

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002**

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Work Session – County Administrator
- *T 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Signature - Resolution In Support For Washington State
University Research Station
- *T 10:00a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Presentation – Washington State University Research Project On
Buffer Functions for Water Quality and Habitat Development
and the Economic Impact
- 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. Naming the New Skagit County Parks and Recreation Parks
Maintenance Shop
- *T 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Presentation – County Ordinance for Adoption of 911 Legislation
Requirements
- 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, May 13, 2002 with Chairman Don Munks, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Commissioner Ted W. Anderson present.

**SIGNATURE – RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR WASHINGTON STATE
UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STATION.**

Bob Rose, Executive Director of Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland, presented the Board with a Resolution supporting the Washington State University Research and Education Center Legislative Enhancement and Strategic Plan for approval.

Mr. Rose said the Strategic Plan and its associated strategies and action plans reflect an integrated state-wide approach to the research needs of agriculture and it's interface with the environment. It also addresses the financial requirements to implement the plan. Success of the enhancement plan for the research and extension facilities located at Long Beach, Vancouver, Puyallup and Mount Vernon does not currently depend upon new legislative appropriations. It can proceed immediately from the sale of surplus properties located at the Puyallup unit, at which time the proceeds will be re-invested as outlined in the plan.

Commissioner Dahlstedt indicated that many agricultural and horticultural organizations in Skagit County and across the State support the concepts, direction and action plans incorporated into the Strategic Plan.

Chairman Munks and Commissioner Anderson both stated that Skagit County strongly endorses the plan and pledges to seek the resources necessary to assist Washington State university in fully implementing the vision of a renovated and vibrant system of research and extension units throughout the State of Washington.

Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the Resolution as outlined. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020153)**

PRESENTATION – WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECT ON BUFFER FUNCTIONS FOR WATER QUALITY AND HABITAT DEVELOPMENT AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT.

Dr. Jon D. Johnson, Ph.D., Washington State University, gave a presentation to the Board regarding forested riparian buffers. Scientific data regarding buffer function and design is very limited in floodplain and agricultural low lands for western Washington. The economic impact of establishing and maintaining riparian buffers on farmland is unknown. Washington State University (WSU) is not advocating for or against buffers. They would like to provide on-the-ground unbiased scientific data on buffer function to the policy community and agricultural landowners. Economic information concerning buffer installation would also be provided.

Dr. Johnson stated that the central project question is “Do currently prescribed agricultural riparian buffer designs in western Washington provide adequate function for water quality and salmonid habitat and are they economically viable for private landowners?” Project objectives would be to evaluate the effects of buffer width, species composition and potential management and impact of buffer function for water quality and habitat; measure economic impact of different buffer designs on individual farm enterprises; and develop and disseminate buffer recommendations and decision making tools to farm owners.

Carolyn Henri, Ph.D., Resource Consulting, advised that the project status is currently in the development phase and the initial funding will come from the Rural Technology Initiative (RTI). An application for larger funding from the United States Department of Agriculture programs will take place later this year. Dr. Henri noted that the concept is to develop a long-term ongoing study of 10-15 years in duration.

The benefits that Skagit County will derive from this project include providing scientific research data about different buffer designs along with demonstration sites, which will provide tangible buffer examples for landowners. Those results will enable farmers to make educated decisions about sustainable agricultural practices.

Commissioner Anderson commented that one of the difficulties in sorting out the buffer issue is getting back to the best available science. In reality, there is no science available. He expressed total confidence in WSU’s ability to carry out an unbiased study.

Several audience members asked questions of Dr. Johnson and Dr. Henri.

Chairman Munks thanked the presenters for the information and their efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Anderson questioned item 13 on the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Munks noted that he had spoken with Chal Martin, Public Works Director, regarding this item. Mr. Martin said the Resolution was for administrative purposes only and not for replacing tide gates.

The Commissioners asked that “contract construction” under the scope of services be stricken from the Resolution.

Cliff Butler, Public Works, advised that Dave Brookings said the Resolution is merely approving the continuation of looking at designs, monitoring, etc...

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, May 13, 2002, items 1-17, noting the amended language on item 13. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, May 6, 2002.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, May 7, 2002.
3. Vendor Services Agreement with Skagit Valley Publishing to provide legal printing and publishing beginning July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. Compensation shall be paid at the rate of \$3.20 per column inch, for the first and subsequent insertions using 8-point century textbook type for daily publications. **(Contract No. C20020171)**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

4. Memorandum of Understanding between the Skagit County Courthouse Employees and Teamsters Local Union No. 231 to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the parties dated January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2004 **(Contract No. C20020157)**. Skagit County Superior Court employee/Teamster Local Union No. 231 member Mary Gibbs shall receive fifty dollars (\$50) per month premium pay for Spanish fluency interpreting, effective January 1, 2002. She shall continue to receive such monthly premium pay so long as she is required to provide Non-State certified interpreting services to either the Superior Court or the Superior Court Clerk's office. Such assignment of duty shall be made at the discretion of the Elected Official.

BUDGET & FINANCE:

5. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. 05143 with the Economic Development Association of Skagit County. The purpose of the Amendment is to extend the date of the Agreement from March 1, 2001 to March 1, 2003. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20020056)**

INFORMATION SERVICES:

6. Out-of-State Travel Requests for Rick MacGavin and Tony Harrell to attend the E S R I Conference in San Diego, California, July 8-12, 2002, for a total cost of \$2,597 per person. **(Approved)**
7. Out-of-State Travel Requests for Mike Almvgig and Karen Radcliffe to attend a Cayenta Workshop in Burnaby, B.C., May 21, 2002, for a total cost of \$330. per person. **(Approved)**

PARKS & RECREATION:

8. Personal Services Agreement with Douglass Consulting to perform Northern State Master Plan SEPA checklist work in order to present the Master Plan to the Planning Commission for approval. The Agreement shall commence on May 1, 2002 and continue until November 1, 2002, but is not to exceed two years from the commencement date. Compensation shall total \$15,065. **(Contract No. C20020172)**

SUPERIOR COURT:

9. Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Recovery Center to provide services for Drug Court participants. The Agreement shall commence on January 1, 2002 and continue until June 30, 2003. Compensation shall not exceed \$110,000 for the term of the Agreement. **(Contract No. C20020173)**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

10. Resolution Calling for Bids for Two New Latest Model Four-Axel Dump Trucks. The bid opening will take place on May 28, 2002, at 11:30 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020154)**
11. Resolution Establishing CRP No. ES 40001-1, which will authorize funding for preliminary engineering and construction for repairs and replacement of the Nookachamps Bridge. **(Resolution No. R20020155)**
12. Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Rainbow Bridge Cleaning and Painting Project, ES 40039-2 to Dunkin & Bush, Inc. for a total amount of \$768,867. **(Resolution No. R20020156)**
13. Resolution Authorizing Funding for the Blanchard Road at McElroy Slough project. The funding includes planning, design, permits, surveying, and construction engineering to replace existing, undersized culverts and tide gate assemblies with new reinforced concrete box culverts and tide gates. The work is located at the Blanchard Road-McElroy Slough outlet and the existing McElroy Slough culvert at Flinn Road. This work is in the Surface Water Management 2002 budget. **(Resolution No. R20020157)**
14. Resolution Approving GM Nameplate, in coordination with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, to provide the graphics for a Skagit Transit Cooper Jones bus named in honor of 13-year old Cooper Jones who was killed by an automobile while riding his bicycle. Public Works will pay GM Nameplate \$7,800 of which \$5,000 will be reimbursed from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission and \$2,800 from the Skagit County EMS Council. **(Resolution No. R20020158)**
15. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20020102** with Reid Middleton, Inc. for the La Conner-Whitney/Chilberg Road Intersection Project. The scope of work is supplemented to include engineering services to complete Phase 2, which includes Plans, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E). The Amendment adds an additional sum of \$68,350.48 to the original Agreement amount of \$20,340.00 for a total of \$88,690.48. The term of this Agreement shall continue until December 31, 2003. **(Amendment No. A20020057)**
16. Grant Agreement with Bouslog Investments, LLC and JBK Investments, LLC for Public Facility Project Funding to finance street and utility improvements for the Bay Ridge Business Park. The road and storm drainage system within the road right-of-way will be owned and maintained by Skagit County. The sanitary sewer system will become property of the City of Burlington and the water lines will become the property of Skagit County PUD #1. The County awarded Bouslog Investments, LLC & JBK Investments, LLC \$420,000 for project construction and engineering and construction costs. The two companies are responsible for project construction costs that exceed the \$420,000 grant. The Agreement shall become effective upon full execution hereof. The estimated "Notice to Proceed" date is July 8, 2002. All construction work will be completed within sixty working days of that date. **(Contract No. C20020174)**
17. Personal Services Agreement with Certified Land Services Corporation to provide property evaluations and right-of-way services for Skagit County. The term of this Agreement shall commence on May 6, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2003. Total compensation shall not exceed \$15,000. **(Contract No. C20020175)**

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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 13, 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 120385 through 120839 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total amount of \$4,031,050.06 (Transmittal No. C-40A-02);

Warrant number 120840 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total amount of \$200.00 (Transmittal No. C-41-02);

Payroll warrants numbered 957096 through 957175 in the total dollar amount of \$96,988.52 (Transmittal No. P-17-02);

Payroll warrants numbered 98966 through 99925 in the total dollar amount of \$955,420.64 (Transmittal No. P-18-02).

2. Staff presented a Resolution Appointing Anita Klien to the Fair Advisory Board effective May 13, 2002 and expiring on May 12, 2006. **(Resolution No. R20020159)**
3. Staff presented a Resolution Appointing Billie Ford to the Fair Advisory Board effective May 13, 2002 and expiring on May 12, 2006. **(Resolution No. R20020160)**
4. Staff presented a Resolution Appointing Traci Taylor to the Fair Advisory Board effective May 13, 2002 and expiring on May 12, 2006. Commissioner Anderson voted no on this appointment. **(Resolution No. R20020161)**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Jim Vogelsang, 1404 Second Street, Mount Vernon, expressed his frustration with the Department of Natural Resources regarding the proposed shooting range. Mr. Vogelsang asked the Board to have a discussion with Doug Sutherland, Public Lands Commissioner, to attempt to resolve the gun range issue.

NAMING THE NEW SKAGIT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PARKS
MAINTENANCE SHOP.

Bob Vaux, Director, spoke with the Board about a request that was first brought to light at an all-staff meeting of the Parks and Recreation Department last January. The request was to name the new Parks Maintenance Shop the "Jack Davis Parks Shop". Mr. Vaux said it has the full approval of Mr. Jack Davis, as well as the unanimous support of the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Davis thanked everyone for honoring him in this way. He was the first County Parks Supervisor and was employed for 22 years, from 1975 to 1996. Mr. Davis never gave up on his dream that one day the County would have a permanent home in the form of a new parks maintenance shop, of which he and his staff could be very proud.

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Commissioner Dahlstedt read the Resolution (see Exhibit A) and motioned to approve that the new County Parks and Recreation Shop be named for "Jack Davis" in memory of Jack's tireless commitment to quality expansion and improvement of the County Parks system and its associated Maintenance Program. A formal dedication ceremony will be held on Friday, May 31, 2002 at the shop. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020162)**

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Staff presented a Resolution authorizing a Call for a Public Hearing to review Commissioner redistricting according to Census 2000 population statistics. The Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2002 at 11:30 a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt read the Resolution (see Exhibit B) and then motioned to approve the Call for a Public Hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020163)**

PRESENTATION – COUNTY ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION OF 911 LEGISLATION REQUIREMENTS.

Rick Smith, Director of E911, advised that on April 3, 2002, Governor Locke signed House Bill 2595 into law, which was codified as Chapter 341 of the session of laws of 2002. This law amends existing legislation, which allows counties to increase the wireless excise tax from 25 cents to 50 cents per month.

Mr. Smith stated that Counties who want to increase the wireless excise tax may do so effective January 1, 2003. However, the wireless companies must be notified 60 days prior to the first payment being due.

Mr. Smith indicated that the increase in tax will ensure that there is adequate ongoing funding to support enhanced 911 service. He added that 36-42 percent of incoming calls are currently being made by wireless phones. Often times, no call-back information is available. He feels tax parity is needed between wire-line and wireless telephones.

Mr. Smith also discussed a new chapter to the R.C.W.'s for House Bill 1477 regarding the emergency communications tax. It relates to the imposition of taxes by counties for emergency communication systems and facilities and authorizes a 1/10th of one percent sales and use tax increase. He indicated that upon the Board's approval, Resolutions will be brought forth in support of the increases.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve bringing forward the necessary Resolutions to effect the tax increases. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to adjourn 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:

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