

**SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2001**

- 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
- \*T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.      Public Hearing – Review Written Objections to the  
Proposed Special Assessment Roll, Rates and Charges for  
Skagit County Lake Management District No. 3 – Lakes  
Erie and Campbell
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.        **Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items**
- 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

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 15, 2001 with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Don Munks present.

**PUBLIC HEARING – REVIEW WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED  
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, RATES AND CHARGES FOR SKAGIT  
COUNTY LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 3 – LAKES ERIE AND  
CAMPBELL**

Lee First, Lake Management Technician, Public Works Department, said the purpose of the Public hearing is to consider written testimony regarding objections to the proposed special assessment roll for Skagit County Lake Management District No. 3, Lakes Erie and Campbell. Notice of this Public Hearing, including the requirement for any and all objections to be made in writing prior to the opening of the Hearing, was published in the Skagit Valley Herald September 27 and October 4 and 11, 2001. Per the RCW, failure to file a written objection prior to the opening of the Hearing is deemed to waive objection.

Ms. Lee said the total amount proposed, to be collected over the ten-year duration of the district, is \$298,350. Copy of the Notice was also sent directly to each affected property owner as well as being posted at the Public Works Department. As of this date, four known objections to the proposed roll were mailed in for consideration.

Ms. Lee read the letters, which were submitted by Susan Wood with Jay Smith and Patricia Wood, William and Jeanette Christensen, DBA Lake Campbell Lodging,

Washington State Department of Transportation, and Harold V. Berlin, on behalf of his mother, Millicent Berlin.

Chairman Anderson opened the Public Hearing.

Harold Berlin, 1275 Marine Drive, Anacortes, asked the Board if they would consider a reduction of Lake Management District assessments for those currently enrolled in the Senior Citizen Exemption Program with the Skagit County Assessor's Office.

Diane Rammerman, 13154 Heart Lake Road, said there is concern that the Department of Transportation (DOT) has plans to increase right-of-way areas through Mr. Christensen's property as part of a proposed expansion. She feels that if there is a significant change in the use of the property, then rates should be adjusted accordingly.

There was discussion about the state mandated Senior Citizen Exemption Program as it relates to the proposed special assessment roll, rates and charges for Lake Management District No. 3. Commissioner Anderson felt that this exemption should be included in the resolution authorizing the special assessment so that those who qualify for the exemption will also be exempt from the special assessment. He also noted that since Mr. Christensen's parcel has virtually no access to the waterfront, that his parcel should be reduced from five units to one unit. Further, the Wood's have an easement agreement with Jerome Mudge to access the lake, but they do not own waterfront property and, therefore, their parcel needs to be removed from the roll.

After further discussion, Commissioner Munks and Commissioner Dahlstedt both agreed with Chairman Anderson's position.

Commissioner Munks made a motion that the Skagit County Board of Commissioners modify the attached special assessment roll for Lakes Erie and Campbell and schedule a new Public Hearing to consider written objections to the modified roll. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Public Hearing will be held on November 6, 2001 at 3:00 p.m.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Munks moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 15, 2001, items 1 through 18. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, October 8, 2001.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, October 9, 2001.

**ASSESSOR:**

3. Out-of-State Travel Request for Jane Sneeringer, Bob Chase, Mark Leander and Wes Hagen to attend the Northwest Property Tax Conference in Portland Oregon on September 18 and 19, 2001. The total cost for the conference is \$2,101.09. It is one of a limited number of commercial and industrial conferences offered nationwide. The information acquired from this conference is invaluable when setting commercial and industrial values locally. **(Approved)**

**BEST PLACE**

4. Out-of-State Travel Request for Karen Rose to attend the National Association for the Education of Young Children in Anaheim, California October 31 through November 3, 2001 at a total cost of \$815.88 from Best Place grant funds. It is an early childhood conference for training and professional growth. **(Approved)**
5. Out-of-State Travel Request for Deanna Rodriguez to attend the same conference as above at a total cost of \$755.88 from Best Place grant funding. **(Approved)**
6. Out-of-State Travel Request for Holly Gildnes to attend the same conference as above at a total cost of \$755.88 from Best Place grant funding. **(Approved)**
7. Out-of-State Travel Request for Stacey Lair to attend the same conference as above at a total cost of \$755.88 from Best Place grant funding. **(Approved)**

**INFORMATION SERVICES**

8. A Resolution Establishing an Information Technology Advisory Committee (ITAC) to Provide Strategic and Tactical Recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners Regarding Technology Issues. The Committee shall consist of representation from functional business units of Skagit County Government and shall have a membership as follows: Criminal Justice, 2 voting members; Land Management, 2 voting members; Health and Human Services, 1 voting member; Finance, 1 voting member; and Administrative Services, 1 voting member. Non-voting ex-officio members include the following: Administrative Officer, Associate Partner Representative and Director of Information Services. The Information Technology Advisory Committee shall bring recommendations to the Information Services Director regarding business issues relating to information management and technology, including security policy, security standards and guidelines, disaster recovery, project priority, budget priorities, department technology needs, strategic planning and standards. The Information Services Director shall bring issues, concerns, policy and solutions to the Board of County Commissioners for review and potential action. **(Resolution No. 18462)**

**PARKS, RECREATION AND FAIR**

9. Contract between Culbertson Marine Construction and Skagit County to renovate the Swinomish Channel Boat Launch. The work will consist of demolition of an existing wood float and piling; expansion of a single lane ramp into a new two-lane ramp with a center float anchored with steel piling; and installation of two debris deflectors adjacent to the new boat ramp, including installation of a new restroom and septic system and additional lighting. The contract begins on October 1, 2001 and ends on April 1, 2002. The total amount of the contract is \$262,213.00. **(Contract No. 05473)**

**PLANNING AND PERMIT CENTER**

10. Comprehensive Plan, Amendment #2 for Similk Beach LAMIRD work with Buck and Gordon. The contract began on December 15, 2000 and ended on December 31, 2001. The cost of this action is \$15,000. The original amount of the contract with Buck and Gordon was \$190,000, for a total amount with this action of \$205,000. **(Contract No. 05195)**

**PUBLIC WORKS**

11. Resolution Regarding Flood Disaster Event Roles and Responsibilities of the Skagit County Department of Public Works. The roles of the department during a flood event is to maintain County transportation facilities, roads and bridges, and to provide materials and equipment to Flood Fight Operations to maintain the levee system during an event, and the role of the Flood Fight Coordinators is to coordinate the use of the Department's resources for a flood fight as well as work in cooperation with other federal, state and local entities, etc. Dave Brookings and Don Dixon are the Flood Fight Coordinators during the 2001/2002 flood season. **(Resolution No. 18463)**
12. Department of Ecology grant application for the Lake Erie Milfoil Eradication Project. The Aquatic Weed Management Fund (AWMF) funding cycle is currently open for fiscal year 2002. A professional services agreement is already in place with AquaTechnex for \$209,000 that contains the tasks proposed in the application. The primary elements of the project will include mapping aquatic vegetation using diver surveys, application of chemical treatment or other weed treatment techniques and monitoring the lake for re-infestation. The Department of Ecology's share is \$43,000 with the County's share \$6,142.86. The County's share will come from assessments within Lake Management District #3.  
**(Approved)**

13. Farm to Market II, Project No. ES31010-2, Puget Sound Energy Easement for a parcel located along Farm to market Road. Skagit County Public Works is acquiring this strip of land as part of the Farm to Market Road Improvement Project. The strip is needed to construct a drainage ditch that will convey water for this project. Puget Sound Energy has existing utilities in this strip and desires to keep their rights to maintain those utilities through this proposed easement. **(Contract No. 05475)**
14. Agreement between Skagit County Public Works and Widener and Associates to provide environmental services in connection with the Morris Street Improvement Project. The maximum amount payable shall not exceed \$9,800.00 to be completed by December 31, 2002. The County through its Public Works Department has agreed to manage this project on the Town's behalf. **(Contract No. 05476)**
15. Construction Easement for Snee-oosh Point Drainage Improvement Project with Robert and Sarah Christensen. The easement began on September 19, 2001 and is continued in perpetuity. The amount of payment for the easement was \$2,550.00, which was authorized by Summary of Offer and Administrative Settlement (see attached documents). Construction easements are required for the construction of the Snee-Oosh Point Drainage Improvement Project. **(Contract No. 05477)**
16. Ordinance for Revision of SCC 11.30.010 "Designated Primitive Roads" list pursuant to RCW 36.75.300. The ordinance has been amended because a number of road segments, due to recent application of BST hard surfacing, no longer meet the statutory criteria for "Primitive" roads as set forth in R.C.W. 36.75.300. The roads all have had a change in Road Number and/or Road Name since originally designated as "Primitive". **(Resolution No. 18464)**

#### **YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**

17. Personal Services Agreement between Skagit County and Corinne Wegener to present a one day workshop on October 12, 2001 titled "Gender and Culture in Practice Working with Latino Girls". The amount of the contract is for \$900.00. **(Contract No. 05478)**
18. Personal Services Agreement between Skagit County and Tony Vecchione to provide counseling services as required to ARIS clients. The agreement begins on August 1, 2001 and ends on July 31, 2003. Compensation runs from \$20.00 hourly to \$70.00 hourly depending upon the service provided. **(Contract No. 05479)**

**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 15, 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 106586 through 106973 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollars amount of \$603,438.88 (Transmittal No. C-68-01);

Payroll warrants numbered 955867 through 955942 in the total dollar amount of \$75,662.16 (Transmittal No. P-39-01);

Payroll warrants numbered 85046 through 85999 in the total dollar amount of \$885,776.46 (Transmittal No. P-40-01).

2. Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Joseph P. Mentor, Jr. and Mentor Law Group, PLLC to provide consultation and representation relating to water rights and in-stream flow issues. The term of the Agreement shall commence on August 20, 2001 and continue through December 31, 2002. Compensation shall range from \$175 to \$200 per hour.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the Personal Services Agreement and Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 05480)**

3. Amendment No. 7 to Personal Services Agreement with Wheeler Consulting Group to provide additional work on the final Environmental Impact Statement to the Coyote Ridge/Frailey Mountain Shooting Range. Compensation for this action shall be \$5,400.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the amendment with Wheeler Consulting Group. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 02719)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Carol Ehlers, 3998 Wind Quest Lane, Anacortes, spoke about concerns she has relative to the dumping of dredge spoils into Rosario Straits. Ms. Ehlers said the Department of Natural Resources has no idea how much dumping has occurred. She is unhappy that they continually avoid informing the County of what actions are being taken and when dumping is taking place.

Ms. Ehlers also advised that she attended the last Planning Commission meeting where a profound distrust of governmental operations was expressed. She said that as long as the Planning Commission and the public feel they are unable to count on County employees as well as the Skagit Council of Governments to uphold the Planning Commission's rulings, there is a problem.

Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, reported that as of last Friday three bulletins were received regarding the anthrax threat. Because of the threat, Juvenile Probation has an employee who does not want to open the daily mail any more. He also said the Skagit Valley Herald would like to know what policies and procedures the County has in place regarding the anthrax scare.

Corrine Story, Environmental Health Supervisor, said the Health Department is establishing a procedure on opening the mail. The official response will come from the Health Officer and as soon as a plan is put together, Emergency Management will distribute it. Ms. Story stressed that the risk of contracting anthrax is extremely low and it should not be a reason for panic.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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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