

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2002**

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- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Work Session – County Administrator
- *T 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Presentation – Skagit Adult Day Center
- 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
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Samish Watershed Planning Team Meeting – Skagit Council of Governments (204 W. Montgomery St., Mount Vernon)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 6, 2002, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

PRESENTATION – SKAGIT ADULT DAY CENTER.

Skagit Adult Care Center Administrator Liz Wedner introduced herself, explaining that the Skagit Adult Care Center provides programs that help the quality of life of participants and also give relief to the caregiver. They are currently operating in a deficit and are funding themselves from excess funds received previously, when they had a good year. This funding will finish soon, therefore they are now looking for a location and a stable funding source.

Ms. Wedner said they would like be recognized as part of the Skagit County Senior Services program and the senior centers, to allow people who have very little opportunity for social situations to have such an opportunity.

Ms. Wedner then introduced Oscar Hernandez who came on board in the last year to do outreach with the Hispanic population. Mr. Hernandez introduced Winifred Bradford, M.D., who is a member of the board of directors.

Mr. Hernandez said he wishes to focus on equality and that in the Hispanic population, he is seeing a big need. Alzheimer's disease is also affecting the community.

There are a lot of Hispanics who do not have the funds that would enable them to come into the facility. He said that he and others are trying to find funding sources. He reviewed some of the donations received, noting that the County does not participate in funding. He said he would also like to see Mount Vernon participate. The center should be part of the funding that is provided to senior centers. He then introduced David Chavez whose parents are both in the center.

Mr. Chavez said he just learned that the center is in danger of closing. He would really like to see the center receive help from the community. Since his parents have been going there, they have been happier, as there is a social outlet for them, which they had not had before. He is very happy with the center and would like to see it continue.

Ms. Wedner reminded everyone that the Skagit Adult Day Center is located in Burlington, although they serve people from all over the community, from Marblemount to Anacortes. SKAT

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brings the majority of their clients to the center. The telephone number at the center is 755-1235, or they can be reached through Senior Information and Assistance at 336-9345. Senior Information and Assistance make referrals to the program.

Ms. Wedner invited the Commissioners to visit the center, have lunch with them and fully see what is going on there. She said she has a real concern about what will happen to families in our county if the service is no longer available.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he spoke to Tim Holloran, Senior Services Director, about the program this morning. Mr. Holloran suggested they work through grant writer Paul Schissler to obtain further grant funding.

Ms. Wedner said they worked with Mr. Schissler and, unfortunately, their application for a grant was unsuccessful. They have also been unable to receive assistance from Northwest Regional Council where they have been told there is no more funding.

Dr. Bradford made a few comments about the need for the program to continue.

Commissioner Munks thanked everyone present and stated that it is helpful to know about the program and about the funding issues.

DEPARTMENT HEAD MEETING.

Chairman Don Munks welcomed everyone to the Department Head meeting and asked if anyone had anything they would like to share with those in attendance.

Peter Browning, Health Department Director, said the arthritis walk that was held this past weekend was very successful. He reminded everyone that the cancer walk will be taking place in June and it would be nice if a countywide team could be put together to participate.

Mike Almvig, Information Services Manager, discussed the new county website. It has been "live" for more than two weeks and during that time, there have been 10,000 visitors to the site. The Assessor's office has received 1,800 alone and that is without any advertising or marketing. Information Services is still monitoring the site and are pleased with what they see. Mr. Almvig added that it will be interesting to see how each individual department is being utilized on the new site.

Chairman Munks read an e-mail that the Board received from Mr. Almvig congratulating all of the people who worked on the site. He then thanked Mr. Almvig for all of his hard work in spearheading the idea and making it work so well.

Mr. Browning discussed Judge Meyer's request a few months ago regarding a designated smoking area with a possible shelter. Plans are currently underway and it is hoped the smoking shelter will be available in two months. Roger Howard, Facilities Management Director, indicated that the building itself would have to go out to bids and that is the reason for the delay. The covered shelter will be located at the end of the horseshoe parking lot, next to the mailboxes, and will come equipped with fans that would direct the smoke away from the building and entryways. Mr. Browning added that he has contacted area mortuaries for sponsorship and has received favorable results. It is important to stress to the public that the shelter is not only being erected for County employees, but for jurors and other people conducting county business.

Mr. Browning also spoke about the five monthly Walk-n-Roll days to be taking place this spring and summer, starting on Friday, May 17, 2002. This is a project of the Skagit County Physical Activity Coalition with support from the Skagit Valley Herald. Participants will be encouraged to walk, ride their bike or take the bus to work to reduce pollution, save money, improve their health and maybe win a prize! Mr. Browning also has free ride tickets for the SKAT bus if anyone is

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interested. For the kick-off, Mr. Browning and Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt will be meeting at Bakerview Park at 7:30 a.m. to begin their walk to work and they welcome anyone that would like to participate.

Chairman Munks mentioned that Skagit County was the recipient of a "Certificate of Good Practice", which was approved by the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) on April 18-19, 2002. It will be formally presented at the Public Works meeting to be held next week.

Dan Berentsen, Community Liaison, said that after 4 ½ months in his new position, he finds everything working well in regards to news releases being put out in support of various County departments. It has been suggested that an in-house newsletter be published on the website. Mr. Berentsen indicated that he would be working toward making that happen.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Anderson questioned item no. 9 on the consent agenda. Because there has been no discussion among the Board on this matter, he felt it should be pulled. Chal Martin, Public Works Director, said it was put on the agenda because it didn't obligate the County in any way. Mr. Martin complied with the request of Commissioner Anderson and will discuss it at the next Public Works session.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, May 6, 2002, items 1 -28 and item 30. Item no. 29 was removed from the record. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Wednesday, April 24, 2002.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, April 29, 2002.
3. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, April 30, 2002.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

4. Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of La Conner to provide funding for the "Town of La Conner Fiber Optic Infrastructure." (**Resolution No. R20020138**)
5. Interlocal Agreement with the Town of La Conner to provide funding through the Public Facilities for the "Town of La Conner Fiber Optic Infrastructure." The project entails the installation of a conduit system and the building of a fiber optic backbone in preparation for the eventual connection to the Skagit PUD Network. The term of this agreement shall commence upon signing and continue until completion of the project. Compensation shall not exceed \$108,000. (**Contract No. C20020158**)
6. Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and Washington State University for Public Facility Project Funding for Washington State University Research and Extension Unit Project. This Agreement shall commence upon signing and continue until completion of the project. The County agrees to provide funding in the amount of \$500,000 pursuant to **Resolution No. 18104**. (**Contract No. C20020159**)

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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

7. Vendor Services Agreement between Skagit County Facilities Management and Thyssen Krupp Sound Elevators to provide quarterly exams and lubrication on seven elevators. The exams would include two elevators in the Administration Building, two elevators in the Public Safety Building, one elevator in the Courthouse Building, one elevator in the Courthouse Annex and one elevator in the Public Works Building. This Agreement shall commence on April 15, 2002 and continue until April 14, 2004. Compensation shall not exceed \$7,000. **(Contract No. C20020160)**

HUMAN SERVICES:

8. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Interlocal Agreement with Skagit Valley College to provide the capability for public agencies to cooperate by providing services and facilities for mutual advantage. **(Resolution No. R20020139)**
9. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and Skagit Valley College. This Agreement allows Skagit Valley College to continue through the remainder of the school year the Consumer-Oriented Supported Education Project. This project provides certain educational services in support of people who have a mental illness. The term of this Agreement shall commence on May 1, 2002 and continue through June 30, 2002. Funds that Skagit County will receive from North Sound Regional Support Network (NSRSN) will cover wages and benefits for May and June 2002. The County agrees to reimburse Skagit Valley College a sum not to exceed \$4,354.00. **(Contract No. C20020161)**

PARKS DEPARTMENT:

10. Resolution to Approve Funding of the Revolving Fund for the Skagit County Fair's "World's Largest Garage Sale and Flea Market- Part II". The fair is in need of monies for the operation of this event in the amount of \$500 to be drawn from County Fair Fund No 106). **(Resolution No. R20020140)**
11. Resolution to Approve Funding of the Revolving Fund for the Skagit County Fair's "World's Largest Garage Sale and Flea Market- Part III". The fair is in need of monies for the operation of this event in the amount of \$500 to be drawn from County Fair Fund No. 106. **(Resolution No. R20020141)**
12. Resolution to Approve Funding of the Revolving Fund for the Skagit County Fair's "Haunted Cave". The fair is in need of monies for the operation of this annual event in the amount of \$1,000 to be drawn from County Fair Fund No. 106. **(Resolution No. R20020142)**
13. Resolution to Approve Funding of the Revolving Fund for the Skagit County Fair for 2002. The fair is in need of monies for the operation of this annual event in the amount of \$35,000 to be drawn from County Fair Fund No.106. **(Resolution No. R20020143)**

SUPERIOR COURT:

14. Vendor Services Agreement between Skagit County Superior Court and Marty's Paints to provide window blinds for Courtroom No. One offices and the conference room in Superior Court. This Agreement shall commence April 22, 2002 and continue until completion. The County will compensate the Contractor \$1,645 with an amount not to exceed of \$1,800. **(Contract No. C20020162)**

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YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES:

15. Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and the Concrete School District. The Concrete School District will share financial support with Skagit County to provide services to children, such as counseling, mentoring and recreational activities. This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2002. Compensation shall be \$1,500 and Skagit County will provide any additional support cost for this service. **Resolution No. 17300** approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and all County School Districts. **(Contract No. C20020163)**
16. Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and Burlington School District. The Burlington School District will share financial support with Skagit County to provide services to children, such as counseling, mentoring and recreational activities. This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2002. Compensation shall be \$5,600 and Skagit County will provide any additional support cost for this service. **Resolution No. 17300** approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and all County School Districts. **(Contract No. C20020164)**
17. Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and Sedro Woolley School District. The Sedro Woolley School District will share financial support with Skagit County to provide services to children, such as counseling, mentoring and recreational activities. This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2002. Compensation shall be \$7,400 and Skagit County will provide any additional support cost for this service. **Resolution No. 17300** approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and all County School Districts. **(Contract No. C20020165)**
18. Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and Mount Vernon School District. The Mount Vernon School District will share financial support with Skagit County to provide services to children, such as counseling, mentoring and recreational activities. This Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2002. Compensation shall be \$8,900 and Skagit County will provide any additional support cost for this service. **Resolution No. 17300** approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and all County School Districts. **(Contract No. C20020166)**
19. Personal Services Agreement with Patsy Carter, M.S.W., to provide specialized child, adolescent, adult, family assessment, evaluation, and treatment (group and/or individual and/or families), consultation, etc. This Agreement shall commence January 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2004. Compensation shall vary from \$20-\$70 per hour, depending upon the services being provided. **(Contract No. C20020167)**
20. Interlocal Agreement Between Skagit County and five Skagit County School Districts as approved by **Resolution No. R20020039**. The five School Districts agreed to pay a portion of the salary for a Truancy Intervention Specialist employed by the Youth and Family Services/Juvenile Probation Department. This Agreement commenced on September 1, 2000 and continued through August 31, 2001. Compensation shall not exceed \$17,515. **(Contract No. C20020168)**
21. Interlocal Agreement Between Skagit County and five Skagit County School Districts as approved by **Resolution No. R20020039**. The five School Districts agreed to pay a portion of the salary for a Truancy Intervention Specialist employed by the Youth and Family Services/Juvenile Probation Department. This Agreement commenced on September 1, 2001 and shall continue through August 31, 2002. Compensation shall not exceed \$19,077.56. **(Contract No. C20020169)**

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

22. Resolution Awarding Bid for Pavement Pulverization on Farm-to-Market Road to M & M Road Recycle, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$50,000. **(Resolution No. R20020144)**
23. Resolution Calling for Bids for One New Latest Model 10,000 lb. Fork Truck. This unit is scheduled to replace a 1988 Clark Fork truck. The bid opening will take place on May 20, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020145)**
24. Signature on a joint letter addressed to Senator Patty Murray from the Board of County Commissioners, The Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, and the City of Sedro Woolley regarding the Helmick Road Improvement Project. It is hoped that additional funding will be secured to ensure a timely completion of the road project. **(Approved)**
25. Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing regarding Vacation of a Portion of County Right-of-Way known as Central Avenue, No. 10300. The Public Hearing will be held May 28, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020146)**
26. Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing Regarding the Establishment of Josh Green Lane, No. 02269, as a County road. The Public Hearing will be held May 28, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020147)**
27. Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing Regarding the Establishment of Boat Launch Road, No. 42480, as a County road. The Public Hearing will be held May 28, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020148)**
28. Resolution amending Skagit County **Resolution No. 8110** appointing new members to the Blanchard Sub-Flood Control Zone Advisory Committee. The committee shall be comprised of George Thelen, Scott MacMurchie, Al Warkentin, Lynn Lennox, and Bev Macken, all of whom have agreed to serve in voluntary capacities. Historically, Advisory Committees of the zones have recommended maintenance actions in the zones but not construction activities. **(Resolution No. R20020149)**
29. Signature on a letter to John Daly, Field Representative for The Trust for Public Land, regarding Knutson property acquisition. Skagit County is interested in pursuing the development of a partnership with The Trust for Public Land for the purpose of securing the acquisition of the property known as the Knudson Family Trust. The 200-acre property is located along the Swinomish Channel and falls within the "foot print" of the Swinomish Diversion alternative of the Skagit River Flood Damage Reduction project. The Knudson property is also a key parcel included in the Telegraph Slough Evaluation Area Feasibility Study, which is part of the Skagit County Critical Area Ordinance. Skagit County is expecting the Telegraph Slough area to rank high on the prioritization list and is interested in pursuing the salmon and other wildlife habitat restoration opportunities associated with this property. **(This item was removed)**
30. Vendor Services Agreement with Jim's Mowing, which shall consist of mowing the various ditches and streamsides in the Britt Slough, Blanchard and Sedro Woolley sub-flood control zones. This Agreement shall commence on June 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2002. Compensation shall not exceed \$12,200. **(Contract No. C20020170)**

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, May 6, 2002, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrant number 120138 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total amount of \$15.00 (Transmittal No. C38-02);

Warrants numbered 120139 through 120384 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total amount of \$970,988.84 (Transmittal No. C39-02);

Purchase Card Electronic Payment to JP MORGAN CHASE from Clearing Fund 696 in the total amount of \$6,562.97 (Transmittal No. 40-02).

2. Staff presented a Partial Satisfaction and Release of Judgment in the Halverson, et al. v. Skagit County case as it relates to Robert and Dorothy Lundvall, which will pay \$866.19 for said Release. Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Release and Commissioner Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. **(Approved)**
3. On behalf of the Personnel and Finance Departments, a Personnel Additions and Changes document was presented to the Board for approval. Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the document as outlined and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Approved)**
4. Staff presented Emergency Resolution Regarding Rising Water at Lake McMurray. Commissioner Dahlstedt read the resolution:

WHEREAS, at 12:20 p.m. on May 2, 2002, the Skagit County Public Works Road Department reported that Lake McMurray was rising quickly; and

WHEREAS, the outlets of Lake McMurray were blocked and heavy rain was predicted in the forecast, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the outlets be cleared to prevent damage from occurring from the rising waters of Lake McMurray and the Skagit County Public Works Road Department has the equipment necessary to clear the outlets,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners hereby declared that an emergency exists effective 12.25 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2002, and hereby authorize the work to be done by the Skagit County Public Works Road Department to prevent damage from occurring due to the rising waters of Lake McMurray. This action is in accordance with RCW 36.40.180 and 38.5 2.070.

Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to approve the emergency resolution as outlined. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020150)**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Harry Lang, Little Mountain Road, Mount Vernon, expressed his frustration with regard to some excavating he is doing at his gravel pit. He reported that Carolyn Spies, Code Enforcement Officer, shut him down on Friday, May 3, 2002, citing a need for a permit. Mr. Lang said the pit has been running for decades and the excavation permit should be grandfathered in. Ms. Spies informed Mr. Lang that he would have to obtain receipts, which would show that the pit is an active one. Until those receipts could be presented, she said the pit would be shut down indefinitely. Mr. Lang is concerned about the financial impact this would have on him. Chairman Munks told Mr. Lang that he would pass this information to the Public Works Department and get the problem resolved quickly.

Jim Vogelsang, 1404 2nd Street, Mount Vernon, asked the Board for a response to a letter he hand delivered on January 28, 2002 regarding Parks Advisory Board staffing. Mr. Vogelsang gave the Board 45 days in which to respond and has heard nothing from them. Chairman Munks said he has been in contact with Bob Vaux, Parks and Recreation Director, and was informed that there are other people who have expressed an interest in being on the Advisory Board.

Jamie Lanning, 13084 Highway 9, Clear Lake, reminded the Board about the cleanup and safety improvements that he has been requesting for over a year. "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

ADJOURNMENT.

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