

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002**

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.                      Work Session – County Administrator
- \*T 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.                Public Hearing – To Review the Proposed New and Amended Precinct Boundary Changes Pursuant to the Provisions of R.C.W. 29.04.040 and 29.04.050, Requiring Commissioners to Review and Adopt Precinct Boundaries
- \*T 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.                Decision – East Skagit County Community Resource Center
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.                Discussion – Waiver of Planning Fees for the City of Sedro Woolley Fire Department
- \*T 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.                Briefing – Greater Skagit Delta
- 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, June 10, 2002, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TO REVIEW THE PROPOSED NEW AND AMENDED PRECINCT BOUNDARY CHANGES PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF R.C.W. 29.04.040 AND 29.04.050, REQUIRING COMMISSIONERS TO REVIEW AND ADOPT PRECINCT BOUNDARIES.**

Erika Kubischta, Elections Supervisor, explained that the Washington State Redistricting Commission, as required by R.C.W. 44.05.080, has established new legislative district boundaries in Skagit County. The boundary lines of said legislative districts did not run along established precinct boundary lines so revisions to Title 1 of Skagit County Code are necessary in order to update voting precincts. Ms. Kubischta indicated that there were no major changes, however, the number of precincts were reduced from 124 to 118. None of the precincts were split and after meetings with both the Democrats and Republicans, it was agreed that no changes were necessary.

There being no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the public hearing was closed.

Deliberations will take place on Monday, June 17, 2002 at 10:45 a.m.

Norma Hickock-Brummett, Auditor, queried the Board as to whether they would support adding a special run on the Guemes Island Ferry for those residents who choose to vote in person during elections.

Chairman Don Munks indicated it would be a good idea as the cost for an additional run is thought to be approximately \$150. He asked that a Resolution be drafted and brought forth to address the issue of adding another ferry run for each election held through the end of the year.

**DECISION – EAST SKAGIT COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER.**

Roger Howard, Facilities Management, said the construction documents are complete at this time for the East Skagit County Community Resource Center.

Discussion ensued regarding whether written confirmation had been received regarding the Community Development Block Grant. A decision was made to add a clause to the Resolution Calling for Bids on the project, which would include “Contingent upon written confirmation of the grant, for the construction of such a facility, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners herewith approves construction of the Skagit County East County Community Resource Center”.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve a Resolution to call for bids for the project, Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(See Consent Agenda)**

**DISCUSSION – WAIVER OF PLANNING FEES FOR THE CITY OF SEDRO WOOLLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Commissioner Ted Anderson explained that the City of Sedro Woolley Fire Department is asking for a waiver of County planning fees such as critical area review, special use permit, SEPA and water permits.

The Sedro Woolley Fire Department would also like to place a Live Fire Training Facility on the property at the corner of Third and Morris Street in Sedro Woolley. Live Fire Training is required by the State of Washington for all firefighters annually. Firefighters must be trained for structure fires, car fires and dumpster fires. Due to logistics and the cost of the training, some fire departments in the County are unable to participate.

The ultimate goal would be to put a pre-designed model facility on the site. There would be two cars and two dumpsters having propane piped to the props for clean safe burns. An annual permit would be issued by the Northwest Air Pollution Authority. The facility would then be opened up to all fire departments to use at a low fee so that they may receive the needed and required training.

Commissioner Anderson said the SEPA fees cannot be waived as that is a State fee and we don't have the jurisdiction to waive it.

Mount Vernon, Anacortes and Burlington are also planning to embark on similar facilities.

Chairman Munks said the present Board has waived individual fees a couple of times and is worried about starting a precedent. He would like to keep any waivers to individuals who are in need and on a case-by-case basis.

A letter to the City of Sedro Woolley Fire Department will be drafted to thank them for their request and to discuss the various issues the Board has with granting such requests.

**BRIEFING – GREATER SKAGIT DELTA.**

Craig Lee, representative for the Trust for Public Land explained that the Greater Skagit Delta Initiative is a partnership of conservation and farmland protection organizations that has come together due to the extraordinary natural resources of the delta and a shared interest in preserving an ecologically and economically vibrant landscape. Their mission is to conserve biodiversity, farming, and community through the protection and restoration of native habitats, natural processes, farmland and agricultural infrastructure, scenery, and public enjoyment of trails and shorelines.

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The Greater Skagit Delta has tremendous natural resources, a healthy environment, a viable agriculture and an excellent quality of life. The objectives would be to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to land and resource conservation as well as forging new collaborations and a local vision on behalf of the Delta's natural and agricultural heritage. Strategies would also be identified to protect resources that are feasible and have broad support.

Mr. Lee said it would be a multi-year program that would provide long-term permanent resource protection over 15-20 years. Local partners include: the Skagit Watershed Council, represented by Shirley Solomon; Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland, represented by Bob Rose; The Nature Conservancy, represented by Bob Cary and Roger Fuller; and the Trust for Public Land, represented by Mr. Lee himself and John Daly. Approximately thirty entities will be contacted in the next few months for input in the planning process.

Mr. Lee then presented maps of the Greater Skagit River Delta Study Area, which covers an area approximately 25 miles long and 15 miles wide from the mouth of the Stillaguamish River and North to Samish Bay as well as from the Swinomish Channel and East to just West of Sedro Woolley.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

The Board of Skagit County Commissioners decided to vote on item 9 separately.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve a Resolution Calling for Bids for the Skagit County East County Community Resource Center, contingent on obtaining written grant confirmation. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020187)** The bid opening will be held Tuesday, July 23, 2002 at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, June 10, 2002, items 1 through 8 and items 10 through 22. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, June 3, 2002.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, June 4, 2002.
3. Resolution Appointing Liz McNett Crowl to the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board beginning June 10, 2002 through June 9, 2005. **(Resolution No. R20020188)**
4. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the City of Burlington to grant \$500,000 toward the Wastewater Treatment Facility located in Burlington, utilizing public facility funding. **(Contract No. C20020207)**

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

5. Resolution Setting Dates for the 2003 Budget Schedule. **(Resolution No R20020189)**
6. Resolution Approving the Recommendations of the Skagit County Real Estate Excise Tax Committee. **(Resolution No. R20020190)**
7. Amendment No. 1 to Memorandum of Agreement **No. C20020144** with the Skagit County Chamber Executive Director Association. The original agreement was for \$5,700. This amendment reduces the compensation amount to \$5,000. The effective date of the amendment shall be June 10, 2002. **(Amendment No. A20020071)**

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**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

8. Resolution approving the establishment of an Interlocal Agreement with Skagit County Dike District No. 12 regarding the cooperative development and adoption of a multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, due by June 30, 2003. **(Resolution No. R20020191)**

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:**

9. Resolution Calling for Bids for the Skagit County East County Community Resource Center. The bid opening will take place on July 23, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. **(This item was voted on separately before the Consent Agenda)**
10. Resolution Calling for Bids for miscellaneous Skagit County building alterations. The bid opening will take place on July 23, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020192)**

**INFORMATION SERVICES:**

11. Out-of-State Travel Request for Ryan Johns to attend Spillman Technologies, Inc. User's Conference in Logan, Utah, August 5-9, 2002 for a total cost of \$747.70. **(Approved)**

**PARKS, RECREATION & FAIR:**

12. Amendment Nos. 1, 2 & 3 to Vendor Services Agreement **No. 05204** with Day Creek Contracting. The amendments are as follows: **Amendment No. 1 to Section #2** of the agreement shall be modified to read: Contractor will compensate County at the rate of \$1 per cubic yard for the remaining available 5,928 cubic yards of gravel. Revenue amounts shall be charged to account #114 350036990; **Amendment No. 2 to Section #5** shall be modified to read: This contract shall commence on January 1, 2001 and continue until December 31, 2002. Either party may terminate by giving 30 days notice in writing either personally delivered or mailed postage prepared by certified mail, return receipt requested to the party's last known address; **Amendment No. 3 to Section #9** shall be added to read: Any necessary site improvements that may be required to remove the gravel shall be agreed upon by Contractor and County prior to any further gravel removal. Said work shall be performed by Contractor, and compensation for work shall be deducted from the total due County as per the amount of gravel removed. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. The effective date of the amendment shall be June 10, 2002. **(Amendment No. A20020072)**
13. Vendor Services Agreement with Cascade Gutter Service, Inc. to remove, haul away and dispose of existing gutters on Horse Barns 1 & 2 and install new gutters on both barns. The agreement shall commence on April 24, 2002 and continue through April 23, 2003. Compensation shall not exceed \$1,455.30. **(Contract No. C20020208)**

**PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:**

14. Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing to Consider Adopting the 1997 Uniform Building, Fire, Mechanical & Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality Codes, the 2001 Uniform Plumbing Code and 2001 Washington State Energy Codes Together with Washington State Amendments and Amending Title 15 Chapter 04 of Skagit County Code. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020193)**
15. Ordinance Adopting the Similk Beach Limited Area of More Intensive Rural Development (LAMIRD); Adopting And Amending Certain Comprehensive Plan Policies; Amending Map 3 of the Comprehensive Plan Map Portfolio; Amending SCC 14.16, Zoning; and

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Recommending Amendments to SCC 12.05, On-Site Sewage Code. **(Ordinance No. R20020194)**

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES:**

16. Interlocal Agreement with Northwest Educational Service District No. 189 for the Skagit Detention Educational Program for the 2002-2003 school year. A Washington State certified teacher will be providing educational instruction to juveniles confined within the Skagit County Detention Center. The agreement shall commence on September 1, 2002 and continue until August 31, 2003. **(Contract No. C20020209)**
17. Personal Services Agreement with Susan Radkins, M.A., LMHC, 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 July 1, 2002 and continue until June 30, 2004. Compensation shall range from \$20-\$70 per hour, depending on the services being rendered. Total annual compensation shall not exceed \$10,000. **(Contract No. C20020210)**
18. Personal Services Agreement with Power of Hope/Whidbey Institute to conduct a Power of Hope Summer Camp and a Power of Hope Weekend Conference for youth referred by Skagit County Youth and Family Services. The agreement shall commence on May 1, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2003. Compensation for the summer camp shall be \$385 per youth and the weekend conference shall be \$75 per youth and shall not exceed \$15,000 annually. **(Contract No. C20020211)**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

19. Signature – Letter to Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve regarding Thrift Store disposal fees. **(Approved)**
20. Final Order of Vacation for Unopened County Right-of-Way Known as Central Avenue, No. 10300. **(Resolution No. R20020195)**
21. Resolution Calling for Bids for the North Fork Bridge No. 40037 Rail Upgrade Project C.R.P. ES 40037-3. The bid opening will take place on July 2, 2002 at 10:30 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020196)**
22. Right-of-Entry Agreement with Scott Blau, which would allow the installation of an 18-inch culvert along Blau Road to reduce drainage problems. Surface Water Management is proposing a project to improve drainage in the North Beach Area of Samish Island in the vicinity of Blue Heron Road and Black Bryant Lane. The proposed project will reduce localized flooding to several property owners and is the first phase of a large scale regional drainage improvement for the North Beach Area. The effective date of the agreement shall be May 31, 2002. **(Contract No. C20020212)**

**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, June 10, 2002, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Purchase Card Electronic Payment to JP MORGAN CHASE from Clearing Fund 696 in the total amount of \$14,006.24 (Transmittal No. C-46-02).

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Warrants numbered 122202 through 122667 in the total dollar amount of \$3,863,359.14 (Transmittal No. C-47-02);

Warrants numbered 122669 through 122670 in the total dollar amount of \$2,851.91 (Transmittal No. C-48-02);

Payroll warrants numbered 957275 through 957350 in the total dollar amount of \$91,305.76 (Transmittal No. P-21-02);

Payroll warrants numbered 100881 through 101854 in the total dollar amount of \$1,006,976.50 (Transmittal No. P-22-02).

2. Staff presented a Resolution Authorizing a Call for a Public Hearing to Supplement the 2002 Budget as follows:

Current Expense Fund	#001	\$ 40,000
Parks & Recreation	#114	\$ 18,144
Senior Services	#118	\$ 10,000
Conservation Futures	#122	\$990,900
Hanson Creek Sub-Flood	#139	\$ 18,387
Capital Improvements	#341	\$198,500
Park Acquisition Fund	#352	\$100,000

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve a Resolution as outlined by Chris Stamey, Financial Systems Analyst, calling for a public hearing on Tuesday, July 2, 2002 at 11:00 a.m.. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020197)**

3. Staff presented a Resolution Authorizing Budget Line Item Changes for the following:

Current Expense Fund	#001	\$ 93,271
Senior Services Fund	#118	\$ 11,500

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve a Resolution as outlined by Mr. Stamey, authorizing budget line item changes. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020198)**

4. On behalf of the Public Works Department, Staff presented a Resolution Amending Resolution **No. R20020186**, regarding Call for Bids for the Bay Ridge Business Park Street and Utility Improvements Project ES 9700-2 in order to extend the bid opening date from June 25, 2002 to June 27, 2002 at 12:15 p.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Resolution as presented, Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020199)**
5. Staff presented a Resolution welcoming home and saluting the personnel assigned to the USS Bridge (AOE 10) to their homeport in Bremerton, Washington, Kitsap County, after serving with excellence for 193 days at sea and in ports in support of operation ENDURING FREEDOM. Commissioner Dahlstedt read the Resolution as follows:

**WELCOME HOME USS BRIDGE, (AOE 10)**

**WHEREAS**, the 430 men and women assigned to the USS BRIDGE, (AOE 10), a 753 foot U.S. Naval supply ship, are returning to their homeport in Bremerton, Kitsap County,

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Washington after *servng with excellence* for 193 days at sea and in ports in support of operation ENDURING FREEDOM, in our nation's war on terrorism; and

**WHEREAS**, the USS BRIDGE, one of the world's largest gas turbine powered ships, was built by Americans to cruise for sustained periods at battle group speeds, is capable of replenishing and rearming the entire battle force while underway through pipelines and helicopter delivery, replenishing up to four warships simultaneously while carrying out its self-defense function; and

**WHEREAS**, during their deployment, Sailors worked 24 hours a day demonstrating the total readiness of the Navy by the efficient and quick distribution of supplies to support the USS JOHN C. STENNIS Carrier Battle Group (CVBG) and naval ships from allied nations including Japan, Australia, Canada and England; and

**WHEREAS**, as supply ship to the Group, the USS BRIDGE served as one of the most important military assets, completing a total of 142 underway-replenishments and transferring more than 3,086 tons of cargo including ammunition, food, stores, parts, and mail to support the battle group; and providing over a million gallons of fuel to battle ships and carriers; and

**WHEREAS**, from the ports of San Diego where the BRIDGE was constructed as the most unique among all other navy ships in the world, to the Puget Sound where she was commissioned and homeported, the hearts of Americans swell with pride at the professionalism, dedication, success of the nation's finest warriors and patriots, who are serve our nation aboard the USS BRIDGE; and

**WHEREAS**, as this vessel returns back home, to the arms of our community, we reach out in appreciation and respect to welcome them home to their families, friends and neighbors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SKAGIT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** do hereby salute the personnel assigned to the USS BRIDGE (AOE 10).

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Resolution as outlined above. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20020200)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Chairman Munks left the proceedings to present scholarships at the Anacortes High School.

Jamie Lanning, 13089 State Highway 9, Clear Lake, thanked the Board for their efforts in obtaining blacktopping in some much needed areas around Clear Lake. He spoke with Chal Martin, Public Works Director, and Mr. Martin assures him that the work will take place very soon. Mr. Lanning also spoke of concerns regarding abandoned cars that dot the countryside.

Don Bockelman, 30623 South Skagit Highway, Sedro Woolley, spoke about a request for a public hearing that was made via e-mail to the Clerk of the Board, JoAnne Giesbrecht. The public hearing would have dealt with the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> U. S. Constitutional protections guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

Ms. Giesbrecht wrote a response to the request, based on discussions with Chairman Don Munks and John Moffat, legal counsel. The memo said that the County would be holding additional hearings and public meetings relating to Critical Areas Ordinances and Mr. Bockelman's input would be welcome at that time. He was also invited to share his views during the weekly Public Comment Period, which is why Mr. Bockelman is here today.

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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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**SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Don Munks, Chairman

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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ATTEST:

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