

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2003**

- 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. Signature – Resolution Approving Interlocal Agreement with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Regarding South March's Point Road Intersection Improvement Project
 2. Signature – Interlocal Agreement with the Swinomish Tribal Community Regarding South March's Point Road Intersection Improvement Project
 3. Signature – Resolution Requesting Proposals for the Big Lake Drainage Study and Management Plan
 4. Discussion – Department of Ecology
 5. Discussion – SR 20/George Hopper Interchange
 6. Miscellaneous
- *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center – David Blane, Director
1. Consideration and Possible Action – Adoption of Interim Development Regulations for Urban Growth Areas of Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley
 2. Miscellaneous
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Bid Opening – Mac Taggart Avenue, et al, 2003 Asphalt Overlay, Project #ES20020-3
- *T 11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Presentation – Annual Skagit Watershed Council Report
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Barbeque at The Lunch Box in Pine Square

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 26, 2003, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Ted W. Anderson, and Don Munks present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHAL MARTIN, DIRECTOR

1. **Signature – Resolution Approving Interlocal Agreement with the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community Regarding South March's Point Road Intersection Improvement Project.**

Commissioner Anderson motioned and Commissioner Munks seconded approval of the resolution to authorize an Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and the Swinomish Tribal Community. The motion carried unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20030293)**

2. **Signature – Interlocal Agreement with the Swinomish Tribal Community Regarding South March's Point Road Intersection Improvement Project.**

Chal Martin stated that the County received grant money from the State Transportation Improvement Board for this project. This agreement will allow the County to reimburse the Tribe for their work related to the South March Point Road Intersection Improvement Project. Commissioner Anderson moved approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and the Swinomish Tribal Community. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. **(Contract No. C20030374)**

3. Signature – Resolution Requesting Proposals for the Big Lake Drainage Study and Management Plan.

Don Dixon reported that Public Works has received several drainage complaints in the area over the past few years. There have also been some water quality issues that may be related to stormwater drainage. Funding was requested in the 2003 budget to get a study started. The purpose of the study is to compile all of the information needed to inventory and understand the current conditions and develop strategies to improve conveyance, water quality, and reduce flooding in the Big Lake drainage basin. Commissioner Anderson moved and Commissioner Munks seconded the motion to approve a resolution requesting proposal for the Big Lake Drainage Study and Management Plan. The motion carried unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20030294)**

4. Discussion - Department of Ecology

Mr. Martin introduced Ray Hellwig, Northwest Regional Director for the Department of Ecology. Mr. Hellwig presented the Department of Ecology's Environmental Excellence Award to Laura Kahn, supervisor of Skagit County's Community Litter Cleanup Program. This is the State's highest environmental honor. Ms. Kahn has been with the program since it was created in 1998, and during that time she has overseen the removal of more than 1.75 million pounds of litter from public areas. The Commissioners each commended Laura for the excellent job that she has done over the past five years.

5. Discussion – SR 20/George Hopper Interchange.

Chal Martin gave an update on discussions that have occurred between the Department of Transportation (DOT), City of Burlington staff, and County Public Works staff since the last Board update. Mr. Martin said that the State's position is that SR20 is a primary responsibility, and they are very concerned about safety. Local access is an issue that needs to be addressed, and to date the DOT does not have a final plan. The State sees George Hopper Road as a local issue since it doesn't provide access to a State facility. In addition, there is an issue with area on the west side of I-5 is within the City of Burlington's urban growth area. Burlington's position is to get the project done as soon as possible on SR20.

There is a developer that is interested in developing an area within the urban growth area of the City of Burlington, and he feels the City is treating him unfairly because other areas along the interchange are being allowed to develop. The City of Burlington recognizes that they need to invest money in George Hopper. The State's basic approach for the interstate design is to put fly-over ramps off I-5 and tie them into Highway 20. The problem with this design is that if development occurs further south people coming from north will have to backtrack and loop around. -This would make it hard to attract new development. The developer's idea was to lower the off ramps and put in an intersection that will allow direct access. The State doesn't like the developer's plan because they think it would cause traffic backups

A meeting has been set this afternoon with Senator Haugen to discuss this issue. In addition, a value engineering workshop may be sponsored by DOT with public and elected official participation in the near future.

The Commissioners expressed their concerns about the issues of safety, costs, and long-term planning.

6. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Martin presented an Army Corps of Engineers chart showing the flood flows for Baker system and the Sauk system using data points. The data points illustrate the amount of inflow into those systems on the same day that the maximum flow occurred into the Skagit system. What the data points show is that the flood curve for the Baker should be higher and the Sauk should be lower. It appears that the current flood model underestimates the flow of water into the Baker system, about right for the upper Skagit (Ross) and overestimate the amount of water generated by Sauk. This study was done about eight or nine years ago, and since it is foundational information for the project, the numbers may need to be redone.

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The Board discussed their concerns about development by the cities that is occurring in flood plain, and the need for cooperation by the cities to resolve the issue since they will be the ones that would be primarily impacted in a major flood.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – DAVID BLANE, DIRECTOR

David Blane introduced new employee Mary Baldwin Customer Service Manager for the Planning and Permit Center.

1. Consideration and Possible Action – Adoption of Interim Development Regulations for Urban Growth Areas of Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley.

Kirk Johnson provided a brief background on the proposed Interim Ordinance. The Board held a Public Hearing at yesterday's meeting. In addition to public comments, letters were received by the Commissioners from Sharon Dillon, Mayor of Sedro-Woolley and Patrick Hayden, City Attorney for Sedro-Woolley. If the interim ordinance is not adopted, it will be back on the compliance schedule to come before the Hearings Board in September.

Commissioner Anderson stressed that the Ordinance would be for six months only, and he stated that he will not sign a permanent ordinance that includes exemptions for "special districts." He added that while he is willing to negotiate, he is also willing to take some of these matters to the Hearings Board.

Commissioner Munks re-stated his opinion that the problem was created by the State. The cities have expanded and taken in more commercial areas by annexation taking away the counties' tax base. He also spoke about the lack of equity in the UGA's and the fact that those citizens do not have a voice. He said that cities and counties need to work together and that the Commissioners have an obligation to look out for the interests of everyone.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said the goal needs to be for the cities and counties to work together to get state and federal support to bring in new businesses to provide more jobs. He added that having a consistent process will make things easier for the cities and the Planning and Permit Center. Commissioner Dahlstedt also stated that the "special districts" are self-serving and create animosity.

The Board discussed at length the economic impacts to counties due to Growth Management.

Commissioner Munks moved and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion to approve the Interim Ordinance to Adopt Developmental Regulations for six months. The motion carried unanimously. **(Ordinance No. O20030026)**

David Blane announced that there is a Hearing regarding Ag/Fish in Hearing Room C today brought forward by the Sauk and Swinomish Tribes.

BID OPENING – MAC TAGGART AVENUE, ET AL, 2003 ASPHALT OVERLAY, PROJECT #ES20020-3.

Keith Ellefson and Karen Cade of Public Works proceeded to open bids for the MacTaggart Avenue et. al. 2003 Asphalt Overlay Project. Bids were received as follows:

Lakeside Industries
PO Box 729
Anacortes WA 98221
Bid Bond Enclosed
Total Bid Price: \$190,379.00

Rinker Materials

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PO Box 2037
Everett WA 98213
Bid Bond Enclosed
Total Bid Price: \$177,938.75

Fidalgo Paving & Co.
16825 45 Rd
Arlington WA 98223
Bid Bond Enclosed
Total Bid Price: \$170,714.00

Mr. Ellefson indicated that a bid award recommendation would be forthcoming.

PRESENTATION – ANNUAL SKAGIT WATERSHED COUNCIL REPORT.

Shirley Solomon of the Skagit Watershed Council gave a formal presentation and provided the Board of Commissioners with copies of the Council's sixth annual report. She went over some of the accomplishments and highlights. She stated that the Skagit Watershed Council has been successful in receiving more projects and more funding than any other watershed. She also provided copies of *Options for Skagit Recovery Planning Process*. Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) will discuss the document at their meeting on September 17, and Dave Brookings of Public Works is planning a County work session. Ms. Solomon thanked the Commissioners for their support.

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Shirley Knapp Acting Clerk of the Board for JoAnne Giesbrecht
Skagit County Board of Commissioners