

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2001**

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| 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Work Session – Skagit River Flood Protection/Salmon Restoration Project |
| *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Public Works Department – Chal Martin Director <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Public Hearing: Consider Vacation of Unopened County Right-of-Way located north of Snee-Oosh Road and .36 miles North of Dan Street.2) Public Hearing: Consider renaming Bartle Avenue to Bartl Avenue and Bartle Street to Bartl Street.3) Public Hearing: Consider vacation of a portion of unopened County right-of-way located west of State Route 11, south of West Bow Hill Road, and North of Sunset Road.4) Presentation of Retirement Certificate: Daniel D. Taylor5) Presentation of Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Engineer of the Year Award – Chal Martin6) Operations Division Update: Three Vendor Services Agreements Requests.7) Discussion: County Roads Update by Jay Weber, Executive Director of CRAB.8) Signature: Marine Resources Committee Administration Grant Application.
Signature: Amendment to Resolution No. 18059 appointing Members to the Skagit County Marine Resources Committee.
Signature: Notice of Road Closure – Concrete Sauk Valley Road #08000 at Aldon Creek, Project #ES8000-5 |
| *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Planning and Permit Center – Tom Karsh, Director. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony on the Renewal of the Provisions of Interim Ordinance No. 17945, as readopted by Interim Ordinance No. 18155, adopting Town of Concrete Development Standards within the Unincorporated Portion of the Town’s Urban Growth Area (UGA).2) Miscellaneous. |
| *T 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Presentation of Award for Outstanding Service to Bill Thramer for more than 15 years as a Skagit County Planning Commission Member. |
| 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Fish and Wildlife Presentation regarding ESA Compliance Issues. |
| 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Public Comment Period. |

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1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Bid Opening – Courthouse First Floor – East End Remodel.
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Drug Court Presentation.
3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Work Session – 2002-2007 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

WORK SESSION (PUBLIC WORKS) – Skagit River Flood Protection/Salmon Restoration Project

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, spoke to the Board about an executive committee meeting with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Olympia on Thursday, July 19. They will be taking a look back at what has been done with the study effort and what needs to be done to take the project forward. Mr. Brookings reported that the County's Flood Risk Management Working Group has narrowed the project down to two different alternatives. The first one is the Swinomish Diversion and the second is Skagit levee setbacks. After the Board approves the recommendations then the Corps can begin work on the environmental impact statement (EIS). The EIS should get under way in a few months and will be complete and made available for public comment in April, 2003.

Mr. Brookings feels the County needs to go after as much grant money as possible and needs to manage this project properly to make sure everything is done efficiently. If successful in obtaining grant dollars, Mr. Brookings would like to look at purchasing parcels of land for the project. The public needs to be educated about the benefits of the project as well as the risks. The recent article in the Skagit Valley Herald certainly gave a good overview of both of the proposals. Construction should be restricted within the proposed footprint.

Chal Martin, Public Works Director, stated that the EIS is the key to the whole project. "We need to insure we have the right folks at the Corps to keep it on the right tract. This push is needed to complete the project."

Chairman Anderson said some land acquisitions could be funded out of interior appropriations. He remarked that if you go into a project late, you then have offsets.

Mr. Brookings stated that they need to start their budget process now with a focus on 2002. There is a need to move fairly quickly when dealing with grant funds. He recommends bringing on a grant writer on a consultant basis to go after these funds.

Chairman Anderson recommended Paul Schissler as the County already has a contract with him. He feels he is the best grant writer around with an unbelievable success rate. "He is a very gifted individual."

Mr. Martin said he would propose that a contract with Mr. Schissler be prepared to present to the Board in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Brookings said a local match is required. He states that when you have a project of significant national interest, there may be more money available. Mr. Brookings recommended hiring a financial consultant to explore the different options available to generate a local match. The project is going to get complex and controversial, so all areas should be explored. When the EIS is finished, the County needs to start acquiring the land. At that time, the resources need to be in place in order to accomplish that.

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Chairman Anderson spoke of the long-term economic benefit for the County to have a long-term flood solution. He would like to have the person who does the public relations for the project explain the benefits to the entire public. It is important to be careful that the initial information that is released to the public is very accurate.

Mr. Martin said they would come back to the Board with a recommendation for a financial consultant during their next regular agenda time. It is his desire to bring in other funds to make this position full time.

Commissioner Dahlstedt commented that the clean up costs for the floods between 1990-1995 were about 49 million dollars. That much would be needed today just as a match.

Chairman Anderson suggested making this a model project to leverage additional funding.

Mr. Brookings concurred that this is a very unique project, which is a nice blend with salmon recovery. Commissioner Munks agreed that it is an excellent project that is vitally important.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director

1) Public Hearing – Consider Vacation of Unopened County Right-of-Way located North of Snee-Oosh Road and .36 miles North of Dan Street

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing.

Steve Flude, Assistant Public Works Director, recommended vacating the unopened right-of-way north of Snee-Oosh Road to the adjacent property owners. It is located beyond the end of the existing public roadway, Beach Road, which ends at Snee-Oosh Road. The right-of-way is enclosed on three sides by private property and is no benefit to the public as a County roadway.

As no testimony was forthcoming, Commissioner Munks moved to close the public hearing, Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion and the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Munks made a motion to approve the vacation of the unopened County right-of-way, and Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2) Public Hearing – Consider Renaming Bartle Avenue to Bartl Avenue and Bartle Street to Bartl Street

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing.

Steve Flude, Assistant Public Works Director, said one letter was received from Miss Wade stating that she is the great granddaughter of Xavier Bartl and the last name of Bartl does not have an "e" on the end of it. Mrs. Ammons, President of the Clear Lake Historical Association, indicated that she is the one who actually asked for the change due to the research she has done on this project. Al Berger, former trustee of the Association, produced a copy of a document that Jacob Bartl signed back in 1891, providing another piece of evidence as to the reasoning behind the name change.

Commissioner Munks moved to close the public hearing, Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion and the public hearing was closed.

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Commissioner Munks made a motion to approve the name change of the County Roads known as Bartle Avenue to Bartl Avenue and Bartle Street to Bartl Street. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 18313)**

3) **Public Hearing – Consider Vacation of a Portion of Unopened Right-of-Way located West of State Route 11, South of West Bow Hill Road, and North of Sunset Road**

Steve Flude, Assistant Public Works Director, explained to the Board that he does not recommend that said portion of road right-of-way be vacated to the adjacent property owner. The 20-foot right-of-way, deeded to the county in 1928, appears to be the only recorded legal access for the property owned by Joel Carlson directly to the west of Lot 2 of Short Plat 32-81.

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing.

Lloyd Remington, 6218 Chuckanut Drive, Bow, owns the lands over which the said road passes. He read a letter to the Board outlining the history of the property and stating his reasons for the vacation.

Mrs. Carlson spoke against the vacation. She stated that if the right-of-way were vacated, they would have no legal access to their property.

Chairman Anderson explained that we couldn't legally maroon a property owner. He feels strongly that this is a property owner problem.

Commissioner Munks motioned to close the public hearing and to postpone the Board's decision.

Chairman Anderson encouraged the property owners to meet with the Public Works Department to work out their differences. If that does not happen, then it will come before the Board again for their recommendation.

4) **Presentation of Retirement Certificate for Daniel D. Taylor**

Cliff Butler and Andy Shaw, Public Works Managers, presented a retirement certificate to Dan Taylor, commending him on his twenty-seven years with the Public Works Department. He has been the lead person in the sign shop and helped set up the striping program. He was also instrumental in getting a new sign truck. Mr. Taylor's computer skills have been a great asset to the shop in producing new signs. He will be greatly missed.

5) **Presentation of Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Engineer of the Year Award**

Mr. Jay Weber, Executive Director of the County Road Administration Board (CRAB), presented Mr. Chal Martin, P.E., Skagit County Director of Public Works/County Engineer as the 2001 recipient of the County Engineer of the Year Award. The nominees for this year's award were all highly qualified individuals, and it is a further indication of the achievement of Mr. Martin to have been selected from such a field of candidates.

Mr. Weber went on to say that the Washington State County Road Administration Board is acutely aware that it is not possible to achieve the Engineer of the Year Award in a vacuum. It also requires the contribution of an accomplished staff as well as the supportive involvement of the governing board of the County. As such, congratulations

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needs to be extended to the entire Transportation Team, of which the Board of Commissioners is obviously an integral, important part.

6) **Discussion: County Roads Update by Jay Weber, Executive Director of CRAB**

Mr. Weber gave an overview of what is currently happening in the area of transportation. It has been a watershed year, however, there are several projects that are desperately needed that will be extremely costly. These are difficult issues the Legislature will be dealing with. Congestion is the number one concern, which will probably be addressed by some form of taxation, much like the gasoline tax. The public could decide this with a referendum. Mr. Weber doubts whether local government would be in for a slice of the pie at this time, but will benefit from congestion relief, which is not all bad.

Chairman Anderson states he has a friend who is a long-haul trucker. He quits driving by noon as the quagmires on the freeways stall him. It used to be that they could make a round trip to the coast every day, and now it takes two days. He says the challenging issue is coming up with the funds.

7) **Signature: Marine Resources Committee Administration Grant Application**

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, presented the board with the above referenced grant application. Skagit County joined the Northwest Straits Commission on May 4, 1999 per Resolution 17433 by establishing a Marine Resources Committee (MRC). The purpose of the MRC is to discuss marine resource issues in Skagit County and determine action items that will enhance and protect local marine habitat.

Mr. Brookings explained that the grant funds would be used to cover staff time on various administrative tasks, including meeting organization, agenda and minutes preparation, project management, and general grant activities. Other items include preparation of a Year 2001 Annual Report and Year 2002 Work Plan, travel to Northwest Straits Commission meetings and training events, and updating the Skagit County MRC brochure and display.

The total amount of this contract is \$10,000. The grant source is the Department of Ecology Coastal Zone Management 310 Fund. No local match is required.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the Marine Resources Committee Administration Grant Application. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Signature: Amendment to Resolution No. 18059 Appointing Members to the Skagit County Marine Resources Committee

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, presented the Board with a Resolution to amend the Marine Resources Committee membership.

Commissioner Munks moved to approve the Resolution, with Commissioner Dahlstedt seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 18314)**

Signature: Notice of Road Closure – Concrete Sauk Valley Road #08000 at Aldon Creek, Project #ES8000-5

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, presented the Board with a Resolution calling for a road closure on Concrete Sauk Valley Road, #08000 at Aldon Creek to construct a fish passage project. The road will be closed to through traffic beginning Monday, July 16, 2001 at 7:00 a.m. through Wednesday, July 18, 2001 at 10:00 p.m.

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Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the Resolution and Commissioner Munks seconded it. The motion carried unanimously. **(Resolution No. 18315)**

Miscellaneous

- A. Chal Martin, Public Works Director, presented a Resolution for signature calling for a two-week extension of the Call for Bids for the South Fork Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project ES40008-2.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the Resolution, Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 18316)**

- B. Mr. Martin spoke to the Board about how the Public Works Department has been working with citizens in Clear Lake to do possible shoulder widening for pedestrian facilities. Jamie Lanning brought in a petition from residents along Old Day Creek Road and Beaver Lake Road who appear to be in favor of the project. Mr. Martin informed the Board that it would be limited to 5,000 square feet of impervious surface.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Tom Karsh, Director

- 1) **Public Hearing: To Consider Testimony on the Renewal of the Provisions of Interim Ordinance No. 17945, as readopted by Interim Ordinance No. 18155, adopting Town of Concrete Development Standards within the Unincorporated Portion of the Town's Urban Growth Area (UGA)**

Gary Christensen, Public Works Assistant Director stated that the department has been in contact with Town of Concrete representatives regarding the status of the Town's comprehensive plan and zoning updates. The Town still needs to reduce the proposed changes to written form, complete SEPA, and hold hearings before the Planning Commission and Town Council. As a result, the Town has requested that the County extend for another six months an interim ordinance that adopts Town of Concrete Development Standards within the unincorporated portion of the Town's Urban Growth Area (UGA).

Mr. Christensen says the Department recommends that such development standards be retained via an interim ordinance.

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing.

Pat Hayden, Attorney for the Town of Concrete, said they encouraged anyone living outside the Town of Concrete to state their views. He explained that Concrete had the same conflict and issues with the process of adopting the urban growth boundary as south Mount Vernon had. Some people wanted in, some out, some want sewer, others don't. The largest controversy is that it is upriver. It is more intimate and everyone knows each other. Mr. Hayden explained that the Town went through the public process with lots of participation at the community level. He said Chairman Anderson participated in the process and at least one other Commissioner was present. After the public process, the town council confirmed its decision to adopt an urban growth boundary and started adopting regulations regarding sewer hookup requirements, knowing full well those requirements would be applicable to the urban growth boundary outside the city limits.

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Two changes are being made to soften the regulations to accommodate the needs and concerns of the people who live in Grassmere. The first is to change the zoning code in the Grassmere area to allow people to build large accessory structures. There is a different sense as to what is acceptable upriver in Concrete as opposed to Mount Vernon in expensive areas. The Town wants to keep the sense of "it's your land and you can do what you want with it." The second change has to do with the sewer issue. It is very expensive to build as well as hook up to. People with large lots in Grassmere don't feel they need to hook up to it.

The concurrency ordinance the Town has been working towards, but hasn't had a chance to adopt, will require people who are subdividing, developing or have a sewer line running in front of their property, to connect. People who are not subdividing and have a working septic tank will be able to continue using the tank until the sewer line is put in front of their property. It would also be different if people want to split their lots up or build large businesses that require SEPA.

Mr. Hayden feels there is a need for sewer in Grassmere as there are people who have their tanks pumped, as there are health risks. Grassmere has a tax base, with a hotel, three restaurants, a bar and a grocery store. The Town needs some infrastructure as they are already being serviced by city water. They recognize the community has a different flavor than Mount Vernon, and have pushed the limits of regulations as far as they can without going outside the boundaries required by the Growth Management Act for urban development.

Mr. Hayden reported that Interlocal agreement similar to what other towns have with the County is not yet complete. A draft was exchanged but was put on hold while the Growth Management Hearings Board heard the appeal of the Town's urban growth boundary raised by Friends of Skagit County. The Town prevailed in that issue. The regulations the Town is working on will be finished by the end of the summer and the Interlocal will be brought before the Board at that time.

Chairman Anderson complimented Concrete's Planning Commission. They are relatively new, have stayed focused on the tasks at hand and worked hard. They have prevailed in front of the Growth Management Hearings Board and challenges from the Friends of Skagit County. The public process was done correctly and they did a very good job.

Commissioner Munks motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Munks moved to retain Interim Ordinance No. 18155 Readopting the Provisions of Interim 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. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

- A. Kendra Smith, Assistant Director of the Planning & Permit Center, informed the Board that a public notice was given advising that a Citizen's Advisory Committee is being formed for the forest practice. The closing date is August 2, 2001, so applications and resumes should be forthcoming.

PRESENTATION OF AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO BILL THRAMER

Gary Christensen, Assistant Director of the Planning & Permit Center, acting as a representative for the Planning Commission, thanked Mr. Bill Thramer for the fifteen years of commitment he

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has given to the Commission. Mr. Thramer has helped make Skagit County the place that it is today.

Chairman Anderson said he received a call from former Commissioner Bill Vaux commending Mr. Thramer for his many years of service. He was the one who appointed him in 1985.

Commissioner Munks and Commissioner Dahlstedt thanked Mr. Thramer for his commitment and dedication to the Planning Commission. The public doesn't realize how much time is involved when volunteering for various important committees. If it weren't for the volunteers, it would be tough for the Commissioners to get all of their work done.

Mr. Thramer gave his thanks to all of the County Commissioners he has had the pleasure of working with. He said it has been an interesting trip.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.23.080, 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, July 10, 2001, 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 100603 through 100666 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$331,542.42 (Transmittal No. C-46-01);

Payroll warrants numbered 955364 through 955432 in the total dollar amount of \$75,669.52 (Transmittal No. P-27-01); and

Payroll warrants numbered 77972 through 79143 in the total dollar amount of \$1,024,682.53 (Transmittal No. P-28-01)

FISH AND WILDLIFE PRESENTATION REGARDING ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT COMPLIANCE ISSUES

Mr. Jeff Koenig, Director of the Department of Fish & Wildlife, gave a presentation on Managing Salmon Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). He spoke of the common vision of recovery and the shared strategy mission, which is the recovery of wild salmon to self-sustaining, harvestable levels.

Mr. Koenig explained how productivity is affected by harvest and hatcheries and how ESA compliance for harvest actions has been achieved as well as hatchery ESA compliance. He cited statistics developing a Fisheries Management and Evaluation Plan for every state fishery affecting listed fish along with Hatchery and Genetic Management Plans that have been or are being completed for all salmon programs statewide.

Mr. Koenig spoke of Pacific Northwest Chinook salmon distribution and Coastwide salmon management coordination. They are now using coded-wire tags that provide critical scientific information. The chips help identify what hatchery these fish are from and track the harvest from Alaska to the Mexican border. The harvest policies to protect wild fish include reduced seasons and catch, fewer commercial licenses, and a smaller Canadian Chinook catch. He said fin clipping distinguishes hatchery fish from wild fish. The mass marking allows for a higher coastal catch of Coho salmon.

Commissioner Dahlstedt asked if a floodwater project would have a significant benefit to fish habitat.

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Mr. Koenig thought it would have a tremendous benefit if it were done the right way. A transition period along with a transition zone would be very beneficial. The fish need to be parked for the transition, therefore, the right area at the right time would be positive.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Koenig for his presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one was present for the public comment period.

BID OPENING – COURTHOUSE FIRST FLOOR – EAST END REMODEL

Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, opened the following bids:

Island Construction, Inc.
749 SE Pioneer Way, #202
Oak Harbor, WA 98277
Bid Bond Enclosed
Receipt of Addenda 1 & 2 Acknowledged
Base Bid: \$368,700
Alternate No. 1: \$4,854
Alternate No. 2: \$1,975

Ebenal General, Inc.
P. O. Box 31548
Bellingham, WA 98228
Bid Bond Enclosed
Receipt of Addenda 1 & 2 Acknowledged
Base Bid: \$314,000
Alternate No. 1: \$5,000
Alternate No. 2: \$3,000

Paragon Construction Company, Inc.
575 Montgomery Road
Bellingham, WA 98226
Bid Bond Enclosed
Receipt of Addenda 1 & 2 Acknowledged
Base Bid: \$317,000
Alternate No. 1: \$4,400
Alternate No. 2: \$1,500

Mr. Howard stated he would evaluate the bids and would be back to the Board with a recommendation within two weeks.

DRUG COURT PRESENTATION

John Meyer, Superior Court Judge, introduced a few of the principal players of the Skagit County Drug Court Program. He took over as Judge for Drug Court on November 1, 2000. There have been some significant changes during that time. It is a different type of court. In regular court the purpose is to punish. That is not the case in Drug Court. They hold bi-weekly meetings to reward the ones who have done well. They also talk to the people who haven't done well and explain to them what they need to do better. Some are leading a clean and sober lifestyle they thought could never happen. Judge Meyer explained that this program is saving the government a great deal of money in terms of crimes that aren't being prosecuted. There is also a savings because addicted people tend to be ill a lot and go to the hospital. "We as taxpayers, end up paying for it."

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In 1997, there were three phases. Phase number one was the intensive phase where for ninety days life is filled with meetings and Drug Court every week. Phase two is less intensive and lasts for several months. Phase three leads up to graduation and there is less involvement but they are still regularly checked upon. On July 1, 2001, a fourth phase was been added that keeps clients on the radar screen. It helps get them an extra year of sobriety that is needed in order to succeed. Phase five will be implemented later as an alumni group that will get together to speak to other addicts.

Judge Meyer explained what the flowers were for that were sitting before the Board in vases. They represent three women in the program that didn't make it. Iris Davis was nineteen when she died of an overdose. Gloria Diego died when she was thirty-nine, and Kathy Anderson died at forty. The flowers are kept in the courtroom every other Friday as a constant reminder of what happens when you don't make it in Drug Court.

Tim Tackles, Skagit Recovery, coordinates treatment of the Drug Court. He explained the judicial component of drug court, which is contract and consequence with the treatment component being abstinence and accountability. Having to stand before the judge every two weeks is a valuable benefit. Urine analysis is done twice a week and clients must also wear a patch, which measures bodily secretions. Alcohol testing is also done. Mr. Tackles does an evaluation while the person is in jail to see if Drug Court is appropriate for them. When they go before the judge, he knows what their offense is and is able to work with them. In two years of abstinence, or accountability, they should be able to look at where they are at now as opposed to what they had, make a value judgment, and want to stay there. In Phase three, clients need to be gainfully employed.

Several graduated drug court clients spoke about their addictions, their crimes, what they lost and what Drug Court has meant to them. Mr. Tackles said these are the people that keep Drug Court going.

Tom Verge, Prosecuting Attorney, spoke about the letter that each participant receives upon entering Drug Court. The Prosecutor is the gatekeeper, as they decide who gets in the program. There are thirty-six people in Drug Court right now. Mr. Verge said it is very important for the community to understand that they have strict rules and regulations. The Drug Court individuals are not violent. They do allow low-level dealers into the program because it is a reality. You must look at each individual. Once in Drug Court, the goal for everyone is to get the clients through the program. The program is extremely difficult because of the constant drug and alcohol testing. If a client tests positive for anything they receive jail time depending on what offense they have committed. Mr. Verge went on to say that as a Prosecutor, you are supposed to be as tough as you can. However, when you deal with these people this often, you get to know them well. You not only deal with the successes and the turnarounds, you also deal with reality.

Since Skagit County's Drug Court started, as of June 1, 2001, 57% have graduated from Drug Court and had their charges dismissed. Forty-three % have failed to meet the requirements of Drug Court, have been found guilty, and have been sentenced on their charges.

Judge Meyer then gave an overview of the prior funding sources used, including the BYRNE Grant and the Office of Justice Programs. He cited future funding sources available in the Years 2002 and 2003 along with the cost savings to the County and State from jail and prison sentences avoided.

Chairman Anderson observed that with programs like Drug Court, Best Self and ARIS, everyone at every age level is getting the help they need. He feels it would be great to take this message to young people. "It's one thing to have peer groups in high school, but when you see people who have actually gone through this, it is good to share."

Commissioner Dahlstedt remarked that if you eliminate the need to break the law, you are much better off.

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Judge Meyer informed the Board that August 3rd at 1:30 p.m. is the next Drug Court graduation. A Drug Court barbeque for alumni and current participants will be held on August 16th at Hillcrest Park starting at 5:30 p.m. He extended an invitation to the Board to attend both events.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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