

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2002**

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| 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | Work Session – County Administrator |
| 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Work Session – Surface Water Management Update |
| *T 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Proclamation – Recognizing Soil and Water Stewardship Week |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items |
| 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Public Comment Period |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Work Session – Samish Watershed Planning Process Update |
| 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition |
| *T 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Presentation by Huxley College - International conference, "Collaborative Planning for the Metropolitan Landscape" June 20-22 at Western Washington University |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, April 29, 2002 with Chairman Don Munks, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Commissioner Ted W. Anderson present.

Proclamation – Recognizing Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Carolyn Kelly, Director, Skagit Conservation District, reported on Soil and Water Stewardship Week, providing some of its history. The Skagit Conservation District participates by sponsoring a yearly poster contest in the schools. Prizes are awarded each year at the grade level. She introduced Susan Freeman who headed up the poster contest this year and has brought the results of the contest to the Commissioners.

Ms. Freeman introduced runner up Crystal Connelly, a fifth grader; and overall winner, Janie Mills, a third grader. The winner and overall runner up will receive tee shirts and other certificates and stickers. They will also receive a special printing of their poster and a \$50.00 savings bond. All of the posters will be displayed at Earth Day on May 4 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds.

Chairman Munks congratulated Janie Mills, the overall winner, and runner up Crystal Connelly.

Commissioner Dahlstedt then motioned to approve the proclamation Recognizing Soil and Water Stewardship Week, which he then read into the record. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Carolyn Kelly concluded the presentation by introducing Blossom the squirrel to the Board. **R20020133**

CONSENT AGENDA

In response to a question from Commissioner Ted Anderson, Gary Christensen explained that the resolution establishing the Ag Advisory Board is being signed today. He will come before the Commissioners tomorrow and under the Miscellaneous Planning Agenda to talk about the establishment of the board. Dan Berentson has been working on a news release that will advise the public that letters of interest and qualifications may be sent to the Commissioners.

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In response to a question from Commissioner Dahlstedt, Chal Martin explained that the quit claim deed listed under the Consent Agenda is being executed to clear up a technicality and clean up the titles.

The Commissioners requested that Item 10 be removed from the Consent Agenda to be brought forward with other Current Use Timber Applications.

Item 12 was also removed. It will be presented at a later date.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, items 1 through 9, number 11 and items 13 through 18. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, April 22, 2002.
2. Emergency Medical Services Council Agreement Amendment. Amendment will ensure uninterrupted ambulance service to citizens and visitors in the "central valley", and additionally ensure services for the entire county. The added language is: "The Council agrees to coordinate, operate, provide, and maintain those services necessary for a countywide emergency medical services program, including ambulance services at the paramedical level with twenty-four hour service in the County." **(C005150)**
3. Letter prepared by Dan Berentson for your signature, to Daniel Aarthun, Capital Projects Manager, Department of Community Trade and Economic Development, Olympia, Washington asking for them to approve the Skagit Performing Arts Center for a Washington State Building for the Arts grant.

BUDGET/FINANCE

4. 2002 Hotel/Motel funding to promote tourism in Skagit County. Memorandum of Agreement with the Festival of Farms in the amount of \$2,000.00 to help promote tourism and awareness by twelve farms opening their doors to the public. Contract begins January 1, 2002 and ends December 31, 2002. **(C20020147)**

HUMAN SERVICES

5. Personal Services Agreement between Skagit County and John Epler and Associates to provide mental health consultation services at a total sum of \$2,500.00 from available County funds and/or contract award funds. He will be assisting non-profits in assessing their potential for grant funds to support proposed homeless housing projects for youth and for the mentally ill; assist them with advice in determining lead agencies and roles for potential homeless projects and with advice in the development of grant applications for homeless projects. He will provide Skagit County Human Services with a report of time spent in the activities at the conclusion of the consultation services. **(C20020148)**

INFORMATION SERVICES

6. Lexis Nexis Subscription Agreement and Order From State/Local Government for legal research services. The total amount of the agreement is \$6,000.00. The contract goes into effect upon signing and will expire April 30, 2003. **(C20020149)**

PARKS, RECREATION AND FAIR

7. Vendor Services Agreement between the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Fair Department and JB Factory Carpets to install carpet, pad and vinyl in Park Manager's residence at Howard Miller Steelhead

Park. Existing carpet was heavily worn and covered with thick mold. County will compensate contractor \$2,236.36. The term of the agreement is February 26, 2002 until February 26, 2002. **(C20020150)**

PLANNING AND PERMIT CENTER

8. Resolution Establishing the Agricultural Advisory Board. The resolution submitted by Gary Christensen incorporates your suggested revisions. Gary will be present if you have questions. **(R20020134)**
9. An Ordinance Amending Sections of the Critical Areas Ordinance, Specifically SCC 14.24.120(3)(g) and (4)(e), to Extend the Deadline for Choosing a Buffer Option and Extend the Timeline for Compliance for Implementation of Site-Specific Plans. **(R20020135)**
10. A Resolution Concerning a Current Use Timber Application of Terrence Meyer, Harlyn Meyer, James Meyer and Erin Deller. The Commissioners reviewed the application and findings and recommendation of the hearing examiner and they now adopt the Findings and Recommendation of the Hearing Examiner and approve the Current Use Timber application of Terrence Mayer, Harlyn Meyer, James Meyer and Erin Deller subject to any conditions listed in the Hearing Examiner recommendation. **Removed from Consent Agenda**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

11. Quit Claim Deed of Harvey and Mary Jo Wolden that clears title on property owned by Skagit County. The land to be quit claimed is located on Fir Island, south of Fir Island Road just west of the South Fork of the Skagit River as shown on the Assessor's map. It was originally platted for roadway use, but it reverted back to the adjacent property owners many years ago. The County no longer has any ownership rights in this land. **(C20020151)**
12. Signature – Resolution Appointing New Members to the Blanchard Sub-Flood Control Zone Advisory Committee. The new committee is comprised of George Thelen, Scott MacMurchie, Al Warkentin, Lynn Lennox and Bev Macken. This is the body that makes decisions and directs County staff to perform maintenance projects within the zone. There are presently three existing members of the Advisory Committee who wish to continue to serve and two members of the community who reside in the zone who wish to become members. The current members who have expressed interest in continuing to serve are George Thelen, Scott MacMurchie and Al Warkentin. Lynn Lennox and Bev Macken reside in the community and wished to become members. **Removed from Consent Agenda**
13. 2002 Annual Road Program Revision #1. The resolution is to update the 2002 Annual Program for County Roads and is to accommodate the Nookachamps Bridge #40001 Project. The consultant found that repair was needed in the short term on the bridge. The Commissioners approved the addition of the Nookachamps Bridge #40001 project to the 2002 to 2007 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program at the meeting of April 16, 2002. **(R20020136)**
14. Vendor Services Agreement between Skagit County Department of Public Works and Northwest Cascade, Inc. The contractor will provide service/product consisting of providing portable toilet rentals and all maintenance. County will compensate Contractor in accordance with the rate schedule as specified in Exhibit "B", not to exceed \$10,000 annually. The agreement began February 1, 2002 and ends on January 31, 2004. **(C20020152)**
15. Right of Entry Construction Easement Agreement needed to make repairs to a damaged drainpipe under the Anchor Cove Marina parking lot that is causing flooding in the Guemes Ferry gravel parking lot. When there is a heavy rain, the water backs up and floods the parking lot. This right of entry document allows County forces to enter Anchor Cove property to make repairs to the drainpipe. There is no identified parcel number. Therefore, the plat map identifies the area of construction and repair with

cross-hatching. The agreement shall expire and become null and void at such time as the County has completed the project or the activity for the project. **(C20020153)**

16. Supplement to agreement with Perteet Engineering, Inc. to amend the Scope of Work for the Morris Street Improvement Project by adding the preparation of Plans, Specifications and Engineer's Estimate for landscaping and pump station design to the existing agreement. The new maximum amount payable is \$584,810.90, an increase of \$31,072. The County through its Public Works Department has agreed to manage this project on the Town of La Conner's behalf. The Town of La Conner and Skagit County entered into Interlocal Agreement No. 005052 in September of 2000. Through this agreement the County agreed to be the certifying agent and manage the project. **(C005149)**

RISK MANAGEMENT

17. Personal Services Agreement between Skagit County and Evergreen Safety Council to provide a qualified instructor and materials for miscellaneous safety and health trainings as requested by the Risk Management Department. The contract amount is not to exceed \$5,000.00. The agreement begins on March 1, 2002 and continues until March 1, 2003. **(C20020154)**

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

18. Personal Services Agreement between Skagit County and Kees Hoffman to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult and family assessment, test scoring, evaluation and treatment (group and/or individual and/or families), consultation, education classes, monitoring with written reports as required, and training as referred by the County and accepted for services by the Contractor. The contract began on January 1, 2002 and ends on December 31, 2003. The contract is not to exceed \$10,000 annually. **(C20020155)**

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, April 29, 2002, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in and further described as follows:

- a) Warrants 119499 through 119823, Clearing Fund 696, in the amount of \$711,611.57. **(C-36-02)**
- b) Skagit County Payroll Transmittal Payroll Warrants 98014 through 98965 in the total amount of \$958,638.71. **P-16-02**
- c) Warrants 119824 through 120137, clearing Fund 696, in the amount of \$510,347.02. **C-37-02**

Public Comment Period

There was no one present to make public comment.

Presentation by Huxley College - International Conference, "Collaborative Planning for the Metropolitan Landscape" June 20-22 at Western Washington University

Chairman Munks opened the session. Commissioner Anderson was not present.

Robert Tibbs, Director of Cascadia Pacific Center, reported that the Cascadia Pacific Center is based in Skagit County, but currently operating from Whatcom County. Cascadia Pacific Center's interest is civic development throughout Western Washington. This particular project, which they have been working on for the last 28

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months, is in conjunction with Huxley College of Western Washington University. He introduced his colleagues to the Commissioners.

Mr. Tibbs presented the Commissioners with a map showing Vancouver B.C. to the international border and the Puget Sound Regional Council area. The City of Bellingham and Whatcom and Skagit Counties are right in the center of what they are suggesting is becoming the center of a metropolitan area. The area described, including San Juan County, is exactly the same as a similar land area in the Netherlands. The Netherlands population density is one of the most intensive in Europe. The densities we are moving towards in the Puget Sound, with mountains on one side and the sea on the other, are beginning to look like the Netherlands.

He said he and his colleagues attended a land use conference in Holland and, as a result, Huxley College now has a relationship with land use authorities in the Netherlands. It seemed to make a lot of sense to everyone to run a joint program, which is one of a series based in Holland.

The conference will be held on June 20, 21, and 22 at Western Washington University. The first part of the program will be largely academic papers, received from around 18 countries. After that there will be a briefing session before taking the delegates on a visit around Skagit County to see some of the locations where we have questions on land use. He asked the Commissioners for their support and said they have talked to the three mayors in Skagit County who would be involved in the event. A detailed program of the tour will be sent to the Commissioners prior to the event. He then described some of the events that will occur during the site visits.

Chairman Munks said the Commissioners would be happy to participate in any way they can. He requested that Mr. Tibbs and his associates work with County Administrator Roy Atwood. He commented that Skagit County is being pushed and pulled in many different directions and Skagit County is being looked at either as a playground for Seattle or as Ag land. There is very little land left to develop.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said one of the crucial things for Skagit County's future is for Ag retail to survive. "If we have profitability it won't be difficult. We are also working on a major project for our river to put in a major floodway." "The history here is interesting and we would be happy to share it with you."

After further discussion the presentation concluded.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

Don Munks, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

Jean Terry, Acting Clerk