

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2004**

*T 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. Public Hearing – Consideration of Vacation of a Portion of County Right-of-Way Known as Erie Street, No. 10890
2. Presentation – Certificate of Commendation for Retirement to Jim Hedblom
3. Submittal – 2002 Annual Bridge Report as Required by WAC 136-20-060
4. Miscellaneous

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Work Session – Planning Issues

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 27, 2004 with Commissioners Don Munks, and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present. Commissioner Anderson's absence was excused due to illness.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHAL MARTIN, DIRECTOR

1. Public Hearing – Consideration of Vacation of a Portion of County Right-of-Way Known as Erie Street, No. 10890.

Steve Flude, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that the public hearing was being held to consider vacating a portion of a County right-of-way known as Erie Street #10890, which is located in the Dewey Beach area and bounded by Erie Street and Deception Road. It is an area that measures approximately 25 feet by 153 feet. He showed a photograph of the area in question and indicated that the vacation was requested by Mr. Keith Elefson. Mr. Flude said the Department recommends the vacation with no costs associated except for the cost of the public hearing.

Commissioner Munks opened the public hearing.

Udo Drews, an adjacent property owner, said the area is a mess. He asked the Commissioners to create a process that would address the issues that seem to continually plague this area as people have no idea what property they own out there.

Public Works Director, Chal Martin, agreed that there are a lot of problems that need to be addressed relative to road vacations and lot line adjustments in the vicinity of this proposed vacation.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said it might be cost effective to look at vacating other adjacent properties all at one time instead of individually.

There being no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Dahlstedt then motioned to approve the vacation of a portion of County right-of-way known as Erie Street, #10890 at no cost to the petitioner other than the cost of the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munks and was carried. **(A resolution will be brought forth by Staff at a later date)**

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2. Presentation – Certificate of Commendation for Retirement to Jim Hedblom.

Mr. Martin announced that a key Public Works employee by the name of Jim Hedblom is retiring at the end of the month.

Cliff Butler, Manager of Public Works Road Operations, stated that Jim Hedblom, District No. 2 Road Supervisor, started working for Skagit County in 1975. In his career he has done everything from being a Lubeman, Mechanic Laborer, Truck Driver, Heavy Equipment Operator, Leadman and Road Supervisor. He has worked in all three Road Districts as well as for Special Operations and the Mechanic Shop. Mr. Hedblom started at the very bottom and eventually worked his way up to being promoted to Road Supervisor of District 2 in 1996.

Mr. Hedblom said the Skagit County Public Works Department has been a great place to work and he has gained a tremendous amount of knowledge about many things during his tenure. He's enjoyed being given opportunities to climb the ladder.

Commissioners Dahlstedt and Munks thanked Mr. Hedblom for his years of service and said they are proud of the accomplishments he has made over the years. They then presented him with a Certificate of Commendation.

3. Submittal – 2002 Annual Bridge Report as Required by WAC 136-20-060.

Mr. Flude provided the 2002 Annual Engineer's Bridge Report for Skagit County. The report is being submitted to satisfy the requirements of WAC 136-20-060 and includes a written resume of the findings of the bridge inspection effort and recommendations for the replacement, repair, or load restrictions for deficient bridges.

Skagit County has 104 bridges within the County road system. This includes the Guemes Ferry Terminals at Anacortes and Guemes Island, both of which have moveable lift spans and fixed pre-stressed concrete girder spans. Mr. Flude indicated that the bridges are inspected biennially, with Skagit County personnel inspecting 92 biennially and two bridges annually.

4. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Martin informed the Board that the preliminary Draft Skagit County Solid Waste Management Plan would be released in February. He indicated that the process is a bureaucratic one that will require careful review and consideration.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Don Munks, Commissioner

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
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