

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005**

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Work Session – County Commissioners
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Work Session – County Administrator
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Bid Opening – Two New Latest Model Four Axle Dump Trucks
- *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director
1. Discussion – Extension of Guemes Island Ferry Schedule Into the Evening Hours Monday Through Thursday
 2. Discussion – Guemes Ferry Revenue/Expense
 3. Discussion – Skagit River Feasibility Study
 4. Miscellaneous
- 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, May 2, 2005, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

BID OPENING – TWO NEW LATEST MODEL FOUR AXLE DUMP TRUCKS.

Dub Queen and Greg Dennis from the Public Works Department opened the following bids for two new latest model four-axel dump trucks:

Husky Truck Center
11223 E. Marginal Way S.
Seattle, WA 98168
Bid Bond Enclosed
Total Bid Amount: \$269,719.20

Western Peterbuilt, Inc.
P. O. Box 24065
Seattle, WA 98124
Bid Bond Enclosed
Total Bid Amount: \$290,403.94

Motor Trucks, Inc.
2501 Henson Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Bid Bond Enclosed
Total Bid Amount: \$251,046.70

Mr. Queen indicated that the bids would be reviewed and a recommendation would be forthcoming.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHAL MARTIN, DIRECTOR

1. Discussion – Extension of Guemes island Ferry Schedule into the Evening Hours Monday Through Thursday.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, provided a copy of a proposal and analysis in support of enhanced service, including extended Monday through Thursday service hours, which was prepared and submitted by Skagit County Citizens For Professional Transportation Management. Mr. Flude indicated that operationally, there is no reason why enhanced service hours could not be provided but it must be revenue neutral. The decision would need to be made regarding how late in the evening the ferry would operate. He said this proposal is to continue service until 10:00 p.m.

Chairman Munks said this issue has been discussed before; however, the Board of County Commissioners has never taken a hard look at it.

Commissioner Anderson asked Mr. Flude if any correspondence was received from the Anacortes School District on this matter. Mr. Flude said nothing had been received.

Commissioner Dahlstedt asked who the members are that comprise the Skagit County Citizens For Professional Transportation Management. Mr. Flude said he knew of two members – David Wehrly and Steve Schmokel, with whom he has been working with.

Commissioner Anderson said in his eleven years as County Commissioner there have been pockets of agreement and disagreement between the citizens that live on Guemes Island. He said it is Skagit County's responsibility to provide reasonable transportation service and the County doesn't want to lose sight of that. Commissioner Anderson said that although Guemes Island is very political, the decisions the Board makes will be based on what reasonable transportation is.

Commissioner Dahlstedt agreed and said a lot of major improvements have been done in connection with the Guemes Ferry, which shows the County is committed to running a safe operation.

Chairman Munks indicated that this proposal, if approved, would require a change in policy, which in turn would require several work sessions. He told those in attendance that this discussion is merely the beginning of a process.

2 Discussion – Guemes Ferry Revenue/Expense.

Chal Martin, Public Works Director, reviewed a spreadsheet explaining the costs of operating the Guemes Ferry over the last five years. He said he is concerned about the escalating costs associated with providing the service. Mr. Martin said there has been no effort to control the capital expenses for the Guemes Ferry as safety issues continue to be of the utmost importance.

Commissioner Anderson asked if the County is currently setting aside funds to buy a new ferry in the future. Mr. Martin said no funds are currently being earmarked for a new boat. Commissioner Anderson said the County must think about having capital funds available to replace the ferry when the need arises.

3. Discussion – Skagit River Feasibility Study.

Mr. Martin next reported on the continued discussions regarding additional flood storage.

4. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Martin showed photographs of the new parking lot located at the Concrete Senior Center. He indicated that most of the work was done under the County's small works roster and that Jennifer Swanson oversaw the project.

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The Board agreed that the team effort made between in-house forces and contractors resulted in a much needed and greatly improved parking lot for the seniors of the Town of Concrete and surrounding areas.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Staff brought to the Commissioner's attention that item 5 of the Consent Agenda has been corrected to reflect the following:

5. Resolution appointing Bill McMoran to serve a three-year term recently vacated by Larry Jensen on the Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board, effective May 10, 2005, and expiring on May 31, 2008. **(Resolution No. R20050160)**

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, May 02, 2005, items 1 through 13. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, April 25, 2005.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, April 26, 2005.
3. Resolution AND Interlocal Governmental Agreement between Skagit County and Douglas County to secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to conduct a study of the need for farmworker housing. **(Resolution No. R20050158 AND Contract No. C20050196)**

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

4. Resolution AND Grant Application between Skagit County and the Office of the Secretary of State for HAVA (Help America Vote Act) funds in the amount of \$313,000. **(Resolution No. R20050159 AND Contract No. C20050197)**

FARMLAND LEGACY PROGRAM:

5. Resolution appointing Ann Marie Lohman and Kim D. Mower to serve a three-year term on the Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board, effective May 10, 2005, and expiring on May 31, 2008. **(See Above)**

INFORMATION SERVICES:

6. Resolution authorizing the transfer of surplus computer equipment to the McLean Road Fire Department, Fire District 2. **(Resolution No. R20050161)**

PARKS AND RECREATION:

7. Vendor Services Agreement with Sail Electric, Inc. for the construction of the Custer Field Lighting Project, which consists of installing a sports field lighting system. The agreement shall commence on April 25, 2005, and continue until the project is completed. The Contractor submitted the low bid of \$140,270 for this project. **(Contract No. C20050198)**

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

8. Resolution AND Contract between Skagit County and the Washington State Department of Community Trade and Economic Development (CTED), which is a grant in the amount of \$50,000 that will partially fund the update of the Comprehensive Plan for the Growth Management Act (GMA) and internal consistency. The agreement shall commence on October 12, 2004, and continue through June 30, 2005. **(Resolution No. R20050162 AND Contract No. C20050199)**

TREASURER'S OFFICE:

9. Resolution canceling uncollectible taxes. **(Resolution No. R20050163)**

PUBLIC WORKS:

10. Resolution awarding the contract for Guemes Ferry Commuter Tickets and Booklets to PrintWise, Inc. for the low bid of \$17,900.61. **(Resolution No. R20050164)**
11. Personal Services Agreement with TerraPoint USA, Inc. to provide Lidar mapping services for 21 square miles of the northern Sauk River. The agreement shall commence on February 15, 2005, and continue through December 31, 2006. Compensation totals \$10,458. **(Contract No. C20050200)**
12. Supplemental No. 1 to Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement **No. C20040390** with Shearer Design LLC, which adds additional construction administration to the original Scope of Work for the South Fork Bridge #40008 Deck Overlay Project. Additional compensation in the amount of \$20,000 is added for a new contract total of \$58,950. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20050092)**
13. Resolution AND Aquatic Weeds Management Fund Grant Agreement between Skagit County and the State of Washington Department of Ecology for Clear Lake and Beaver Lake. This is in response to citizen concerns about noxious weed infestation. The total amount awarded to complete the plan equals \$30,000 of which the County will provide 25% or \$7,500 that shall come from Fund 402, the Drainage Utility. The Agreement shall commence upon the date of signature and continue through December 31, 2007. **(Resolution No. R20050165 AND Contract No. C20050201)**

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Staff from Planning and Development Services presented a Resolution for the Board's signature waiving fees for the Samish Isle Community Center.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. R20050166)**
2. 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, May 2, 2005, 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 \$81,423.99 (Transmittal No. C-45-05); 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 \$88,810.13 (Transmittal No. C-55-05); and

Warrants numbered 196044 through 196453 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$639,244.73 (Transmittal No. C-57-05); and

Electronic Payment Certification Form to JP MORGAN CHASE from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$47,776.02 (Transmittal No. C-59-05).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Glen Veal and Joost A. Businger of the Guemes Island Ferry Committee submitted letters to the Board and spoke of the opposition expressed by many Guemes Island citizens regarding the extension of ferry service into the evening hours Monday through Thursday.

Several other residents also spoke in defense of the expanded hours of operation.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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