

**SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2002**

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Bid Opening – Equipment Rental
*T 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Proclamation – FFA Week in Skagit County, February 18-22, 2002
*T 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Public Hearing – To Consider Testimony Regarding a Draft Application to Fund Improvements to the Community of Marblemount’s Water System Through a Community Development Block Grant
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Approval of 2001 Best PLACE Write-Offs/Refunds
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Public Comment Period
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Guemes Ferry Parking Lot Site Visit Meeting (Northwest Corner of 6 th & K Avenue, Anacortes)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 26, 2002, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

BID OPENING – EQUIPMENT RENTAL:

Cliff Butler, Operations Division Manager, opened proposals for Rental Equipment. See Attachment “A.”

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.

Warrant number 115755 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$678.38 (Transmittal No. C-17-02);

Payroll warrants numbered 956638 through 956726 in the total dollar amount of \$85,315.48 (Transmittal No. P-07-02);

Payroll warrants numbered 93942 through 95154 in the total dollar amount of \$979,373.61 (Transmittal No. P-08-02).

PROCLAMATION – FAA WEEK IN SKAGIT COUNTY, FEBRUARY 18-22, 2002:

Chairman Munks opened the meeting.

Michael Cassara of the Mount Vernon chapter of Future Farmers of America talked about some of the things his chapter participates in. They do supervised projects, such as job experience and home improvement projects. They also have contests and work on community service projects.

The other members of Future Farmers of America who were present introduced themselves to the Commissioners and described some of the projects and areas they work in.

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Chairman Munks said he was very happy to see everyone here, stating that FFA was always a major component of his life. His four daughters all went through FFA programs. It is a great organization and these programs are important to a lot of people. He commended and congratulated the group.

Commissioner Dahlstedt expressed his support for FFA, explaining that he too had been a member, serving as treasurer and president at one time. He said that a lot of his abilities come from that experience and he is very proud of the young people present today. It is exciting to see so many participants.

Commissioner Anderson said he has always been impressed with the poise and intelligence the participants show when coming before the Board. He then thanked them for their attendance at today's meeting.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation declaring FFA Week in Skagit County, February 18-22, 2002.

WHEREAS, the FFA and agricultural education provide a strong foundation for the youth of America and the future of the food, fiber and natural resources systems; and

WHEREAS, the FFA promotes premier leadership, personal growth and career success among its members; and

WHEREAS, agricultural education and the FFA ensure a steady supply of young professionals to meet the growing demands in the science, business and technology of agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the FFA motto, "Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, living to serve", gives direction of purpose to these students who take an active role in succeeding in agricultural education; and

WHEREAS, the FFA promotes citizenship, volunteerism, patriotism and cooperation.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the proclamation that February 18-22, 2002 be designated FFA Week in Skagit County. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Munks presented a copy of the proclamation to each of the chapters and again thanked them for attending the meeting today.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER TESTIMONY REGARDING A DRAFT
APPLICATION TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE COMMUNITY OF
MARBLEMOUNT'S WATER SYSTEM THROUGH A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT:**

Brad Spangler, Public Utility District No. 1, presented an application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Marblemount Water System for the Board's approval and signature. He provided handouts that were available in both English and Spanish. Maria Vivanco, a Spanish interpreter, translated the public hearing.

Mr. Spangler explained that Skagit County was invited to apply for a Community Development Block, Community Investment Fund Grant in the amount of \$34,269. The PUD has obtained other funding for the Marblemount Water System project. That funding comes from a USDA grant and loan, Skagit County Economic Development Public Facility grant monies, and a State Referendum 38 grant. He added that the grant will benefit low to moderate income property

owners. It will pay the cost of their water utility improvements so that it will not adversely impact their standard of living.

Chairman Munks opened the public hearing. As there was no one in attendance to offer any public testimony, Commissioner Anderson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Anderson thanked Mr. Spangler for all of his help on the project.

Mr. Spangler stated that the biggest challenge of the Marblemount Water System was to sell the idea to the community in order to make sure the business industry survived.

Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve a Resolution authorizing submittal of an application for a Community Development Block Grant Community Investment Fund (CIF) for funding improvements to the Marblemount Water System. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020065)**

APPROVAL OF 2001 BEST PLACE WRITE-OFFS/REFUNDS:

Maggie Thompson, Director of Best PLACE, reviewed the list of 2001 write-offs and refunds for the Board's consideration. Ms. Thompson thanked Diane DeVries for keeping the write-offs/refunds to a minimum.

Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the Resolution Approving Refunds Processed in 2001 as submitted. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020066)**

Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the Resolution Approving Cancellation of Uncollectable Early Learning Fees as submitted. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020067)**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Jack Henry, 4660 Country Club Drive, Burlington, discussed the multi-modal center. He stated that he is a member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee for SKAT and does not agree with some of the other committee members in relation to the center. Mr. Henry stated that he has held conversations with all of the chambers and the two ports who all support the downtown site.

He appreciates the view of the Commissioners, however he also expects them to keep an open mind about the project. Mr. Henry said most of the issues of concern have been settled. There has already been an investment of 2.5 million dollars for the planning of the multi-modal center at the downtown location. He warned that if the project were to be moved to the College Way site, that money would be lost.

Chairman Munks informed Mr. Henry that Skagit County is continuing to work with the City of Mount Vernon to reach a solution regarding the parking spaces that would be lost.

Bill Knuth, Sedro Woolley, expressed his concerns regarding the FEMA buyout program for flood properties. He feels these properties need to be planted with trees instead of being made into ball fields. Mr. Knuth is also troubled by the amount of litter as well as the illegal drug use that takes place on various flood buyout sites.

Polly Fisher, 1106 4th Street, Anacortes, spoke in response to the flooding at Mills Creek on the South Skagit Highway. Ms. Fisher owns 2.5 acres on the West side of the highway, downstream of Mills Creek Bridge. She said the blowout of the creek on Friday, February 22, 2002, totally destroyed her property's spawning channel with its Coho, Chum, Steelhead and Bull Trout Redds

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due to the debris flows. Ms. Fisher feels this is a result of poor timber practice upstream. If these practices continue, the result will be an incalculable loss of resources to future fisheries in Puget Sound as well as the Skagit River.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Don Munks, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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