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9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Work Session – County Administrator
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Work Session – Commissioners’ Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Department Head Meeting
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items</b>
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Public Comment Period
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Skagit River Flood Control Committee Meeting – Hearing Room “C” County Administration Building, 700 South Second St.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 18, 2001, with Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Commissioner Don Munks present. Commissioner Ted Anderson was excused.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING**

Roger Howard, Facility Management Director, gave an update regarding the Treasurer’s office. They moved into their new facility at the North end of the Administration Building, Room No. 205. Bids will be opened on July 10, 2001 for the remodel of the space vacated by the Treasurer’s office on the first floor of the County Courthouse Building, with completion scheduled for 4-5 months.

JoAnn Angevine, Human Services Coordinator, thanked the Commissioners for their support and cooperation in regards to the hiring of a disabled person. The new employee will be working for the Health Department and Records Management. Ms. Angevine hopes more positions become available in the future.

Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, commended the Commissioners for keeping the summer work program alive. The program has been in place a long time and is such a benefit to various County departments. This year there were twenty-four summer interns hired.

Nancy Brown, Director of Youth & Family Services, asked for an update regarding the Risk Manager position and the Budget Director position.

Stephanie Wood, Personnel Director, said there were three strong candidates for the Risk Manager position, which the Board will review. Interviews will be scheduled in the next week or two. The Budget Director position has not yet closed.

Tom Karsh, Director of the Planning and Permit Center, told the Board about a proposal to move a large amount of blasting agent to a docking facility located next to the Swinomish Channel overpass. Fire Marshall Dan Cain, along with Emergency Management Director Tom Sheahan, is working with various agencies to make sure this material is not allowed into Skagit County. Commissioner Munks was asked if he knew about the proposal. He said he had heard of it and wondered himself why it was not being shipped out of the Port of Seattle or the Port of Tacoma. The United States Coast Guard has issued a permit for off-loading the material at this site. Mr. Sheahan will keep the Board updated.

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Bob Vaux, Parks Director, announced that a job offer would be made by the end of the day for the new Assistant Parks Director. When the hiring is confirmed, he will be introducing the new employee to the various County departments.

Roy Atwood, County Administrator, gave a brief update on the Public Facilities District that is being formed for the Performing Arts Center. All documents are coming into place and there will be a Public Hearing scheduled for July 9, 2001.

Commissioner Munks and Commissioner Dahlstedt then gave an overview of the Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) conference held in Yakima, June 12-15, 2001.

Commissioner Munks talked about some of the issues of concern that were shared. One of the biggest topics at the conference was unfunded mandates. There are many rules and regulations that have been approved that counties are obligated to fill and for which there is no money. The issue of water was also discussed with the idea that whoever controls the water controls the land.

Commissioner Dahlstedt talked about 23,000 acres of apples that will be destroyed because of economics. Agriculture is going through a difficult time for a variety of reasons. For example, fruits and vegetables are shipped to this country without inspection, but U.S. farmers are obliged to pay for inspections of produce they ship to Mexico. Congress has been asked to make sure that that the USDA inspects everything coming into this country as well as going out.

The Commissioners discussed some of the issues relative to the flood/fish passage project and the fact that they have been meeting with environmental groups about this. This project is the first of its kind in the United States and will be a model for other projects like it. This is a salmon recovery project as well as a flood project.

After further discussion, the Commissioners invited anyone who wishes, to drop by and talk to them about some of these issues.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, June 18, 2001, items 1-13, with the exception of item number 11, which was removed from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

1. Vendor Services Agreement between the Skagit County Personnel Department and Bostec, Inc. to provide DOT and Coast Guard **drug and alcohol testing** in accordance with DOT and Coast Guard standards as described in an attachment to the Agreement. The contract shall commence on April 1, 2001 and continue until either party terminates. The amount of \$10,000 has been set aside to cover the costs for services. The services are billed in accordance with the type of service provided. **(Contract No. 05332)**

### **BEST PLACE**

2. Contract with Olga Smirnova to provide **oral and written translations from/to Russian and English** languages to be provided on an as needed basis. Compensation will be at the rate of \$22.00 per hour up to a limit of \$5,000.00. **(Contract No. 05333)**

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

3. Out-of-State Travel Request for Kelly Blaine to attend a seminar August 6, 2001 through August 17, 2001 in Emmetsburg, Maryland on **arson investigation**. The National Emergency Training Center (FEMA) puts on the seminar. FEMA will reimburse airfare. The cost to the County will be

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approximately \$195.00.

### HUMAN SERVICES

4. Interlocal Resolution and Agreement with Skagit Valley College for the period January 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001 to extend the Consumer-Oriented Supported Education Project which provides certain **educational services in support of people who have a mental illness**. The amount of the contract is \$4,000.00. **(Resolution #18278, Contract No. 05334)**

### INFORMATION SERVICES

5. Vendor Services Agreement with Western Micro Services, Inc. to provide **service/products** at such time as directed by the department head, Mike Almvig. Cost of the contract varies, depending on the service/products. The contract will commence upon signing and continue until either party terminates by giving 30 days notice, etc. **(Contract No. 05335)**

### PARKS, RECREATION AND FAIR

6. Agreement with Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group and Washington State Department of Natural Resources to **conduct vegetative restoration** activities on a portion of Hansen Creek on the Northern State Recreation Area property. It appears there is no cost for this. The agreement will remain in effect for a period of ten years from the date of signature. **(Contract No. 05336)**

### PUBLIC DEFENDER

7. Personal Services Agreement between Skagit County and Jim Nelson, Attorney at Law, **to handle a Dependency caseload** for the Public Defender's Office. The agreement begins on June 1, 2001 and ends on June 1, 2002. Mr. Nelson replaces Darren Acoba, the previous contractor, who did not want to continue his contract. The contractor will be compensated, upon receipt of a monthly invoice, at the rate of \$3,000 per month. **(Contract No. 05337)**

### PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

8. Resolution Establishing the Lake Management District No. 3 Fund. The funds shall be expended only for **purposes of lake improvements and maintenance activities** on Lake Erie and Lake Campbell. **(Resolution No. 18279)**
9. Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loan to Lake Management District No. 3. At this time **costs of managing the water quality of the lake have exceeded revenues** received and it is deemed necessary to **authorize an interfund loan by the Current Expense Fund to the Lake Management District No. 3** Fund until such time that assessment revenues will cover expenditures. **(Resolution No. 18280)**
10. Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Mixmaster/Flybar Property and associated Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Deed of Conservation Easement and Salmon Recovery Funding Board Deed of Right to **Use Land for Salmon Recovery and Conservation Purposes**. The total sales price of the property is \$194,000 plus closing costs. **(Contract No. 05338)**
11. Franchise Agreement Addendum with Samish Farms Water Association. The purpose of this resolution is to **add two roads to Appendix "A" that was inadvertently overlooked**. These roads are: Wharf Street and G. Loop Road. **(This Agreement was withdrawn from the Consent Agenda)**.
12. Supplement #1 to Standard Consultant Agreement No. 005145 with KPFF – Guemes Ferry/Anacortes Parking Lot Improvement Project ESMC 991-1. The supplement provides **additional funding**, not to exceed \$37,965 for a revised agreement total of \$57,965 **and a**

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**broader scope of work** to design the wall for the Guemes Ferry/Anacortes Parking Lot Improvement Project. This supplement also extends the completion date of the agreement from November 30, 2001 to December 31, 2001.

13. Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account Deed of Conservation Easement and Salmon Recovery Funding Board Deed of Right to Use Land for Salmon Recovery and Conservation Purposes. Recording of the easements is the final step for Skagit County to receive reimbursement for the \$150,382.69 spent to acquire the property. **(Contract No. 05339)**

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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 18, 2001, the Board, by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrant number 68686 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$210.00 (Transmittal No. C-40-01); and

Warrants numbered 98687 through 99173 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$1,149,859.01 (Transmittal No. C-41-01)

2. Chal Martin, Public Works Director, presented a Resolution to issue a Call for Bids for the "South Fork Bridge No. 40008-2 Improvement Project". The bids are to be opened on Tuesday, July 10, 2001 at 1:30 p.m.

Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the Resolution as presented, Commissioner Munks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 18281)**

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Leland Fox, 19874 Kelleher Road, Burlington, stated that he would like to see the County start preserving potential right-of-ways and be proactive instead of reactive when it comes to County roads.

There were several citizens that spoke about the proposed power plant in Sedro Woolley. Nan Laney, 28671 Utopia Road, Sedro Woolley, presented the Board with citizen and student petitions against the Tollhouse Energy project.

Several opponents were also present to protest the mandated annexation of the Cedardale Road Urban Growth Area. It was felt that the City of Mount Vernon is wrong in resolving to use strong-arm tactics when dealing with the Cedardale Property Owners Association.

Tom Solberg, 19019 Minnie Road, Burlington, also talked about the Urban Growth Area in South Mount Vernon and how the City of Mount Vernon should not be coercing a vote. The property owners involved should have an opportunity to express their opinion about issues before they happen.

Howard Gulley, 15815 Yokeko Drive, Anacortes, told the Board that he no longer would attend the Public Comment Period. He feels his concerns have fallen on deaf ears. He will resort to editorials, among other avenues.

### ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dahlstedt made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners