playfield complex. There were some hurdles in terms of wetlands problems, etc. He then presented a map showing the affected wetlands areas and where it was originally intended the site would be.

There was some discussion about the Hansen Creek-Red Creek project.

Commissioner Anderson said he has advised the Planning and Parks Departments that the only way a fish project will occur there is that the two projects should be brought together so they all happen on that lowland. The County is under no obligation to do this project.

Mr. Requa said he is aware of that, but stressed that the project should go forward regardless of the Hansen Creek-Red Creek project moving forward.

After further discussion, Mr. Requa said the Task Force would help out with this process and with the logistics of putting on an open house. He asked that the Commissioners build a fire under the Hansen Creek-Red Creek issue and get it done and, if they need to be, get the critical areas defined for the planning process. He also said the Task Force is requesting the Commissioners' sanction and support of the youth playfield as part of the new master plan.

He also asked the Commissioners to sanction the youth playfield as a part of the new master plan. Sedro Woolley and the surrounding area are going to grow tremendously and this playfield complex is something that will be valuable for decades to come.

Commissioner Anderson asked what Mr. Requa meant by "sanctioning the plan".

Mr. Requa explained that the Commissioners' packets include all of the approvals from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board as well as a unanimous vote from the Real Estate Excise Tax Advisory Committee recommending that the Commissioners authorize the funds to build it.

There was further discussion about the process and legalities relative to public money.

Mr. Requa said that it is his understanding there are RCW's to follow, which are listed in the resolution approving the project.

He invited everyone to attend an open house at Northern State this Saturday, June 16 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Chairman Anderson opened the meeting for comments from the audience.

Mayor Dillon of Sedro Woolley said her concern is that their committee started in 1998 with a quite a few members, but with a handful attending the last meeting because of the lack of progress. She urged the Commissioners to do what they can to speed things up relative to fish enhancement. She said they are hopeful they will have some idea about this in October so they can include it in their plan. She invited the Commissioners to a presentation of different ideas for the site on October 21.

John Semrau, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board stated that their board has been enthusiastic about the task force plans. They put together a resolution in support of the project and were involved in helping put together a resolution the commissioners signed for

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\$3,000,000 in funding. There is a lot of to be done before any work can be done there. They are going through the surette process and are updating the master plan. The resolution is very specific as it relates to funding for Northern State.

Commissioner Anderson remembered participating in the original plans for Northern State. It was a very long process. A plan was put together but nothing was done. He expressed assurance that something would be done during his tenure in office and that the money would not be used for anything but developing the field and infrastructure that is needed. This would include any wetlands studies and other requirements.

Mr. Requa said there may be a consultant doing a feasibility study of multi-use events there. That is probably a legitimate expenditure. As far as the appropriation of funds, all of the presentations the committee made to acquire those funds were focused on the intention that the money would be used for the youth playfield.

He then thanked the Commissioners for their time and asked for their consideration.

Commissioner Munks said he thinks this project is important and has been for a long time. The most aggravating thing about being in office five months is the fact that government is exceedingly slow. He said he understands the frustration of the committee. He would like to see this progress as quickly as possible.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said he is also committed to the project. He said he has been working on the flood project, so a lot of his time is spent meeting with DOE and others. He will work harder to see if there is a way to make this a win-win and also to get the process moving. As far as funding, with 60% of the REEP money committed to this over the next 10 years, it is going to definitely be a challenge.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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