

**SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2002**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Work Session – Operations Division Manager/Road District Maintenance Supervisors

*T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director**

1. Discussion – Bayview Watershed Study and Stormwater Management Plan and Possible Signature – Personal Services Agreement with Walker & Associates (Aerial Photogrammetry & Mapping of Bayview Study Area)
2. Discussion – Science Advisory Panel (SAP) Vacancy
3. Miscellaneous

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Work Session – Major Skagit County Planning and Growth Management Tasks Scheduled for Initiation and/or Completion in 2002

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Disposal of County Surplus Property

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Work Session – Geodetic Framework

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 5, 2002, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director

1. Discussion – Bayview Watershed Study and Stormwater Management Plan and Possible Signature – Personal Services Agreement with Walker & Associates (Aerial Photogrammetry & Mapping of Bayview Study Area).

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, discussed the proposed Bayview Watershed and Storm Water Management Plan. He recommended proceeding with the watershed study. The County has initiated the Bayview Sub-area Plan to look at development. The watershed study will address storm water and capital improvements and financing for the area. Assistant Public Works Director Steve Flude recently addressed the impacts from the DOE Storm Water Manual with the Commissioners. At that time, he explained that there is a normal process of trying to respond to drainage complaints in the area. He said they have a list of drainage problems throughout the entire ridge. This is a prime example of where the County should move forward, using today's information to develop a good plan for storm water management.

Commissioner Anderson asked if there is an existing storm water plan for the Port of Skagit County.

Mr. Brookings said there is and referred to the area on the map. The plan was developed around 1998. In developing the County's storm water plan, existing studies will be looked at and built into the County's plan. The next task will be to require detailed mapping for the entire area. An inventory will be taken of all the County facilities to overlay and determine flow volumes for existing conditions.

Commissioner Anderson asked if consideration has been given to acknowledging the runoff, channeling it to an area of lesser value, and then installing an infiltration system at that location.

Mr. Brookings said that is a good point and one they would strive for as a result of the study. They need the kind of analysis the study will provide to see how to channel the water to a particular location.

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Chairman Munks said, as the Board of Health, the Commissioners are concerned about anything that would create a health hazard. With the retention ponds scattered throughout developments, a migration and spawning habitat for mosquitoes is being created. As Commissioner Anderson suggested, diverting the water elsewhere makes a lot more sense.

Mr. Brookings said they would have to determine needs and then obtain baseline information prior to beginning discussions. At the conclusion of the study a strategy and list of capital improvements and strategies for financing would be developed.

Commissioner Anderson motioned that the County Commissioners move forward with the watershed study. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which was carried.

Commissioner Anderson then motioned to approve the Personal Services Agreement with Walker & Associates, to provide detailed area mapping of the Bayview Study Area. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which was carried. **(Contract No. C20020039)**

Commissioner Anderson said it was his feeling that this has the potential to benefit the current clean water issue that is being studied.

2. Discussion – Science Advisory Panel (SAP) Vacancy.

Ric Boge, Natural Resources Project Manager, reported that Veronica Wisniewski resigned from the Science Advisory Panel. He expressed appreciation for the time and work she put in. He stated that there have been three inquiries from individuals who are interested in filling the vacant position. He asked the Commissioners if they wish to fill the position since at the present time there are 9 members, which would help preclude the potential for tied votes.

At the request of Commissioner Anderson, he reviewed the positions on the Science Advisory Panel and their specific areas of expertise.

Chairman Munks said he likes the membership balance of the panel in terms of private and governmental members. He said it is important that the panel remain in their present non-policy making role since they are not a policy making panel. The County Commissioners are the policy makers for the County. In order to keep a proper balance on the panel, Commissioner Munks said, he would like to see the position vacated by Ms. Wisniewski filled.

Mr. Boge addressed the possibility of the panel setting policy. He explained that the 5 to 4 vote taken at the last meeting was to set a standard of what would be good for fish. The panel did not say that the County is going to be putting any wood in streams yet.

Commissioner Anderson said one of his concerns is the direction this panel will take. If the final product turns out to be something the Commissioners do not concur with, could that information be used to file an appeal? He spoke of a similar situation and suggested that panels be asked to agree ahead of time not to file an appeal.

The Commissioners both agreed that they would like to see the vacant position filled. Mr. Boge said he would proceed with this process.

Chal Martin said he has been following the work of the panel and is always thinking about how it will be implemented. He said he could not visualize the County going in with large pieces of wood and setting them into streams.

Commissioner Anderson said this is exactly how best available scientific data is gathered. It would be nice if politics could stay out of this as it has with the salmon issue.

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Commissioner Munks agreed with Commissioner Anderson. He talked about the issues around salmon and buffers and whether this is a correct solution and the way to go.

Commissioner Anderson said, about twenty years ago Forest Service policy was also based on the best available science. At that time it was required that every bit of debris be removed from streams. Now, twenty years later, the best available science is to put it all back. A lot of these recommendations are based on opinion. There should be an evaluation and measurement taken of what is happening to the resource. The salmon runs on the Skagit River this year are the largest in a very long time but, even so, buffers are being required to enhance salmon.

Mr. Martin stated that they would bring the list of candidates to the board.

3. Miscellaneous.

No miscellaneous items were brought forth.

PUBLIC HEARING – DISPOSAL OF COUNTY SURPLUS PROPERTY:

Tony Rees, Fair Coordinator, explained that the property in question is a log cabin that has been located at the fairgrounds since 1976. It is being put up for auction because, after looking at all the options, including the possibility of moving it, it was determined that this would be the best way to go, at the least cost to the County. The cabin sits in a prime location and if it were moved it would free up prime space for additional vendors, which are a source of income to the County. Mr. Reese then requested permission from the Commissioners to dispose of the log cabin through the public auction process.

Chairman Munks opened the public hearing. Since there was no public comment, Commissioner Anderson motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munks and was carried.

Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve a Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of County Surplus Property at a Public Auction held by the County Treasurer at a date and time to be established. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which was carried. **(R20020040)**

ADJOURNMENT:

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Don Munks, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
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