

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2002**

8: 30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Work Session – County Administrator
9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Certification of the 2001 Annual Inventory
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Department Head Meeting
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Public Comment Period
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2002, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

CERTIFICATION OF THE 2001 ANNUAL INVENTORY.

Chris Stamey, Budget/Finance Department, presented the Board with a compiled physical inventory for Skagit County for the period January 1– December 31, 2001. He advised that the items listed are over \$500 in value. He reviewed the particular sections of the inventory, and discussed the procedure for the disposition of items. Mr. Stamey stated that everything on the inventory was properly accounted for, and detailed the one loss that had occurred. Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to accept the full and complete inventory as outlined by Mr. Stamey of the personal property owned by Skagit County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munks, and passed with a unanimous vote.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING.

Chairman Munks opened the meeting with a discussion about the national disaster that occurred on September 11, 2001. Today marks the six month anniversary of the tragedy and he suggested that everyone observe a moment of silence.

Chairman Munks then gave a review of the Board's recent trip to Washington, D.C. He stated that the Board held productive meetings with various legislators. He thanked Commissioner Anderson for his help in getting himself as well as Commissioner Dahlstedt appointed to two of NACo's national committees. Chairman Munks serves on the Environment, Energy and Land Use Committee and Commissioner Dahlstedt serves on the Ag and Rural Affairs Committee. Commissioner Anderson is currently serving his sixth year on the Public Lands Steering Committee. Consequently, Skagit County is one of the few counties across the nation to have all three commissioners on such national committees.

Commissioner Anderson stated that they attempted to get a proposal on the farm bill to keep CREP funding for the agricultural buffers program alive. He said they also had a good meeting about retaining Cascades Job Corps in Skagit County.

Commissioner Dahlstedt indicated that food safety is a real concern to the Ag and Rural Affairs Committee and they are trying to make sure that foods from other countries are inspected before they enter into our country. He also said they met with Senators Cantwell and Murray as well as Congressman Rick Larson and gave an update on the proposed flood project in Skagit county. They are very supportive of the project.

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Chairman Munks stated that all in all, it was a very interesting and educational trip and the three of them as well as Roy Atwood, County Administrator, tried to get across their concerns regarding Skagit County.

Mike Hackett, Cooperative Extension, introduced Debra Lancaster, Washington State University Learning Center Coordinator at Skagit Valley College. She invited everyone to attend the 2002 Digital Pathways Community Broadcast Seminar series. Business, health care, education and civic leaders from across the State of Washington are encouraged to come together within their local communities and join a statewide discussion via satellite. Ms. Lancaster said scheduled two-hour community and statewide conversations will take place approximately every seven weeks beginning April 4 through November, 2002.

An elected officials retreat was held this past weekend at Rosario Resort. Steve Skeleton, District Court Judge, indicated that a lot was accomplished and that surprisingly enough, when all of the survey results were tallied, it seems that everyone has concerns about the same things. Norma Hickock, Auditor, Mark Leander, Assessor, Bruce Bacon, Coroner and Katie Jungquist, Treasurer, echoed his remarks. The issue of sitting down in the same room and deciding what is best for Skagit County and not each department, was discussed. Any input will come from all of the elected officials and department heads together. Ultimately, the Board has the authority to approve or disapprove whatever has been decided.

Chairman Munks remarked that the budget process will be done as a whole for the 2003 budget. There is one dollar amount that will be available and the County has to make sure it lives within its means. He also said they had a captive audience and it was a good chance to open up, get to know each other, and discuss all of the issues that affect Skagit County. He noted that monthly meetings will be set up to discuss any anxieties that may arise.

Ed Goodman, Sheriff, felt it was important for everyone to know that the rooms and the meals at Rosario Resort were paid for by each individual. Skagit County was not charged for this expense.

Mr. Hackett queried the Commissioners about the summer hire program. Commissioner Anderson responded that the program will be in place for the summer of 2002, however, it is important to stay within the \$30,000 budget that has been allotted for the program.

Chairman Munks spoke about a wonderful person that has been employed with Skagit County for 28 years. JoAnn Angevine, Human Services Coordinator, is retiring at the end of the month and will be honored today at a potluck lunch to be held in Hearing Room B at noon. Ms. Angevine will be issued a plaque to commemorate her years of service to the community.

Commissioner Anderson remarked that during his tenure with the county, there has been no one more dedicated than JoAnn Angevine. He has truly enjoyed working with her.

Brad Whaley, Budget/Finance Director, gave a brief update regarding the issue of compensatory time that was discussed at the last department head meeting. It is currently being recorded as an overtime expenditure. This is very difficult to manage and unless someone comes forward with an objection, the process will be changed. Compensatory time will now go against the regular wages. Mr. Whaley said that if an employee has an unused balance of compensatory at the end of the year, then that time would have to be paid out as overtime. He encouraged the department heads and elected officials to make sure their employees use the comp time accrued by the end of the year. If that is not possible, they need to make sure their departmental budgets can cover the pay-out.

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CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Anderson was absent for the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, March 11, 2002, Items 1 -56. Chairman Munks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, February 25, 2002.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, February 26, 2002.
3. Resolution Adopting the Findings and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and Approving Timber Open Space Application of Bonny J. Storrs, CU/TMB #6-2001. **(Resolution No. R20020068)**
4. Resolution Re-Appointing Bob Cockburn to the Skagit County Fair Advisory Board for the term March 1, 2002 through February 28, 2006. **(Resolution No. R20020069)**
5. Resolution Re-Appointing Nick Bates to the Skagit County Fair Advisory Board for the term March 1, 2002 through February 28, 2006. **(Resolution No. R20020070)**
6. Resolution Re-Appointing Don Jonasson to the Skagit County Fair Advisory Board for the term March 1, 2002 through February 28, 2006. **(Resolution No. R20020071)**
7. Resolution Appointing Susannah Reyes to the Substance Abuse Advisory Board for the term March 1, 2002 through February 28, 2005. **(Resolution No. R20020072)**
8. Resolution Appointing Margaret Williams to the Darrington Library District Board of Trustees for the term February, 2002 through February, 2007. **(Resolution No. R20020073)**
9. Call for Bids for County Legal Printing for the period July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 25, 2002, at the hour of 11:45 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020074)**
10. Resolution Revising Resolution **No. R20020051** Establishing 2001 Cost Allocation to County Funds. **(Resolution No. R20020075)**

ASSESSOR:

11. Resolution Approving the Skagit County Tax Levies for 2002. **(Resolution No. R20020076)**

BUDGET & FINANCE:

12. Memorandum Of Agreement with the Sedro Woolley Chamber of Commerce for the promotion of the "Founders Day" event as well as advertising associated with other festivals the Chamber promotes. The Agreement term is calendar year 2002, and the County will provide \$2,500 in funding. **(Contract No. C20020068)**
13. Memorandum of Agreement with the Skagit County Historical Society to promote Skagit County tourism, both locally and regionally, with Museum exhibits, programs and services through printing and distribution of various publications. The Agreement term

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- is calendar year 2002, and the County will provide \$4,000 in funding. **(Contract No. C20020069)**
14. Memorandum of Agreement with the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce to continue to attract and serve visitors to Skagit County in 2002 with various forms of advertising. The Anacortes Chamber of Commerce continues to be the only Visitor Information Center in Skagit County approved by the State Tourism Division. The Agreement term is calendar year 2002, and the County will provide \$5,000 in funding. **(Contract No. C20020070)**
15. Memorandum of Agreement with the Museum of Northwest Art to promote tourism through their galleries and educational programs. The Agreement term is calendar year 2002, and the County will provide \$2,000 in funding. **(Contract No. C20020071)**
16. Memorandum of Agreement with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival to promote Skagit County's largest festival through the official 2002 Tulip Festival brochure. The Agreement term is calendar year 2002, and the County will provide \$8,000 in funding for the provision of festival advertisement. **(Contract No. C20020072)**
17. Memorandum of Agreement with the Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival to promote winter tourism activities on the upper Skagit through advertising of the Bald Eagle Interpretive Center and the Fifteenth Annual Eagle Festival. The Agreement term is for calendar year 2002, and the County will provide \$2,700 in funding. **(Contract No. C20020073)**
18. Memorandum of Agreement with the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce to continue to operate Skagit County's only Visitor Information Center on Interstate 5 that is sanctioned by the State of Washington. The Agreement term is for calendar year 2002, and the County will provide \$3,000 in funding. **(Contract No. C20020074)**
19. Memorandum of Agreement with the North Cascades Chamber of Commerce to provide promotional materials in connection with events such as the Marblemount Eagle Fair, Highway Pass Opening, and Autumn in the Country, among other tourism efforts. The Agreement term is for calendar year 2002, and the County will provide \$4,700 in funding. **(Contract No. C20020075)**
20. Memorandum of Agreement with the Burlington Chamber of Commerce to provide funds to promote the "Berry Dairy Days" as well as other festivals the Chamber promotes. The Agreement term is for calendar year 2002, and the County will provide \$3,000 in funding. **(Contract No. C20020076)**

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

21. Surplus Eligibility List to purchase State Surplus and Federal Surplus property in Auburn, Washington for the next three years. **(Contract No. C20020077)**

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

22. Amendment No. "A" to the Abbreviated Standard Form of Agreement **No. 05369** with Tom Theisen, Architect, to provide Construction Administration for the Construction Phase of the Skagit County Larry E. Moller Public Safety Building remodel project for a not-to-exceed total of \$14,000. Mr. Theisen will also provide basic architectural services for the design, preparation of construction documents and construction administration for several small projects including the alterations to the Assessor's Office reception/lobby area to improve ventilation and increase office area, alterations to a small office area on the third floor of the Courthouse adjacent to the District Court

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Probation Office and alterations to the Public Defender's Office for a not-to-exceed total of \$20,000. **(Amendment No. A20020034)**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

23. Amendment No. 3 to Personal Services Agreement **No. 04739** with Skagit County YMCA to add \$25,000 to the contract budget for calendar year 2002, for a total contract budget of \$51,000, or until funding is terminated. **(Amendment No. A20020035)**

HUMAN SERVICES:

24. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Burlington-Edison School District to provide and evaluate the impact of mentoring services to freshman for the Substance Abuse Prevention IGNITE program. **(Resolution No. R20020077)**
25. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Burlington-Edison School District to provide support to the Substance Abuse Prevention Pilot known as the IGNITE Freshman Orientation Mentoring Program for teens residing within the County's Burlington-Edison School District. Prevention grant funds for this pilot are provided by DSHS-DASA (Division of Alcohol & Substance Abuse). The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue through June 30, 2003. Compensation shall total \$6,000. **(Contract No. C20020078)**

INFORMATION SERVICES:

26. Resolution Approving the Transfer of Surplus Computer Equipment to the Burlington-Edison High School. Due to upgrades of the County computer network and the advancement of new systems, this equipment has become obsolete. **(Resolution No. R20020078)**

PARKS DEPARTMENT:

27. Resolution to Approve the Adoption of the Skagit County Fair Advisory Board By -Laws, as Revised. **(Resolution No. R20020079)**
28. Personal Services Agreement with Class Software Solutions, Ltd. to provide one day, up to eight hours, of training on the Class Software System to County employees. The training session will be split into two parts: 1) System Administrators; 2) Class System users. The contractor agrees to furnish all training materials. The term of this Agreement shall commence on February 19, 2002 and continue until August 18, 2002. Compensation shall total \$995 plus travel expenses. **(Contract No. C20020079)**

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:

29. Out-of-State Travel Request for Bill Dowe to attend the Accela Government Automation Conference in Reno, Nevada, April 8-12, 2002 for a total cost of \$925. Mr. Dowe will learn about the new features in the Permits Plus database which is scheduled for an upgrade in March. He will also learn new uses for existing features as developed by other jurisdictions as well as checking the progress of on-line permitting. **(Approved)**
30. Out-of-State Travel Request for Guy McNally to attend the 2002 American Planning Association (APA) National Conference in Chicago, Illinois, April 13-17, 2002 for a total cost of \$1,942.95. Mr. McNally has been selected as a Delegate to the 2002 National Delegate Assembly, which meets each year during the APA National Conference to decide on APA policy matters for the following year. **(Approved)**

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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

31. Ordinance Repealing and Replacing SCC Title 7 of the Skagit County Code Relating to Animal Control and Welfare. **(Ordinance No. R20020080)**

SENIOR SERVICES:

32. Out-of-State Travel Request for Christine Carlson to attend the Certificate of Training in Adult Weight Management Program in San Jose, California, April 25-27, 2002 for a total cost of \$961. **(Approved)**

SHERIFF:

33. Contract with the Arlington Recreational Shooting & Training Center to provide facilities for firearms training for Deputies and Correction Officers. The Contract shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until either party terminates. Compensation shall total \$9,950 per year. **(Contract No. C20020080)**
34. Washington State Patrol Agreement for the Automated Fingerprint Identification System for the Skagit County Jail. This Agreement is without term, however, it shall be terminable by either party with 30 days written notice to the other party. **(Contract No. C20020081)**

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES:

35. Personal Services Agreement with United Karate Organization, Tim Salerno, Owner, to provide karate lessons two times per week to ARIS clients. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2004. Compensation shall not exceed \$20,000 for the term of this Agreement. **(Contract No. C20020082)**
36. Personal Services Agreement with Stephen J. Ruhl, M.S., to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individual and/or families. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2003. Compensation shall range from \$20-\$70 per hour, depending on the services being rendered. **(Contract No. C20020083)**
37. Personal Services Agreement with Amanda Light, M.A., to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individual and/or families. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2003. Compensation shall range from \$20-\$70 per hour, depending on the services being rendered. **(Contract No. C20020084)**
38. Personal Services Agreement with Scott Graham & Associates, LLC, to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individual and/or families. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2003. Compensation shall range from \$20-\$100 per hour, depending on the services being rendered. **(Contract No. C20020085)**
39. Personal Services Agreement with Kathie Ketcham, M.A., to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individual and/or families. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2003. Compensation shall range from \$20-\$70 per hour, depending on the services being rendered. **(Contract No. C20020086)**

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40. Personal Services Agreement with Deena H. Rathkamp, Ph.D., to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individual and/or families. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2003. Compensation shall range from \$20-\$85 per hour, depending on the services being rendered. **(Contract No. C20020087)**
41. Personal Services Agreement with Douglas P. Meyer, M.S., to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individual and/or families. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2004. Compensation shall range from \$20-\$70 per hour, depending on the services being rendered. **(Contract No. C20020088)**
42. Personal Services Agreement with Susan Miller, R.N., M.A., to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individual and/or families. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2003. Compensation shall range from \$20-80 per hour, depending on the services being rendered and \$900 per evaluation. **(Contract No. C20020089)**
43. Personal Services Agreement with Paul Douhan, to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individual and/or families. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2003. Compensation shall range from \$20-\$75 per hour, depending on the services being rendered and \$900 per evaluation. **(Contract No. C20020090)**
44. Personal Services Agreement with The Cambie Group International, Inc., to provide the following services: 1) Completion of an evaluation study of ARIS historical data concerning clients served 1996-1998; 2) Completion of quantitative and qualitative evaluation of project services for the Skagit County Challenge Grant Program; 3) Evaluation of project services for the ARIS Skagit County Delinquency Prevention Program, pending the award of grant funding of the project by the Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee and only upon request of Skagit County Youth and Family Services; 4) Evaluation of project services for the Skagit County Title V Delinquency Prevention Program. The term of this Agreement shall commence on February 25, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2003. Compensation shall total \$17,342 for all services being provided. **(Contract No. C20020091)**
45. Memorandum of Understanding with the Skagit County Community Action Agency to place one VISTA volunteer with Skagit County Youth and Family Services during the period of January 31, 2002 to January 31, 2003. This is a "cost-shared" position and the County agrees to provide the local match to the VISTA funding, in the amount of \$3,000 for the time period stated above. **(Contract No. C20020092)**
46. Personal Services Agreement with Dawn Duncan-Lewis, M.S. to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individual and/or families. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2004. Compensation shall range from \$20-\$80 per hour, depending on the services being rendered. **(Contract No. C20020093)**
47. Amendment No. 1 to County Program Agreement **No. 05514** for the BECCA Bill, which extends the contract period to June 30, 2003. There is no increase in funding for this amendment. **(Amendment No. A20020036)**

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

48. Resolution to establish the membership for the 2002 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), which supersedes Resolution No. 18230. **(Resolution No. R20020081)**
49. Call for Bids Resolution for the 2002 Aggregate Crushing project – CCP 122-8, in Skagit County. The bids will be opened on Tuesday, April 2, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020082)**
50. Call for Bids Resolution for One New Latest Model Chipspreader. The bids will be opened on Monday, March 25, 2002 at 1:45 p.m. **(Resolution No. R20020083)**
51. Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with David Evans & Associates, Inc. to provide right-of-way acquisition services in connection with the Goldenrod Bridge and Road Improvement Project. The County, through its Public Works Department, has agreed to manage this project on the City of Burlington's behalf. The maximum amount payable is \$45,000 to be completed by December 31, 2003. **(Contract No. C20020094)**
52. Personal Services Agreement with Wheeler Consulting Group, Inc. to complete the final edits to the Edison Slough Biological Assessment. This Agreement shall commence on December 1, 2001 and continue until May 1, 2002. The maximum allowable compensation shall not exceed \$1,500. **(Contract No. C20020095)**
53. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Skagit County, which would allow the Skagit County Public Works Department to provide materials, equipment rental, and performance of work on a reimbursable basis for the Port. **(Resolution No. R20020084)**
54. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Port of Skagit County to allow the Skagit County Public Works Department to perform work, provide materials and equipment rental for work on Port facilities upon their request. The County will be reimbursed at the actual cost incurred, in addition to 9% for overhead costs for accounting, billing and administrative services. The costs for the work involved are not to exceed \$10,000 annually. **(Contract No. C20020096)**
55. Right-of-Entry Construction Easement Agreement with Anchor Cove Marina to accomplish repairs to a storm drain at the Guemes Ferry parking lot. **(Contract No. C20020097)**
56. Amendment No. 1 to Vendor Services Agreement **No. 04784** with AAA Port-A-Pottee. This contract is being assigned to Northwest Cascade, Inc. from AAA Port-A-Pottee as the owners of AAA retired and sold the business. Also, and ADA (handicap accessible) unit will be added at the Guemes Ferry Terminal (Anacortes side) for \$54 per month and additional units shall be added on an "as needed" basis at current rates. The total maximum amount payable per month has been deleted. **(Amendment No. 20020037)**

MISCELLANEOUS.

Commissioner Anderson was absent for 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.

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As of this date, March 11, 2002, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants numbered 115756 through 116064 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total amount of \$519,034.34 (Transmittal No. C-18-02);

Warrant numbered 116065 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total amount of \$9,928.75 (Transmittal No. C-19-02);

Purchase Card Electronic Payment to JP MORGAN CHASE from Clearing Fund 696 in the total amount of \$8,388.17 (Transmittal No. C-20-02);

Warrants numbered 116066 through 116647 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total amount of \$4,408,184.12 (Transmittal No. 21-02);

Warrants numbered 116648 through 116691 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$118,333.75 (Transmittal No. C-22-02);

Payroll warrants numbered 956727 through 956809 in the total dollar amount of \$72,387.99 (Transmittal No. P-09-02);

Payroll warrants numbered 95155 through 96109 in the total dollar amount of \$876,448.22 (Transmittal No. P-10-02).

2. Staff presented a Resolution for Re-Appointment of Bobbi Krebs-McMullen to the Skagit County Planning Commission. The said re-appointment shall be retroactive to September 1, 2001 and continue until August 31, 2005. Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the Resolution as presented, and Commissioner Munks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. R20020085)**
3. Staff presented a Resolution for Re-Appointment of William Stiles III to the Skagit County Planning Commission. The said re-appointment shall be retroactive to October 26, 2001 and continue until October 25, 2005. Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the Resolution as presented, and Commissioner Munks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. R20020086)**
4. Staff presented a Resolution Appointing Members to the Classification and Compensation Committee. Gary Gaer, Public Defender, and Katie Jungquist, County Treasurer, have been appointed as management volunteers. Greg Dennis, Public Works, and David Skrinde, Parks, Recreation and Fair, have been appointed as employee recommendations. Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the Resolution as presented, and Commissioner Munks seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. R20020087)**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Commissioner Anderson was absent for the public comment period.

Thomas Solberg, 19019 Minnie Road, Alger, discussed the Science Advisory Panel (SAP) and expressed his concerns about the direction they are going. He feels the County should have someone keeping tabs on them because if the Board lets them run wild and loose, there will be no turning back. Mr. Solberg said it will hold a lot of water with the Growth Hearings Board if SAP says they are a scientific panel. As far as he is concerned, they are still using junk science. He said no one really knows for sure if trees actually do any good with regard to the proposed buffers. Mr. Solberg stated that according to the Washington Administrative Code, there is certain criteria that need to be met and that simply isn't happening. He said it is turning into a political solution

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instead of a scientific solution. He suggested obtaining someone who is unbiased to look at the reports being presented by SAP to see if they are meeting the criteria that is required. Mr. Solberg said he doesn't know if the planning commission has the time or the expertise to decide whether or not all of the information meets the criteria.

Chairman Munks said that Carol Ehlers and Harry Ota have registered complaints to the Planning Department regarding the inability to copy all of the documents that are presented to the Planning Commission. He suggested taping all of the Planning Commission meetings and providing those tapes to each Planning Commission member instead of having them read mounds of paperwork.

Mr. Solberg responded that you can listen to tapes until you are blue in the face, however, you need to be able to look at the necessary paperwork that has been provided in order to make a conscious decision.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Don Munks, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Signed 3-18-02

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