

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2002**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Work Session – County Administrator
*T 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Commendation to John Vaux for 21 Years as a Civil Service Commissioner
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Work Session – Emergency Medical Services
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, October 28, 2002, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

Chairman Munks announced that the work session scheduled with Emergency Medical Services at 10:30 has been cancelled.

COMMENDATION TO JOHN VAUX FOR 21 YEARS AS A CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER.

Dennis Wyatt, Civil Service Examiner for Skagit County, explained that he works under the direction of the Board of Civil Service Commissioners. These Commissioners are appointed by the Skagit County Board of Commissioners and it is strictly a voluntary appointment. The Civil Service Commissioners are charged with recruiting, screening, and testing for promotional and entry-level examinations within the Sheriff's Department. The Commission also has the power to rule or over-rule any disciplinary matters that come to their attention from within the Office of the Sheriff.

Mr. Wyatt said it was amazing that Mr. John Vaux could actually donate so much time over a 22+ year period. It is an astonishing public service record and he is glad to be here today to recognize him.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said that without volunteers and people like John Vaux that are committed to the County, it would be hard to function. He feels the average taxpayer doesn't realize how critical a lot of these commissions are. He then personally thanked Mr. Vaux for all of the time he has put into helping the community to be a better place.

Commissioner Anderson echoed that sentiment. He said it says a lot about the Vaux family in general when you have a brother that served as a Skagit County Commissioner and a father that served as the Mayor of Mount Vernon. They have a long history of public service and dedication to their community. He is very appreciative and hopes John enjoys his retirement as it is well deserved.

Chairman Don Munks stated that as a member of the community and also as a County Commissioner, he wanted to also commend Mr. Vaux for the many years of service he has put in. It is not that difficult to get on a board and serve for a few years and leave, however, it is very difficult to get on a board and contribute year after year, especially for 22 years. It takes a lot of time, thought and decision making.

On behalf of the Skagit County Board of Commissioners, Chairman Munks read the commendation certificate.

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Mr. Vaux said it has been a fun job and he has had a mighty enjoyable time serving Skagit County on the Civil Service Commission. He has served under three Sheriff's during his time on the Commission; originally appointed by John Boynton, then served under Gary Frazier and now Ed Goodman. He said during his tenure, the Board gave out very few disciplinary actions. He said if there had been more it wouldn't have been any fun.

He also added that when it came time to conduct interviews for a Civil Service Examiner, there were 12 applicants. Eleven of them were not impressive and then came the 12th applicant, Dennis Wyatt. He said they felt like God had arrived as Dennis understood the Civil Service program forward, backwards, and sideways. They thought they were very lucky to have Mr. Wyatt and they still think that way today. There has never been a problem since the day he came on board. John thanked him for all of his hard work. He then thanked the Board for allowing him to serve in this capacity. He has enjoyed it, it's been a pleasure, and he will miss it.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve all of the items on the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, October 21, 2002.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

2. Memorandum of Agreement with the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division and Skagit County for the Mitigation 20/20 Software and All-Hazard Mitigation Plan. In order to assist the County in writing this plan, FEMA has developed a software package called 20/20 Software that is being made available to local jurisdictions within Washington State. The County needs to approve the MOA in order to obtain the software. **(Contract No. C20020384)**

INFORMATION SERVICES:

3. Letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture approving the application for a Rural Utilities Service Community-Connectivity Broadband Program for the Town of Concrete Broadband Telecommunications Infrastructure Project. Funds would be made available through the DOA. **(Approved)**

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:

4. Amendment No. 2 to Vendor Services Agreement **No. 04407** with Kelly Temporary Services to increase the compensation amount by \$10,000 for a total contract amount of \$20,000. The original compensation amount was for \$8,500. All other terms of the Agreement shall remain unchanged. **(Amendment No. A20020134)**
5. A Resolution amending provisions of Resolution **No. R20020134** regarding the Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board. The amendments are as follows: **Section 1. Membership, Terms and Ex Officio Members.** A) The AAB shall consist of twelve members; each Board of County Commissioner shall have four appointments; and, the members shall serve staggered terms of three years. B) No Change. C) The Skagit County Director of Planning and Permit Center, and the Conservation Futures Program Director; and a Washington State University Cooperative Extension representative shall serve in an ex officio (staff advisory) capacity. **Section 2.** No Change. **Section 3.** No Change. **(Resolution No. R20020375)**

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6. A Resolution denying Appeal No. PL02-0568 of Charles and Mary Jo Mott. **(Resolution No. R20020376)**

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

7. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20020347** with Lynn Miner, which would extend the contract date to October 18, 2002. Also, compensation shall occur at the rate of \$500 per week from September 30, 2002 through October 18, 2002. The amendment would become effective September 27, 2002. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20020135)**

SENIOR SERVICES:

8. Out-of-State Travel Request for Sally Hill to attend the Northwest Wellness Conference for Seniors in Seaside, Oregon from October 20-25, 2002. The approximate cost would be \$357.07. Ms. Hill will be acting as a team leader to a team of 9 representing the Anacortes Senior Center. **(Approved)**
9. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Town of Concrete, per Resolution No. 18438, for the provision of senior services for calendar year 2003. The total amount of the Agreement shall be \$6,276. **(Contract No. C20020385)**

SHERIFF:

10. Personal Services Agreement with McNeill Polygraph and Investigation to perform pre-employment polygraph exams on potential employees. The Agreement shall commence on June 1, 2002 and continue until May 31, 2004. Compensation shall be \$125 per each screening. **(Contract No. C20020386)**

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES:

11. Personal Services Agreement with Community Mental Health to provide specialized Juvenile Offender evaluations, treatment (group and/or individual), consultations and monitoring for juveniles and/or their families, referred by the County. The Agreement shall commence on October 1, 2002 and continue until September 30, 2004. Compensation is not to exceed \$60,000. **(Contract No. C20020387)**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

12. A Resolution approving the submittal of a Grant Application in the amount of \$70,000 to the Northwest Straits Commission on behalf of the Skagit County Marine Resources Committee. The money would be used for marine resource protection and/or enhancement projects. **(Resolution No. R20020377)**
13. Vendor Services Agreement with Recycle Systems to allow the rebuild of the main compactor backup cylinder located at the Skagit County Transfer Station located on Ovenell Road in Mount Vernon. The Agreement shall commence on October 14, 2002 and continue until December 31, 2007. Compensation is not to exceed \$45,000. **(Contract No. C20020388)**
14. 2002-2003 Winter Cooperative/Collection Agreement with the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission requesting Skagit County to perform maintenance by snow plowing, grading and leveling, and installing appropriate highway signs at Shadow of Sentinels Nature Trail and Rocky Creek/Baker Lake Highway. The Agreement shall

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- commence on November 4, 2002 and continue until April 30, 2003. **(Contract No. C20020389)**
15. Vendor Services Agreement with Blue Heron Farms to provide maintenance and planting of 400, 2-year old 1 gallon sized containerized tree seedlings with tree protectors on each seedling at the Brickyard Creek bank, located in the Sedro-Woolley Sub-Flood Control Zone. The Agreement will also cover planting activities associated with maintenance and dredging in other sub-flood control zones as needed. The Agreement shall commence on October 15, 2002 and continue until December 30, 2003. Compensation is not to exceed \$12,500. **(Contract No. C20020390)**
 16. Right-of-Entry Agreement between Skagit County and Ms. Adele Turner and Mrs. Carol Ross. The County needs to survey and conduct soil and groundwater tests on their property in Edison in order to plan for a stormwater storage facility as part of the Edison Town Drainage Improvement Project. Monitoring is to be completed by March 15, 2003. There is no compensation being paid the ROE. **(Contract No. C20020391)**
 17. Right-of-Entry **AND** Easement between Skagit County and Adrienne Brown to improve an existing storm drainage system located on the East Shore of Big Lake. The current system is undersized and cannot accommodate the amount of water flowing through it during heavy storm events. The ROE allows access to the affected privately owned parcel during construction. The Easement document grants Skagit County a perpetual easement for storm drainage upon the affected parcel. There is no compensation being paid for these rights. **(Contract Nos. C20020392 AND C20020393)**

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, October 28, 2002, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrant numbered 130771 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$3,821.52 (Transmittal No. C-90-02); and

Warrants numbered 130772 through 131281 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$1,565,155.69 (Transmittal No. C-91-02); and

Warrant numbered 131282 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$198,607.28 (Transmittal No. C-92-02); and

Payroll warrants numbered 958071 through 958171 in the total dollar amount of \$98,349.68 (Transmittal No. P-39-02); and

Payroll warrants numbered 110929 through 111798 in the total dollar amount of \$920,969.17 (Transmittal No. P-40-02).

2. On behalf of the Finance Department, Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Mary Moore to work with the citizens of Skagit County and Elected Officials, as well as regional library directors to develop a comprehensive plan for countywide library services. The Agreement shall commence on October 1, 2002 and continue through May 1, 2003. Compensation shall not exceed \$5,000.

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Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Agreement with Mary Moore. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. C20020394)**

3. Staff presented a Resolution authorizing a budget line item change for Current Expense Fund #001 in the amount of \$100,450.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Resolution as outlined. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. R20020378)**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Commissioner Munks opened the public comment period. Commissioner Anderson was excused as he needed to attend a meeting at Cascades Job Corps.

Larry Kelly, 17455 Allen Road, said that his wife is an employee in the Sheriff's Office. He expressed concern about the union contract and talked about the increase in taxes and the cost of living. He also spoke about the noise relative to a motorcycle track located next to his property. He said he has aerial photographs of his property showing how close the motorcycle track is to it. Commissioner Munks advised that Ron Palmer had gone to the property to monitor the noise.

Ron Coakley 366788 Clark Lane, spoke. He said he works as a Sergeant in the Sheriff's Office and is assigned to the Jail. There is a complete lack of progress in regard to union negotiations and all of the meetings have accomplished very little. He said they feel the County, as represented by Mr. Schroeder, has not bargained in good faith. If there is no movement they must go to arbitration, which is going to be costly. The final offer made last week by Bruce Schroeder was exactly the same that was made in January. "We want to work with the County, but it is a two-way street. The County has been intractable. This is neither right nor fair." He urged the Commissioners to please talk to Mr. Schroeder and Mr. Atwood and anyone else that is on that team and let them know they are willing to work with them, but feel they are not willing to work with the union.

Robert Kluze, Deputy with the Sheriff's Office at the Jail spoke. He expressed his concern that people are not taking notice of the jail population. There are people lying on the floor within a two foot proximity of the toilets. Many early releases are given because there is no room, which has caused a revolving door syndrome. The police bring in more and more people and the judges keep issuing warrants. A recent construction project eased the situation with the female population, but nothing has been done for the males.

He went on to say that there are felons next door to people whose only crime is driving with a suspended license. The situation is becoming catastrophic. Staff has not been added for three years and line staff in about ten years. The same number of staff is handling many more inmates, with the lack of space increasing the danger. Jail staff, without medical experience, is passing out medication considered controlled substances. He said they are often called out again after a 12 hour shift to do a med call. He emphasized again that the situation is reaching a dangerous level.

Mr. Kluze added that Snohomish County is experiencing a number of lawsuits from inmates and staff because of overcrowded conditions. "This is going to happen here - the public needs to know what is going on." He said he does not fault the judges as they are doing what they need to do. Shifts are 28 day rotating cycles. "After that, when you are exhausted, you have to pull in four more hours of overtime. We are setting ourselves up for some big lawsuits." He said he hopes it does not reach the point where more money is being spent on lawsuits than what it would cost to hire more personnel.

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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**

Don Munks, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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