

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2003**

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Work Session – Commissioners
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Work Session – County Administrator
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing - To Consider Public Testimony Regarding a Proposed Adoption of a New Chapter to Title 3 of the Skagit County Code, Which Would Set Forth the Requirement to Impose a One-Tenth of One Percent Sales and Use Tax in Skagit County for the Purpose of Providing Funds for Costs Associated With Financing, Design, Acquisition, Construction, Equipping, Operating, Maintaining, Remodeling, Repairing, Re-equipping, and Improvement of Emergency Communication Systems and Facilities
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items
- 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Public Comment Period
- \*T 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Presentation – Skagit Valley Softball Association Contribution to the Custer Field Lighting and Renovation Project
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition
- 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Informational Meeting Regarding a Proposed Charter Form of Government (Public Utilities District No. 1 – 1415 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 22, 2003, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Ted W. Anderson, and Don Munks present.

**PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER PUBLIC TESTIMONY REGARDING A PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A NEW CHAPTER TO TITLE 3 OF THE SKAGIT COUNTY CODE, WHICH WOULD SET FORTH THE REQUIREMENT TO IMPOSE A ONE-TENTH OF ONE PERCENT SALES AND USE TAX IN SKAGIT COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FINANCING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, OPERATING, MAINTAINING, REMODELING, REPAIRING, RE-EQUIPPING, AND IMPROVEMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS AND FACILITIES.**

County Administrator, Gary Rowe, stated that the voters of Skagit County passed a ballot measure in a special election conducted on April 22, 2003, which authorized the imposition of a 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1% sales tax by the Board of Commissioners. The increase would go into effect October 1, 2003.

Commissioner Anderson questioned a piece of the ordinance that referred to a reduction in per call costs. After a brief discussion it was decided that dollar amounts would not be included in the language of the ordinance.

Chairman Dahlstedt opened the public hearing. There being no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Anderson motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion and the public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the ordinance as outlined by Mr. Rowe. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. **(Ordinance No. O20030027)**

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**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, September 22, 2003, items 1 through 17. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, September 15, 2003.

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

2. Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement **No. C20030090** between Skagit County and the La Conner Chamber of Commerce, which changes the specific scope of services within the original agreement to include printing of visitor guides. All other terms and conditions shall remain the same. **(Amendment No. A20030136)**

**FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:**

3. Quit Claim Deed transferring the County's parking lot located within the City's new Multimodal project to the City of Mount Vernon in exchange for two other City parking lots, which have already been transferred to the County. **(Approved)**

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

4. Personal Services Agreement with Compass Health to provide substance abuse and mental health services to clients in Skagit County with co-occurring disorders during the period July 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003 for a maximum amount of \$25,000. **(Contract No. C20030398)**

**PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:**

5. Resolution denying the appeal of Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland and Bev and Todd Lenning and upholding the Hearing Examiner's decision to uphold the Planning and Permit Center's approval of an Administrative Special Use Permit (PL02-0377) for a seasonal roadside stand. **(Resolution No. R20030316)**
6. Resolution approving the Hearing Examiner's recommendation to grant an Agricultural Variance (PL02-0744) for Skagit Land Trust. **(Resolution No. R20030317)**
7. Ordinance adopting the Northern State Recreation Area Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Plan Amendment for the Northern State Recreation Area Facility and repealing Ordinance No. O20030024. **(Commissioner Munks voted against this ordinance and, therefore, did not sign it – Ordinance No. O20030028)**

**YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES:**

8. Personal Services Agreement with DeLlamas & Associates (Joan DeLlamas) to provide a variety of drug and/or alcohol assessments, counseling and treatment as a stipulation for diversion from court. The agreement shall commence on January 11, 2003 and continue through January 31, 2004. Compensation shall not exceed a yearly rate of \$10,000. **(Contract No. C20030399)**
9. Personal Services Agreement with Christopher Murray & Associates to evaluate the incidence of over-representation of minority youth within the Juvenile Justice system in each of five counties within the northwest Washington region, including Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties. The agreement shall commence on September 2, 2003 and continue through December 31, 2003. Compensation is not to exceed \$7,750. **(Contract No. C20030400)**

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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

10. Task Assignment No. 9 to Personal Services Agreement **No. 05481** with EnviroIssues to revise the Skagit Risk Video, which educates the community about flood dangers and the need for action. Compensation shall not exceed \$2,024.84. **(Amendment No. A20030137)**
11. Resolution calling for a public hearing to consider the name change of a County road known as North East Cape Horn Road #95010 to Northeast Cape Horn Road #95010. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20030318)**
12. Resolution calling for a public hearing for the consideration of a vacation of unopened County right-of-way in Clear Lake, south of Mud Lake Road and east of Spruce Avenue, as petitioned by Loren Sande. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20030319)**
13. Amendment No. 5 to Interlocal Cooperation Agreement **No. 05457** between Skagit County and the Skagit Conservation District, which will extend the termination date of the agreement from September 30, 2003 to December 31, 2003. The additional time is necessary in order for SCD technicians to complete the planning and paperwork necessary for several landowners to qualify for cost-share assistance from the County for the installation of best management practices pursuant to the Ag-Critical Areas Ordinance. **(Amendment No. A20030138)**
14. Temporary Right-of-Entry Construction Agreement between Skagit County and Arnold Heskett Post 132 American Legion, owner of Parcel No. P70521. This agreement gives the County and its assigns the right to enter upon said land for the purpose of performing road construction improvements for Main Street in Concrete. No compensation is being paid. **(Contract No. C20030401)**
15. Temporary Right-of-Entry Construction Agreement between Skagit County and Edwin E. & Lois E. Oliver, owners of Parcel No. P70710. This agreement gives the County and its assigns the right to enter upon said land for the purpose of performing road construction improvements for Main Street in Concrete. No compensation is being paid. **(Contract No. C20030402)**
16. Temporary Right-of-Entry Construction Agreement between Skagit County and John Hohn, owner of Parcel No. P70498. This agreement gives the County and its assigns the right to enter upon said land for the purpose of performing road construction improvements for Main Street in Concrete. No compensation is being paid. **(Contract No. C20030403)**
17. Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, Inc., which will allow for the pier scour, evaluation and protection of the North Fork Skagit River Bridge #40037. The Agreement shall commence on September 22, 2003 and continue through December 31, 2004. Compensation is not expected to exceed \$15,000. **(Contract No. C20030404)**

**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, September 22, 2003, 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 dollar amount of \$25,668.33 (Transmittal No. C-107-03); and

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ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$78,924.67 (Transmittal No. C-110-03); and

Warrants numbered 152715 through 153159 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$2,023,051.90 (Transmittal No. C-111-03).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Jim Vogelsang, 1404 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Mount Vernon, raised the question as to whether the transaction between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Skagit County for land reconveyance on Frailey Mountain was nearing completion. He also inquired whether or not the County had paid the \$5,000 fee that DNR is requesting in order to process the reconveyance.

**PRESENTATION – SKAGIT VALLEY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION CONTRIBUTION TO THE CUSTER FIELD LIGHTING AND RENOVATION PROJECT.**

Parks Director, Bob Vaux, gave a brief recap of the Custer Field Lighting and Renovation Project. The field is located at the Skagit Valley Playfields complex. He stated that the Skagit Valley Softball Association (SVSA) approached the department with an offer of \$75,000 to help renovate the field. The County matched that amount with real estate excise tax money and Staff took that \$150,000 to Olympia where they were able to get a full match from the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation. Mr. Vaux thanked Dave Barber and Patrik Dylan for the time and effort they have put forth.

Dennis Lind, Recreation Manager, said the Charlie Custer Field Renovation project actually started in 1994. At that time, the Board funded a wetlands study at the current Skagit Valley Dream Field site. It was determined that the site was not wetlands and the SVSA Board then contributed an additional \$30,000 for the Dream Field project. That money, along with a commitment from Skagit County, got the project started in becoming the reality that it is today. When the SVSA committed those funds, it was with the understanding that Custer Field would be redesigned as a championship softball field with lights. Mr. Lind said that when the project is completed it will make Skagit Playfields even better than it already is.

Pete Vander Muellen, spokesperson for the SVSA, thanked the Commissioners for their participation in this project. He said many times these projects get started but never get finished. Mr. Vander Muellen thanked Mr. Lind for the hard work and dedication he has given to the Custer Field project. A check in the amount of \$75,000 was presented to the Skagit County Commissioners from the SVSA.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

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Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

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Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board  
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