

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2002**

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| 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Work Session – County Administrator |
| 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Presentation by Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC) Regarding Washington Community Economic Revitalization Team (WA-CERT) Grant Funding |
| *T 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Presentation – Skagit County Tulip Fly-In |
| *T 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Update – Concrete High School Track Project |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items |
| 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Public Comment Period |
| *T 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Discussion – Title 3 Grant Application
Update – North Cascades Environmental Learning Center |
| 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, April 01, 2002 with Commissioner Don Munks, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Commissioner Ted W. Anderson present.

Presentation by Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC) Regarding Washington Community Economic Revitalization Team (WA-CERT) Grant Funding

Don Wick, Executive Director, Economic Development Association of Skagit County, presented four projects to the board for their review.

- 1) PUD No. 1 of Skagit County for Water System Improvements for Janicki Machine, Sedro Woolley.
- 2) Town of Concrete for Public Water Supply System Planning and Improvements.
- 3) City of Anacortes for cleanup and re-development of the former Anacortes Plywood Mill site.
- 4) Skagit County Parks and Recreation for the Northern State Recreational area for trails, campgrounds, environmental education center, etc.

Mr. Wick will come back before the Board on Monday, April 9 with recommendations.

Presentation – Skagit County Tulip Fly-In

Julie Hubner, organizer of the Skagit County Tulip Fly-In event reported. She stated that she is a pilot and flight instructor and a member of the Skagit Airport Association, which was formed about five years ago. All of the vendors at the airport are members of the association.

This is the fifth year for the fly-in, which is planned for Saturday, April 6 at the Skagit Regional Airport at Bayview from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Last year there were so many planes that they were close to running out of space to park aircraft. Approximately 2,000 people attended the event. There are a variety of airplanes at the fly-in, including some WWII aircraft and a 247B from the Boeing Flight Museum. The largest of these aircraft would be a TBM Avenger, which they hope they will be there this year. The military has also been invited to the event with a Navy helicopter from Whidbey and an Army Chinook helicopter expected.

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The purpose of the fly-in is twofold. When the Skagit Airport Association formed about five years, with all of the vendors at the airport as members, the purpose was to have one group communicating with the port. Another reason for the event is because of the number of airports closing down around the country. Each week in the aviation press more airports are reported to be closing down. The association recognized that as a group they need to be proactive in making sure the public knows what the airport is used for. It is an essential public facility.

Features for the event this year are the Young Eagles Program, with the Experimental Aircraft Association. Your people are invited to attend the fly-in and sign up for a free flight in June.

Businesses around the airport will have their doors open for tours during the fly-in. Regarding a 100-year flood or a major disaster, Ms. Hubner said she has been talking to Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, about the importance of the airport if such a disaster should occur.

Ms. Hubner concluded her comments by thanking the community and the various agencies representing the community for their support for the fly-in.

Update – Concrete High School Track Project

Marie Phillips, Superintendent, Concrete School District, presented an update on the Concrete High School Track Project. Many improvements have been made since last meeting with the commissioners.

She provided some background, explaining that Concrete is the only school district in the area without an all weather track. She thanked the Commissioners for the funds pledged by the county for the update of their track. Seattle City Light has provided equipment and help in getting the work done. The volunteer support has been tremendous, greater than anything she has seen anywhere else.

She then provided an update relative to Phase II of the project, the transformation of the track to an all weather track. Dr. Phillips introduced a number of volunteers who made comments as follows.

Kari Newby, elementary school teacher, former track coach and parent, said that an all weather track would allow for more ability for involvement by the kids in the area. Last year Oak Harbor completed their all weather track and their program doubled in size in terms of student involvement. Track meets are frequently cancelled because of weather and, oftentimes, are never rescheduled.

Rich Bennett, Athletic Director, Concrete High School, said he has been at Concrete High School since last August and has been impressed with the dedication of the community in supporting the students. The field was in poor condition when we started this partnership with the County and now it is in very good condition. The first phase was to put covered bleachers up, which has been accomplished. A problem that continues to exist is the poor drainage of the track. It doesn't drain and pools of water sit there and meets have often been cancelled. An all weather surface would really enhance the ability of kids to practice and participate. The community uses the track extensively. He thanked the board for their support and emphasized the need to complete this last phase of the improvements to the track.

Bill Newby reported. He said he is the pusher, doer, communicator and coordinator. The field is now totally fenced, which has really improved security. There has been lots of help from lots of people. With regard to the irrigation, the pipe that was installed 50 year ago has been replaced. All of the sub-base work will be volunteer, but professional help will be needed for surfacing of the track.

Nancy Faulkner, Business Manager for the district, provided financial background. Relative to the funding provided by the county, they have been very frugal in the way they have managed it. The community contribution continues to be greater than anything else.

Dr. Phillips said that at Concrete High School right now 50% of the students are going out for something. One of the areas under Phase II is the benefit to residents of the county. A variety of people use the track on a regular basis, including senior citizens, young mothers with children, students who work out on the track, etc.

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The scope of the proposal in Phase II is to put the gravel down, do the asphaltting and then apply the final surface. The estimated cost is \$123,423.00. They are at the point where they need professional engineering assistance and expertise. She said they don't have the kind of money needed and area again coming to the county and asking for assistance. The project has also received support from Seattle City Light, the Lion's Club Booster Club, various schools and private citizens. The Lion's Booster Club has done so much it has been phenomenal.

Gary Moody reported. He said his daughter is a junior at the high school and she runs track. His son graduated last year. It is an embarrassment when other schools come to Concrete to run on their track. It is amazing the kids can do as well as they do with the track versus the tracks at other schools where they participate. He thanked the Board and asked the Commissioners to support them with additional funding to complete the track.

Dr. Phillips concluded the presentation and again thanked the Commissioners for their assistance and asked that they consider the proposal for Phase II of the project.

Commissioner Anderson talked about the track the county did with La Conner and Burlington and noted that a track will also be done with Mount Vernon. The method of doing some of these projects is with the levied $\frac{3}{4}$ percent of real estate excise tax. There is a backlog of these projects and the Commissioners may want to revisit this issue. The County's financial situation is looking pretty bleak for the next year.

Chairman Munks suggested that the group submit a formal proposal for real estate excise tax funding (REEP) to the County right away.

Commissioner Anderson pointed out that the entire baseball complex was built with volunteer labor, which is an unbelievable task.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stated that Northern State has had 60% of the real estate money for the last ten years. He emphasized that every kid in this county is important. The Parks Advisory Board recently expressed their hope that the County would put more money into maximizing the facilities we already have.

Chairman Munks thanked everyone for attending and for their comments.

Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items

Chairman Munks pulled item 3., appointing his daughter to the Fair Board, off of the agenda. Item 23 was pulled from the agenda with item 24 moving up to item 23. Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for April 1, items 1 through 23, minus item 3. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, March 25, 2002.
2. Resolution Appointing Peter Swanson to the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for the term April 1, 2002 through March 30, 2005. **R20020103**
3. Resolution Appointing Traci Taylor to the Fair Advisory Board for the term March 27, 2002 through March 26, 2006. **This resolution was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Munks.**
4. Resolution Awarding the Bid for 2002-2003 County Legal Printing to the Skagit Valley Herald for the term July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. **R2002042**

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BEST PLACE:

5. Amendment No. 1 to Approve Revisions to the Original Interlocal Cooperative Agreement **No. 05036** with all seven County School Districts. The revisions are based on actual program changes in administrative functions. **A20020042**

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

6. Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Skagit County "Larry E. Moller" Public Safety Building alterations to PELLCO Construction, Inc. for a total bid amount of \$398,609.00. **R20020105**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

7. Amendment No. 4 to the Department of Ecology Remedial Action Grant **No. 05010** to allow the total grant amount to be increased by \$45,000, from \$90,000 to a new total of \$135,000. This will provide adequate funding and time to perform initial investigations of thirty abandoned landfills in the county and conduct an EDB area-wide study. **A200200043**
8. Region 3 Aids Service Network Agreement with the Snohomish Health District (serving as Lead Agency) wherein the Skagit County Health Department shall furnish the necessary personnel, service, supplies and do all things necessary to maintain a County AIDS Task Force and continue to participate in Region 3 AIDS Service Network Council and support the planning activities of the region. The County will be reimbursed \$78,548 for performing these services. **C20020116**

HUMAN SERVICES:

9. Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement **No. 04741** with Skagit Adult Day Care. This Amendment extends the period of performance from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2002 and increased the daily rate from \$30 to \$35 per day. The allocation of \$8,000 is covered by a 2002 millage contribution approved by the Skagit County Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board and allows for continuation of Day Activity services to adults with developmental disabilities. **A20020044**

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

10. Resolution Adopting the Skagit County Purchasing and Contracting Guidelines and Amending Resolution Nos. 14168, 15344, 16337, 11355, and 18180. **R20020106**
11. Amendment No. 3 to Personal Services Agreement **No. 04597** with Candace J. Ashbrook, which will extend the period of performance commencing on January 1, 2002 and continuing through December 31, 2002. Compensation shall continue to be \$833 per month and in addition, the County will pay the Contractor a one-time payment of \$2,724.40 to assist with insurance. **A20020045**
12. Partial Satisfaction and Release of Judgment in the Halverson, et al. v. Skagit County case as it relates to Summersun Greenhouse Company. Summersun will pay Skagit County \$853.10 for said Release.

SENIOR SERVICES:

13. Out-of-State Travel Request for Donna Sitts and Tim Holloran to attend the National Senior Service Corps Training and Conference and the Community Volunteering and National Service Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. These conferences will take place June 6-10, 2002, with the total cost expected to be \$986 per person.

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SHERIFF:

14. Amendment No. 1 to Vendor Services Agreement **No. 05287** with Glow Cleaners to include compensation for an additional four articles of clothing with rates varying between \$1.50 and \$4.50. **A20020046**

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES:

15. Personal Services Agreement with Karma Kay Larson, M.Ed., to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individuals 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. **C20020117**
16. Personal Services Agreement with Liz Findley, M.S.W., to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, evaluation and treatment to group and/or individuals and/or families. The term of this Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2004. Compensation shall range from \$15-\$70 per hour, depending on the services being rendered. **C20020118**
17. Re-application for a continuance of funding for the Skagit Title V Delinquency Prevention Program, which would extend the program an additional year, beginning July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. The program features a three-year strategic plan identifying gaps in local delinquency prevention resources, most notably a lack of truancy services and a need to expand academic support to Latino youth. In response to these resource deficiencies, this proposal funds intervention, case management and professional service delivery to young people experiencing school attendance problems. This program will conclude its first year of service in June. Services are thriving and a comprehensive data-gathering component will demonstrate their effectiveness. The grant reimburses 1 FTE Case Monitor and .13 FTE of a Truancy Intervention Specialist (both current staff). Youth and Family Services are responsible for some cash match, but all of the money is currently contained in the department's professional services budget. No additional funds are necessary and a great majority of the match will be in-kind provided by the community and the department. **C20020119**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

18. Signature – Cover letter for mailing of County Road Administration Board Questionnaire.
19. Resolution to Authorize Funding for preliminary engineering, construction, and construction engineering for the Skagit County Guemes Ferry Breakwater Repair and Maintenance Project. This project will include replacement of hanging piling and walers for a total cost of \$135,000. It is covered under Emergent Projects, Item No. 7 in the adopted Annual Construction Program. **R20020107**
20. Resolution Awarding the Bid for the purchase of one new latest model Chipspreader to Western Power and Equipment for a total bid price of \$126,272.03. **R20020108**
21. Resolution to Call for Bids for Pavement Pulverizing on the Farm-to-Market Road. The bids will be opened April 22, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. **R20020109**
22. Personal Services Agreement with Elliott W. Johnson, Attorney at Law, to provide drafting and preparation of a generic lease agreement for future prospective tenant for the lease of a portion of the property adjoining the Skagit County Solid Waste Transfer Station on Ovenell Road for the purposes of private electrical power generation and related uses. The term of this Agreement shall commence on November 1, 2001 and continue until November 1, 2002. Compensation will be paid at a rate of \$250 per hour. **C20020120**

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- 23 . FCAAP Grant Agreement with the Washington State Department of Ecology to allow the accomplishment of activities in support of the completion of the Skagit River Comprehensive Floodplain Hazard Management Plan – Phase 3. This Agreement identifies the activities that the County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be accomplishing during the biennium from 2001 through 2003. The state grant share for this biennium is \$350,000 with a local share of \$821,995. **C20020121**

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1) Contract with Skagit Valley Herald for advertising the agenda was approved for signature. **C20020122**
- 2) A reclassification request by JoAnn Angevine for Virginia Johnson, Human Services Department, was approved for signature.
- 3) 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, April 1, 2002, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrant No. 117618 in the amount of \$909,525.93 **(C-27-02)**

- 4) Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, Skagit County Clerk requested the approval of the Board of a manual warrant in the amount of \$30.00, funds needed to generate refund payment so party can pay fine in District Court. The Board, by a majority vote, did approve payment by Manual Warrant of \$30.00 to the Skagit County Clerk's Office. **C-28-02.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Solberg, 1909 Minnie Road, Alger, commented about the newspaper article on Friday, March 29. He urged the commissioners, for the good of the County, to work out any differences they may have.

**DISCUSSION – TITLE 3 GRANT APPLICATION
UPDATE – NORTH CASCADES ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER**

Kris Molesworthy of the North Cascades Environmental Learning Center provided an update to the Commissioners on the work of the center. She also briefed them on a grant proposal currently before the Resource Advisory Committee.

North Cascades Institute is the preeminent provider of natural history education in the Pacific Northwest. It's mission is to conserve and restore Northwest environments by building an ecologically literate, informed and engaged public. They have also achieved renown nationally for their work. Natural history seminars and classes take place in the field everywhere, serving about 16,000 people per year.

Construction will begin this week on the North Cascades Environmental Learning Center at Diablo Lake. It is a \$14.5 million dollar project and, when completed, will be home to many of their programs. The City of Seattle and the National Park Service are partners in the project. An application for Title 3 monies is currently before the Resource Advisory Committee to assist in funding some of the center's programs.

After some discussion, the Board thanked Ms. Molesworth for her comments.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to close the proceedings. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Don Munks, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Jean Terry, Acting Clerk of the Board