

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2002**

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Work Session – Operations Division Manager/Road District
Maintenance Supervisors

- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director**
1. Discussion – Park Ridge Lane, Private Road
 2. Skagit River Flood Protection/Salmon Restoration Project Update
 3. Proclamation – “Flood Awareness Week” October 21 – 25, 2002
 4. Resolution Regarding Flood Disaster Event Roles and Responsibilities of the Skagit County Department of Public Works
 5. Miscellaneous

- *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Planning & Permit Center – Tom Karsh, Director**
1. Discussion – County Decision on Updated 20-Year Population Forecast
 2. Miscellaneous

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2002, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director

1. Discussion – Park Ridge Lane, Private Road.

Chal Martin, Director, stated that a request was made by the Park Ridge Homeowners Association asking the County to participate in paving approximately 620 feet of Park Ridge Lane that intersects with Prairie Road. Currently this portion is gravel, which dribbles out onto Prairie Road causing a safety issue. School buses also use this area as a bus stop and turnaround, which adds to the problem.

Legal counsel says the County cannot pave private roads, however, in this particular situation there is a definite safety issue. All of the residents along the private road pay into the County road fund. The proposal would be to obtain approval from the legal department, then partner with the association on a 50/50 basis and have the rest of the road paved.

Commissioner Anderson said that because school buses use the area for a turnaround and the fact that parents from other areas park there to drop off and pick up their children, it is a safety issue and therefore the County is involved. He met with several property owners residing on the private road. They wish to be able to partner with the County for the cost of paving the 620 feet. Many other County residents are impacting the road, as well.

Mr. Martin advised that the Park Ridge Homeowners Association had obtained a bid from Lakeside Industries to pave the road for the sum of \$15,000. That amount is more than the Association can afford.

Commissioner Dahlstedt recommended contacting the school district to ask for their participation. “Nine school buses run around there everyday and it definitely creates a safety problem on Prairie Road.”

Cliff Butler, Public Works, said the school district will be contacted about partnering with the Homeowners Association along with the County to resolve this issue.

2. Skagit River Flood Protection/Salmon Restoration Project Update.

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, gave a brief update on the Skagit River Flood Protection Project. The US Army Corps of Engineers are continuing work on several studies. The studies include the determination of expected flood damage for certain regions, sediment transport, and the issue of fish usage in the river to look at fish loss and/or gain. The Corps are also in the process of obtaining legal opinion about the protection status in the Padilla Bay Sanctuary.

A Flood Control Committee meeting will be held on October 7, 2002. Hopefully the committee will become reenergized and more involved in the status of the project.

Mr. Brookings indicated that Surface Water Management staff has spent a lot of time preparing for Flood Awareness Week. Dan Berentson, Communications Director, will be doing a story on the flood control project and illustrate why it is needed.

He also discussed the need for a financial consultant to map out a financial plan for the construction of the flood bypass project.

Commissioner Anderson asked where the consultant would be paid from.

Mr. Brookings said the consultant would be paid from the River Improvement Fund, which is funded primarily by the road fund.

3. Proclamation – “Flood Awareness Week” October 21 – 25, 2002.

Mr. Martin provided a Proclamation recognizing October 21, 2002 through October 25, 2002 as Flood Awareness Week. Scheduled activities aim at preparing Public Works staff for flood fight operations in the case of a flood event. There will be a series of training exercises during the week for County flood fight team members. The week's events will also provide educational information to the public regarding actions that can be taken by citizens to help reduce flooding damages.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the Proclamation, declaring October 21, 2002 through October 25, 2002 as Flood Awareness Week and motioned to approve it. Commissioner Anderson seconded the vote, which passed unanimously.

4. Resolution Regarding Flood Disaster Event Roles and Responsibilities of the Skagit County Department of Public Works.

Mr. Martin stated that the threat of serious flooding is a seasonal event in the Skagit Valley, occurring between November 1 and March 15 of each year. The role of the Public Works Department during a flood event is to maintain County transportation facilities, roads, and bridges, and to provide material and equipment to flood fight operations in order to maintain the levee system during an event.

The purpose of this Resolution is to establish Skagit County Flood Fight Coordinators for the 2002/2003 flood season and to ensure that the roles and responsibilities of the Department are clearly understood during a flood disaster event. The role of the Flood Fight Coordinators is to coordinate the use of the Department's resources for a flood fight, as well as work in cooperation with other Federal, State, and local entities to reduce flood damages. This Resolution establishes Dave Brookings and Don Dixon as the County's Flood Fight Coordinators during the 2002/2003 flood season.

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Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to approve the Resolution as outlined by Mr. Martin. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. (**Resolution No. R20020346**)

5. Miscellaneous.

A. Mr. Martin reported that three bids were received for the Morris Street Improvement Project. SRV Construction submitted the lowest bid, therefore, a contract will be submitted for next week's Consent Agenda. He indicated that the bid amount will consume all of the remaining money for that project. The La Conner Town Council will meet to discuss the bid alternatives on Wednesday, October 2, 2002. They also intend to look at their financial resources to see if they can offer any monetary assistance.

B. Mr. Martin stated that the Draft Ferry Management Report should be available next week.

C. A request was received from concerned property owners along the Samish River. The issue is leftover garbage that continually accumulates in that area. The owners are willing to clean up the garbage and would like to partner with the County to see that it is hauled off to the transfer station at no charge.

Chairman Munks said he feels that the County should be able to get rid of any trash that the group is willing to pick up and bag. Otherwise, the County would have to do it all themselves. However, he said we must be consistent. Perhaps the wiser idea would be to put a dumpster out on the property.

Commissioner Anderson advised contacting Waste Management to see if they would be willing to donate a dumpster and then the County would wave the tipping fee.

D. Mr. Martin indicated that a letter previously sent to the Governor's office regarding the Virginia Doty property has been located, by the Governor's office.

E. A letter was received from the Clear Lake Fire Department regarding the condition of a bridge that fire trucks use. They are requesting certification of safe passage be given by the Public Works Department before they resume using it. Mr. Martin said it is a private bridge located near Clear Lake that is in bad condition, however, he hasn't officially been approached about a resolution to the problem.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Tom Karsh, Director

1. Discussion – County Decision on Updated 20-Year Population Forecast.

Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner, explained that the Planning & Permit Center met with Skagit Council of Governments planners on Friday, September 20, 2002 to discuss selection of a 20-year population projection based on the Office of Financial Management's High-Medium-Low forecasts. A variety of opinions were shared on whether the population number should be nearer to the Low or Medium end of the spectrum. However, the planners as a whole recommended that the selection of the population number would be most appropriately be made by the Growth Management Act Steering Committee (GMASC) as proposed by the 2002 Framework Agreement, rather than by the County on its own. One of the main reasons is that the 20-year population forecast will become the starting point for any revisions to Countywide Planning Policy 1.1. Review and approval of the CPPs is one of the fundamental purposes of the new GMASC.

Mr. Johnson indicated that the Board had been advised in past meetings that it would need to make the decision on the 20-year population forecast by October 1, 2002, to satisfy a condition of the County's contract with the Office of Community Development. However, the Department now

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recommends that this matter should be taken up as the first agenda item for the newly created GMASC.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stated that our role as leaders is to provide accurate decisions with accurate numbers. If you under estimate, the County will not be properly prepared in the future.

Commissioner Anderson asked if the decision will ultimately come back before the Board for ratification.

Gary Christensen, Assistant Director, said the committee would meet and hopefully reach consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, then the issue would go through a dispute resolution process. Ultimately, the decision will rest on the Skagit County Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Karsh explained that the cities were encouraged to recommend rapid adoption of the 2002 Framework Agreement by their elected officials, which includes the recent voting revisions as recommended by the Town of La Conner and supported by the County. Many, if not all, of the jurisdictions have indicated verbal support for the Agreement now being proposed. He predicted a meeting of the GMASC could be scheduled either late October or early November.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stipulated that the decision should be a practical one instead of a political one.

Commissioner Anderson agreed and said he would like the figures to be at the medium range.

2. Miscellaneous.

A. Kendra Smith, Assistant Director, explained that a few months ago the Board approved an interim ordinance, which repealed Skagit County Code 14.24.130, the strategic plan and amending Section 120 to delete reference to a strategic plan. Because it was an interim ordinance it required a public hearing within 60 days. It was taken before the Planning Commission to make it a permanent ordinance. They held a public hearing, deliberated and are now bringing forward a recorded motion. Ms. Smith recommends holding a public meeting to discuss the interim ordinance repealing the Strategic Plan to Protect Wild Salmonids, Section 130 of the Critical Areas Ordinance. At that time the Board will review the Planning Commission's recommendation on this matter. Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to approve holding a public meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. to review the Planning Commission's recommendations on the Strategic Plan, Section 130 of the Critical Areas Ordinance. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Mr. Karsh said the Planning Commission voted to extend the farm plan sign-up portion of the Critical Areas Ordinance to November 20, 2002. It is presently working its way through the recorded motion process.

C. John Moffat, Prosecutor's Office, explained that yesterday in the mail he received a Memorandum of Understanding and an Indemnity and Hold Harmless Agreement signed by Dena Blatt. Ms. Blatt dismissed Appeal Nos. PL#02-01691 and PL#02-0124 of the Hearing Examiner's decisions on July 23, 2002. It was understood that no later than October 15, 2002, she would submit a revised building permit application and apply for any necessary land use approvals with regard to construction of the addition to her residence located at 12724 Marine Drive, Anacortes. Mr. Moffat indicated that the documents received simply complete the paperwork of the appeal.

The Board signed the documents as requested.

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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