

**SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2002:**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Work Session – County Administrator
*T 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Presentation – Annual Report and Membership Directory for the Skagit Watershed Council
*T 10:00a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Visitation – High School Students from Northern Ireland
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Work Session – Boundary Review Board Procedures
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. – 1:30 p.m.	Public Hearing – Interim Ordinance No. R20020168
2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition

The Skagit County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 22, 2002 with Commissioner Don Munks, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Commissioner Ted W. Anderson present.

Presentation – Annual Report and Membership Directory for the Skagit Watershed Council.

Shirley Solomon, President of the Skagit Watershed Council, presented the annual newsletter of the Skagit Watershed Council. It provides information about activities that pertain to the well-being of salmon and their habitat in the Skagit Valley area.

Ms. Solomon indicated that there are a number of significant new initiatives taking place in the Skagit and regionally that will bring greater visibility to their work and provide critical leverage to their efforts. The designation of the Skagit Watershed as Earthwatch Institute's new Conservation Research Center will bring an infusion of new research and the bright beam of international spotlight. The Trust for Public Land and The Nature Conservancy's Greater Skagit Delta Initiative will bring additional tools and resources to bear in helping to resolve the conflicts between agricultural land protection and salmon habitat restoration.

Ms. Solomon concluded by stating that the formation of the not-for-profit Puget Sound Salmon Forum may well provide the conduit through which the Council can most effectively participate in the larger Puget Sound recovery endeavor. The context of salmon recovery is a dynamic one.

Visitation – High School Students from Northern Ireland.

Brian Hurst, Business and Community Liaison at Cascades Job Corps Center, advised that the student visitors from Northern Ireland had been in Skagit County for nearly two weeks. Mr. Hurst then gave a brief description of the Spirit of Enniskillen.

The bomb in Enniskillen, Northern Ireland, on Remembrance Sunday, 1987, killed eleven people and injured many more. It could have provoked a response of anger and revenge. Instead, what emerged was a dignity that reflected tolerance, understanding and reconciliation – the true Spirit of Enniskillen.

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The Spirit of Enniskillen Bursaries pays tribute to this spirit and to the efforts of those who brought good out of evil. They celebrate the ability of the community to work together to overcome division. Since 1989, over five hundred young people and adults have participated.

In the past, violence has served to increase fear and vision between the two main Catholic and Protestant communities in Northern Ireland. All too often decreased communication and lack of political accord has led to increased polarization and mistrust between the two cultures.

To help reverse this trend, the Spirit of Enniskillen program encourages young people to broaden their horizons by traveling to other countries – also experiencing community divisions – where they gain first hand experience of how people from different backgrounds are learning to live together.

On return, participants are expected to reflect on their experiences and are invited to become part of a “critical yeast”, promoting the principles of equity and interdependence between all communities. If they so wish, they may also join and get further support from the Future Voices Project, formed and run by past-participants of the scheme.

Throughout the program, participants have opportunities to work and debate with other young people from a range of different backgrounds and cultures in belief that being open to listening to others does not necessarily mean having to compromise on principles and values. On the contrary, it can often help to clarify and refine them.

Underlying the practice of the Spirit of Enniskillen is an acceptance that young people are naturally curious about themselves and others and have a real need to learn about and to widen their experience of the world. They often also want to be personally involved in current issues of the day and, contrary to much popular opinion, have a strong desire to make a positive contribution for the good of society. When they do choose to work with civic courage, their efforts can have a constructive impact well beyond their immediate circles.

A key assumption of the scheme is that “a lesson learned with humor is a lesson retained”. The Spirit of Enniskillen program reflects this with a balanced mix of work, relaxation and enjoyment. The written reports and comments of those who undertake the challenge show that their memories are warm, positive and lasting.

Each student then came forward and introduced himself/herself and talked about their visit to the United States.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, July 22, 2002, items 1 through 27. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, July 8, 2002.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, July 9, 2002.
3. Record of the Proceedings for July 10, 2002.

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ASSESSOR:

4. Out-of-State Travel Requests for Mark Leander, Wes Hagen, Bob Chase and Jane Sneeringer to attend the Northwest Property Tax Conference in Portland, Oregon September 17 and 18, 2002. The conference subject is commercial and appraisal methods. The cost for each participant is \$524.00 for a total of \$2,096.00. **(Approved)**

CONSERVATION FUTURES:

5. Conservation Easement protecting farmland owned by J. C. Dellinger. The easement will extinguish one development right and permanently protect approximately 38.29 acres of farmland along Pulver Road at a cost of \$72,611.48. The board discussed this transaction during an executive session on February 6, 2002. Half of the cost of this easement will be reimbursed by the Federal Farmland Protection Program grant. Mr. Moffat advised that the public process for approving the easement would be satisfied by placing it under the Consent/Miscellaneous items agenda. **(Contract No. C20020252)**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

6. Amendment No. 4 to Program Agreement **No. 04483** between Skagit County Health District and DSHS. The Passport Program was mandated by the 1997 Regular Session of the Legislature and enables the Contractor to provide a compilation of the child's health history and related information, etc. The amendment increases the maximum consideration for the fiscal period 7/1/2002 through 12/31/2002 by \$14,816.00. All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect. **(Amendment No. A20020084)**
7. Amendment No. 4 to Program Agreement **No. 04485** between Skagit County Health Department and DSHS to extend Public Health Nurse (CPS) contract to 12/31/2002 to provide in home services to families with babies and young children at risk of child abuse and neglect, to include: assessment, identification of health risk factors, education, developmental testing, information referral and other needed public health services. The amendment increases the maximum consideration for the fiscal period 7/01/2002 through 12/31/2002 by \$12,777.00. All other terms and conditions remain in full force and effect. **(Amendment No. A20020085)**
8. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Interlocal Agreement with Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Washington to enable the Skagit County Health Department to perform inspections of food preparation, facilities and feeding sites operating under the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) as requested by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. **(Resolution No. R20020250)**
9. Contract for Purchased Services between the Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of Washington and Skagit County by and through its Health Department to provide health and sanitation evaluations of food service management companies (vendors), sponsor food preparation facilities and feeding sites operating under the USDA Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). The Contract begins June 17, 2002 and ends on September 6, 2002. **(Contract No. C20020253)**

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HUMAN SERVICES:

10. Amendment No. 3 to Agreement **No. 05375** between Skagit Recovery Center and Skagit County. The 2001-2003 contract with DSHS-DASA (Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse) was decreased due to the 2002 Supplemental DASA budget. Six (6) substance abuse programs were slightly affected and as a result Skagit Recovery Center's Child Care services changed. The Scope of Work reduces the Child Care hours from 665 to 570. There is no change to the contract amount of \$1,519,000.00. The Agreement began July 1, 2001 and ends on June 30, 2003. All other terms and conditions of the original contract remain in place. **(Amendment No. A20020086)**

MEDIATION SERVICES:

11. Resolution Authorizing Call for Public Hearing to Establish a Fee Schedule for the Office of Mediation Services. Public Hearing to be held on Monday, August 19, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20020251)**

RECREATION AND FAIR DEPARTMENT:

12. Resolution for the Purchase of Water Works Easement for Swinomish Boat Launch Project by the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Fair Department. The easement is needed to construct, operate and maintain a waterline for a new restroom facility, and fair market value based on Washington public agency valuation standards will be offered as just compensation to subject easement property owner(s) within 30 days of signing easement document. Real estate transaction must be completed by March 2003 or the project may be in jeopardy of violating permit of entry terms. **(Resolution No. R20020252)**

PLANNING AND PERMIT CENTER:

13. Amendment No. 5 to Agreement **No. 04771** between Skagit County and Reid Middleton. Exhibit A, Scope of Work, is amended to add additional tasks. The April 2001 drafts of the Bayview Ridge Sub area Plan; Development Regulations and Pre-draft Environmental Impact Statement are to be revised prior to public issuance. Revisions are to include consideration of comments received from Skagit County's legal counsel, revised Sub area Plan alternatives developed by Skagit County, and updated information related to capital facilities and transportation. The Not to Exceed amount established under the Agreement, and its Amendments Numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4 is hereby increased by \$8,000.00, from \$52,002.00 to \$60,002.00. Revisions to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be completed by September 1, 2002, assuming information supplied by Skagit County is available on or before August 15, 2002. Skagit County may elect to extend the September 1 date based on additional project needs. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20020087)**

TREASURER:

14. Resolution Establishing a Fee Schedule for the County Treasurer. A fee schedule was established by the Board of County Commissioners for the Treasurer's Office by Resolution No. 9211 on March 23, 1982, and Resolution No. 11648 on July 18, 1988; and an updated fee schedule is necessary in order for the County to recover costs. The fee schedule to be adopted is as follows: Application for tax title/surplus property - \$50.00; Checks returned for insufficient funds - \$15.00; and Foreclosure Lists - \$3.00. **(Resolution No. R20020253)**

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YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES:

15. Vendor Services Agreement between Skagit County Youth and Family Services and R and N Van Service to provide transportation of seven passengers to Leavenworth on July 21, 2002 and back on July 28, 2002. The County will compensate the Contractor \$200.00, not to exceed \$400.00. The Contract shall commence on July 21, 2002 and continue until July 29, 2002. **(Contract No. C20020254)**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

16. Letter to Governor Gary Locke regarding Hazard Mitigation Grant Request. **(Approved)**
17. Signature Bid Award Resolution-North Fork Bridge Rail Upgrade Project No. ES 40037-3. (Hathaway/Marlega) **(Resolution No. R20020254)**
18. SIGNATURE: Congratulations letter for Barbara Hathaway on earning her Washington State Geologist license. (Gutwein/Flude) **(Approved)**
19. Call for Public Hearing on the Proposed 2003-2008 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. (Gutwein/Flude) **(Resolution No. R20020255)**
20. SIGNATURE: Final Order to Vacate Unopened County Right-of-Way East of North Shore Drive near Lake Cavanaugh. (Griffiths/Flude) **(Resolution No. R20020256)**
21. Call for Public Hearing to Vacate Ridge Place. This road is a 60-foot extension of the existing Ridge Place, which is north of State Route 20 and east of Collins Road. (Griffiths/Flude) **(Resolution No. R20020257)**
22. Call for Bids for One New Latest Model Motor Grader. This equipment will replace a 1985 motor grader which, due to age and condition, will be sold at auction next year. (Queen/Flude) **(Resolution No. R20020258)**
23. Call for Bids for One Latest Model Excavator. This unit will replace a 1988 wheeled excavator, which will be sold at the surplus auction. This unit was included in the 2002 budget for replacement. (Queen/Flude) **(Resolution No. R20020259)**
24. Call for Public Hearing to review objections to the proposed special assessment roll, rates, and charges for Lake Management District No. 1-Big Lake. (First/Boge) **(Resolution No. R20020260)**
25. SIGNATURE: Resolution amending the 2002 Solid Waste Advisory Committee Membership. This resolution amends Resolution No. R20020081 (attached), the Solid Waste Advisory Committee membership. The boundary lines for District 3 have been moved. Pete Jepson has been the SWAC District 3 Citizen's representative, but is now within the boundary lines of District 1. Because the District 1 Citizen's position is currently vacant, Pete Jepson has agreed to become the District 1 Citizen's representative for the remainder of his term, making vacant the District #3 position. **(Resolution No. R20020261)**
26. Easement between Soldate Family Trust and Skagit County for a 10-foot drainage easement along 610 feet of the Soldate property on Fruitdale Road for the installation, maintenance and reconstruction of a public storm drain. The original location for the storm drain required excavation immediately adjacent to an existing natural gas service line and relocation of 3 power transmission line support poles. The \$4,500 cost of the easement saves approximately \$14,000 in relocation costs of the transmission line support poles. The relocation also avoided the risk of breaking the natural gas line along the 610-foot length. **(Contract No. C20020255)**

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27. Vendor Services Agreement between Skagit County and Materials Testing and Consulting, Inc. (MTC). The scope of work for this agreement shall consist of performing various sample tests and providing any materials set forth in the scope of work identified in Exhibit "A" for the Main Street Road Improvement Project – Town of Concrete – Skagit County. The maximum amount payable is \$1,102.50, with a completion date of February 2003. The County through its Public Works Department has agreed to manage this project on the Town's behalf. The Town of Concrete and Skagit County entered into Interlocal Agreement No. 005094 in October of 2000. Through this Interlocal the County agreed to be the Certifying Agent and manage the project. **(Contract No. C20020256)**

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 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, July 22, 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 124499 through 124821 in the total dollar amount of \$503,689.20 (Transmittal No. C-59-02); and

Warrant numbered 124823 in the total dollar amount of \$27,645.00 (Transmittal No. C-60-02); and

Warrants numbered 124824 through 125021 in the total dollar amount of \$732,430.91 (Transmittal No. C-61-02).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

John Brink, 10935 Emily Lane, spoke of his concerns regarding Avon Allen Road and Josh Wilson Road. He feels there have been a large number of fatalities in that area and something should be done about it. The problem will only get worse as the Bayview area continues to grow.

Commissioner Anderson stated that this issue was discussed at the last Highway 20 Safety Corridor Meeting. A standard traffic control light needs to be installed at that particular intersection.

Chairman Munks told Mr. Brink that a speed survey had been conducted in the area. Sheriff Ed Goodman will be contacted about doing traffic emphasis on this section of roadway.

PUBLIC HEARING – INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. R20020168.

Tom Karsh, Director of the Planning & Permit Center, briefed the Board on Interim Ordinance No. R20020168, which was approved on May 20, 2002. It was put into place to keep options open to farmers to choose a farm management plan. State law requires that a public hearing be held within sixty days of signing an interim ordinance. Initially this ordinance was scheduled to be brought before the Planning Commission for a public hearing, however, this did not happen within the required timeframe. If the interim ordinance were to lapse because there was no public hearing, the permanent ordinance would then take its place.

He then indicated that the proposed extension of Interim Ordinance No. R20020168 would extend the sign-up deadline to November 20, 2002 and include the Managed Agriculture Riparian Plan as one of the four buffer options.

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Mr. Karsh expressed concern that due to the lateness of the public notice being sent out, that public participation has been limited. He said one written comment was received from James W. Webber, staff attorney for Skagit Systems Cooperative.

There being no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Anderson motioned to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Karsh suggested that this matter be taken before the Planning Commission in order to offer a public comment period for a minimum of fifteen days. He said that would demonstrate that the County is truly interested in what the public has to say.

Chairman Munks stated that we must make sure everyone has the opportunity to comment on the interim ordinance.

Deliberation will take place on Monday, July 29, 2002 at 11:45 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion 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

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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