

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2004**

8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Work Session – Commissioners
8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Work Session – County Administrator
*T 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Discussion – Conway Park Year Round Day Use
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Public Hearing – Sale of Surplus Property (Airplane)
*T 10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Appointment Ceremony for Gary Christensen, Planning & Permit Center Director and Oscar Graham, Planning & Permit Center Deputy Director
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Public Comment Period
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 11, 2004, with Commissioners Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

Commissioner Munks welcomed everyone present to the new Commissioner's Hearing Room and thanked Dimensional Communications for their efforts in providing the audio/video equipment.

Commissioner Dahlstedt also thanked Facilities Manager, Roger Howard, for making this move possible. He said the renovated Continental Building will make a wonderful coordinated center once the Planning and Permit Center joins the Commissioners and the Public Works Department.

DISCUSSION – CONWAY PARK YEAR-ROUND DAY USE.

Parks and Recreation Director, Bob Vaux, advised that residents of the Conway and Fir Island areas have requested that the Skagit County Parks Department return Conway Park to year-round day use only. He stated that Conway Park's primary function is providing a boat launch and residents prefer to use the site that way. Mr. Vaux said the Department recommends drafting a new resolution that would address the concerns of area citizens and return the use of the Park to year-round day use only.

Ranger Lou Peterson, indicated that problems around the site continue to grow. There are transients living at Conway Park who continue to cause fires and traffic problems, abuse alcohol and manufacture methamphetamine. Mr. Peterson said he is allowed to write 'infraction only' tickets, which are basically useless as the recipient of such a ticket pays no attention to it. He also noted that the company contracted to provide sanitary cans at the Park have removed them due to misuse and vandalism.

David Scrinde of the Conway Fire Department said they have seen quite an increase in calls, which puts a tremendous burden on his agency. He and other members of the Department support the recommendation.

Don Marlow, Skagit County Sheriff's Office, provided insight as to how the concept of the new plan came about. He has had the luxury of clearing the Park on several occasions and feels that a lot of the problems have been transferred to the North Fork Bridge. Mr. Marlow also requested the day use only status with the exception of opening days of hunting and fishing seasons.

Commissioner Dahlstedt advised that when a resolution is crafted it should be equal for all and be able to be enforced.

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Commissioner Munks said he wants to see the public involved with this process and recommended holding a public hearing on the matter. Commissioner Dahlstedt concurred.

PUBLIC HEARING – SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY (AIRPLANE).

Jackie Brunson of the Sheriff's Office said the airplane being surplused is no longer needed by the Department. They are therefore requesting that the plane be sold for a minimum bid of \$40,000.

Commissioner Munks opened the public hearing.

There being no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munks and was carried. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to authorize a resolution calling for a bid opening for one surplus airplane. The bid opening will be held on October 25, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which carried. **(Resolution No. R20040356)**

APPOINTMENT CEREMONY FOR GARY CHRISTENSEN, PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER DIRECTOR AND OSCAR GRAHAM, PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

Interim Planning and Permit Center Director, Lou Haff, encouraged the Board to appoint Gary Christensen as Director and Oscar Graham as Deputy Director of the Department. He said he was happy to have been involved with the selection process.

Commissioner Dahlstedt thanked Mr. Haff for helping to guide the Department through the interim period. Commissioner Munks agreed and said he is pleased with the restructuring ideas that have been completed.

Mr. Christensen thanked the Board for having faith in his abilities to service not only the Board of Skagit County Commissioners but the community at large. He thanked Mr. Haff for his nurturing and assistance, and also thanked his wife Holly.

Mr. Graham stated that he has enjoyed working with Mr. Christensen and Mr. Haff on the transition and reorganization of the Department and looks forward to working with the Board and members of the Planning and Permit Center staff.

Mr. Haff thanked the Board for having faith in him and in his decisions.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 11, 2004, items 1 through 24. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt and passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, September 27, 2004.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, September 28, 2004.
3. Record of the Proceedings for Thursday, September 30, 2004.
4. Resolution appointing Gail Bruce to the La Conner Regional Library Board of Trustees for a term beginning September 30, 2004, and ending September 29, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20040357)**

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5. Resolution re-appointing David B. Cleave to the Housing Authority of Skagit County Board for a term beginning October 23, 2004, and ending October 22, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20040358)**
6. Resolution authorizing the placement of gravel at the Bread of Life Food Bank in Marblemount. The estimated cost of this project is \$200. **(Resolution No. R20040359)**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

7. Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and the Economic Development Association of Skagit County, per Resolution No. R20040080, which authorizes enhanced fall marketing in the aerospace and marine industries. The term of this agreement shall begin September 30, 2004, through December 31, 2004. Funding for the increased Scope of Work is expected to total \$5,000. **(Contract No. C20040439)**
8. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and the City of Sedro-Woolley, per Resolution No. R20040342, to provide funds to assist the City in providing library services to the citizens of unincorporated Skagit County. The agreement shall commence on January 1, 2004, and continue through December 31, 2004. Compensation shall total \$7,169. **(Contract No. C20040440)**
9. Resolution calling for a public hearing to amend the 2004 budget for various departments. The hearing will be held on Monday, October 25, 2004, at 10:45 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20040360)**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

10. Amendment No. 12 to the Consolidated Contract **No. C20020436** between Skagit County and the Washington State Department of Health, which adds \$41,580 to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness & Response (Bioterrorism) Focus A, B and Hospital Preparedness programs. The amendment shall become effective on September 1, 2004. The total of this contract is now \$1,264,490. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040180)**
11. Amendment No. 2 to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement **No. C20040121** between Skagit County and Skagit Valley Hospital, which adds \$18,750 to the "Obesity Prevention-Mount Vernon Healthy Communities" program. The amendment also extends the contract duration through December 31, 2004. The overall total of this contract is now \$66,250. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040181)**
12. Coordinated Prevention Agreement between the Skagit County Health Department and the Washington State Department of Ecology to provide funding for the "Abandoned Automobile Roundup" project. This project should significantly reduce the fluid leakage into the soil and waters of the County by ensuring that automobile fluids and hulks are properly recycled. The agreement shall commence on June 1, 2005 and continue through May 31, 2007. Compensation shall total \$5,156 with additional funding in 2005 anticipated to increase the scope of this project. **(Contract No. C20040441)**

INFORMATION SERVICES:

13. Amendment No. 4 to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20020325** with ImageSource, Inc. to provide support and maintenance for the Skagit County Clerk's imaging system beginning September 30, 2004, until January 31, 2005. In January, a yearly maintenance contract will be established. Compensation is expected to total \$24,661. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040182)**

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PARKS AND RECREATION:

14. Personal Services Agreement with DMD & Associates, Ltd., which will prepare plans and the specifications for the Custer Park Sports Lighting project, located at the Skagit Valley Playfields. The agreement shall commence on August 25, 2004 and continue until December 31, 2005. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$9,000. **(Contract No. C20040442)**
15. Resolution appointing Keith Magee, Lloyd Brown and Colleen Fisher to the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Magee and Mr. Brown's terms will become effective on July 1, 2004, and expire on June 30, 2007. Ms. Fisher's term will become effective retroactively from July 1, 2003, and expire on June 30, 2006. **(Resolution No. R20040361)**

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:

16. Resolution re-appointing Bill Schmidt to the Skagit County Planning Commission beginning November 3, 2004, and expiring on November 2, 2008. **(Resolution No. R20040362)**

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:

17. Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement **No. C20040400** with the Town of Concrete, which will allow the expansion of the service contract to include the month of September 2004. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040183)**

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES:

18. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, per Resolution No. 17300, between Skagit County and Anacortes School District #103; Burlington-Edison School District #100; Concrete School District; La Conner School District #311; and Mount Vernon School District #320 to jointly fund a Truancy Specialist position to serve the Districts and the Skagit County Juvenile Court in the amount of \$20,857.76. The agreement shall commence on September 1, 2004, and continue through August 31, 2005. **(Contract No. C20040443)**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

19. Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20030425** with Peratrovich, Nottingham & Drage, Inc., to provide construction support for replacement of dolphins A and C at the Anacortes side of the Guemes Island Ferry Terminal. The amendment changes the Scope of Work to include construction engineering, a revision of the Standard Rate Schedule, extension of the termination date to February 1, 2004, and increases the maximum payable to \$97,435.40. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20040184)**
20. Vendor Services Agreement with Industrial Mowing and Spraying for maintenance in the Blanchard Sub Flood Control Zone. The agreement shall commence on August 23, 2004, and continue until December 31, 2004. Compensation is not to exceed a maximum amount of \$3,300. **(Contract No. C20040444)**
21. Personal Services Agreement with HDR to perform Phase 1 of the Solid Waste Operations Efficiency and System Rate Study. The study will evaluate the County's existing transfer station and make recommendations to increase the efficiency of the operation and further develop a financial model to assess the tip fee schedule to adequately fund the future operations, capital projects, programs, and debt system-wide. The agreement shall commence on September 27, 2004, and continue until September 26, 2004. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$75,000. **(Contract No. C20040445)**

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22. Vendor Services Agreement with PrintWise to furnish tickets in accordance with the bid specifications for the Guemes Island Ferry. The agreement shall commence on July 1, 2004, and continue until July 1, 2005. Compensation is not to exceed a maximum amount of \$10,000. **(Contract No. C20040446)**
23. Resolution requesting qualifications for preliminary engineering and final engineering services for the Anderson/LaVenture Road Traffic Congestion Improvement and Environmental Enhancement Project. **(Resolution No. R20040363)**
24. Task Assignment No. 10 to Personal Services Agreement **No. 05481** with EnviroIssues, which allows the consultant to revise the existing Strategic Communications and Public Involvement Plan for the Skagit River Flood Protection/Salmon Restoration Project. Total compensation for this assignment shall not exceed \$6,371.02 for a new grand total of \$80,112.52. **(Amendment No. A20040185)**

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 11, 2004, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$71,459.02 (Transmittal No. C-126-04); and

Warrants numbered 180329 through 180876 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$3,050,579.43 (Transmittal No. C-127-04) and

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$44,760.60 (Transmittal No. C-128-04); and

Warrants numbered 180877 through 181359 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$4,296,767.65 (Transmittal No. C-129-04); and

Payroll warrants numbered 154089 through 154920 in the total dollar amount of \$963,373.30 (Transmittal No. P-37-04); and

Payroll warrants numbered 964255 through 964401 in the total dollar amount of \$173,824.71 (Transmittal No. P-38-04).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Bob Ratfield, 11347 Blue Heron Road in Bow, presented a list of signatures from citizens opposed to the Samish Island Tribal Slough Project. He expressed several points of concern including a recommendation to conduct a hydrology engineering study. Mr. Ratfield said he doesn't like to see taxes raised by Indian Reservations, which aren't required to pay taxes. He also doesn't like to see farmland turned into something other than farmland.

Cindy Verge, Tulip Festival Director, announced a tulip planting contest for 2005. The contest invites residents, public and private entities to plant tulips, which will be judged next spring. Ms. Verge said the idea was inspired by the number of tulips that have recently been planted at McIntyre Hall.

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ADJOURNMENT.

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

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Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Don Munks, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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