

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 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.	Update – Forest Practice Advisory Board
*T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	<u>Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discussion – Update on Flood Project Planning2. Discussion – Update on Solid Waste Request For Proposals Planning3. Discussion/Possible Action – Guemes Island Ferry Fares4. 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
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Bid Opening – 2005 Guemes Island Ferry Haul Out and Dry Docking
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Decision – Closed Record Appeal of the Hearing Examiner’s Decision by the Citizens to Save Pilchuck Creek (PL05-0314)
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition

The Skagit County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 1, 2005, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

UPDATE – FOREST PRACTICE ADVISORY BOARD.

Kendra Smith, Natural Resource Land Policy Coordinator introduced the Chairman of the Forest Advisory Board, Dave Chamberlin. Mr. Chamberlin thanked the Board for their continued support and acknowledged Ms. Smith for her hard work and explained the importance of her attending the meetings and assisting the Advisory Board.

Mr. Chamberlin then briefed the Board on updated issues facing the forest practice industry and reviewed some of their work over the last several months. Some of the discussion points were:

- Perennial stream starting points
- Blanchard Mountain
- Comp Plan update recommendations
- Potential impacts of vineyards
- Salmon Recovery Plan

Afterwards, Mr. Chamberlin introduced the Forestry Advisory Board (FAB) staff, who were present in the audience.

Commissioner Munks thanked the FAB for their participation and for volunteering their time.

PUBLIC WORKS – CHAL MARTIN, DIRECTOR

1. Discussion – Update on Flood Project Planning.

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, updated the Board on some recent meetings that were held with representatives from the local cities/towns and diking districts. Mr. Brookings said his staff had been busy collecting and compiling all the information generated by Pacific International Engineering (PIE) and have been working with the Army Corps of Engineers to determine the work elements for FY2006.

He went on to say that it is anticipated that the next task order for PIE will request that they produce a final Hydrology and Hydraulics document that explains their work to date, areas of conflict with USGS/Army Corps methodologies and their observations for which flood control measures are effective.

Mr. Brookings said that the City of Mount Vernon will be holding a third meeting with local area Mayors, Diking District Commissioners and Public Works staff to discuss the status of the Corps/County project. He also stated that this District could provide better cohesion between the County, Cities and Diking Districts in tackling the flood control issue and could be used as a funding recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Brookings listed his proposed work elements for 2005/2006 as follows:

- Finalize H&H Report
- Finalize FCAAP Grant Agreement with DOE
- Finalize work elements with Army Corps
- Pursue new planning team to improve communications with Cities/Diking Districts
- Prepare Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan

He also stated that his staff would update the Board regarding a recent visit by FEMA officials as they officially kick off the Flood Insurance Rate Map Modernization Project. Mr. Brookings said he felt this effort could have significant impacts upon future development in the floodplain for both incorporated and unincorporated land in Skagit County.

The Board expressed their concerns and asked questions, which Mr. Brookings answered.

2. Discussion – Update on Solid Waste Request For Proposals Planning

Mr. Brookings updated the Board on the Solid Waste Request for Proposals (RFP) and advised them that Chal Martin, Public Works Director, had asked the staff with the help of the consultant HDR, to begin preparing a draft RFP for the Board's consideration, following input from past Board proceedings and discussions involving this issue. The RFP will request that the following elements be addressed:

Baseline proposal requirements:

- 1) Provide continued employment for all current solid waste employees
- 2) Continue all current solid waste services, at existing service levels
- 3) Honor the Interlocal Agreement
- 4) Honor all existing contracts

Mr. Brookings also noted that his staff and HDR are hoping to present the draft to the Board later this month.

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005
PAGE NO. 3

Mr. Brookings also stated that only two cities have officially adopted the Solid Waste Management Plan, as proposed by Skagit County. He also said that the County Administrator has directed Public Works to prepare the document for final adoption by the Board of County Commissioners' including submittal to the Department of Ecology. Mr. Brookings stated that his staff is preparing the document and will present it at a future agenda.

Mr. Brookings said, HDR is collecting final cost figures for the equipment replacement options and will submit a draft report to Public Works this week. He also noted that negotiations on the agreement between Cimarron and Skagit County will resume on August 2, 2005.

Commissioner Anderson questioned Mr. Brookings regarding the goal to provide continued employment for Solid Waste employees. He said the Board understood that they would move current employees into other existing jobs. Mr. Brookings responded that the goal with the RFP is to continue employment for all employees.

Commissioner Munks stated that he felt it was important for employees to be able to choose to work for someone else who is offering the same wage structure as well as benefits. It's been the Board's understanding since 2002 that Skagit County employees would be accommodated and worked back into the County system.

3. Discussion /Possible Action – Guemes Island Ferry Fares.

Mr. Martin answered questions that were asked during the last discussion on the proposed Guemes Island Ferry Fares.

Mr. Martin submitted two fare proposals to the Board. Proposal A would lower frequent user discounts, eliminate peak fares and generate about \$703,000. Proposal B would lower frequent user discounts (more than in proposal A), continue peak fare pricing and generate about \$708,000.

Mr. Martin explained that both proposals would round the pricing to the nearest whole dollar to allow for quicker transactions, aid in cash reconciliation and allow for better/quicker customer service. He also said that both proposals create a quarterly car and driver pass, as well as a semi-annual car and driver pass.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stated that he wanted to compare both proposals using peak user fares. He said that by having peak user fares it would generate revenue for additional costs acquired. Mr. Dahlstedt was concerned about the additional staff and additional runs during the peak summer season if there were no fares enforced.

A brief discussion ensued after which Mr. Martin explained to the Board how the methodology system was designed.

Commissioner Munks suggested looking at both proposals and consider giving frequent users a discount as well as those who use the ferry on a frequent basis. Commissioner Dahlstedt advised Mr. Martin that summer visitors could get the same discount. He then asked Commissioner Anderson if he would be open to look at the proposals. Commissioner Anderson stated firmly that he was in favor of Proposal A.

Commissioner Dahlstedt and Commissioner Anderson debated the surcharge for several minutes.

Commissioner Munks asked Mr. Martin if discounts are offered other than car/driver discounts and Mr. Martin said they are also offered to pedestrians and motorcycles. Commissioner Munks advised that he also was in favor of Proposal A.

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005
PAGE NO. 4**

Mr. Martin showed a modified chart for Proposal A with projected revenue of \$750,000 and a 5% discount for car/driver.

Commissioner Anderson motioned to adopt Proposal A as modified. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which carried. Commissioner Dahlstedt voted against the proposal.

4. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

David Asia, Substance Abuse Coordinator, discussed the new mental health crisis facility. He said a building was purchased in Burlington and is large enough to house 12 adults. He mentioned that a few business owners have raised concerns; however, with the facility on Lila Lane Mr. Asia feels that the triage center is in a good location and is greatly needed.

Rev. Robert Anderson, 6966 Holiday Blvd. Guemes Island, read a letter he wrote expressing his concerns of the proposed Guemes Island Ferry rate increase.

Bid Opening – 2005 Guemes Island Ferry Haul Out and Dry Docking

Steve Cox and Linda Christensen of Public Works opened the following bids for the 2005 Guemes Island Ferry Haul-Out and Dry Docking:

Puglia Engineering
201 Harris Avenue
Bellingham, WA 98225
Bid Bond Enclosed
Total Bid: \$359,805.47

Dakota Creek Industries
P.O. Box 218
Anacortes, WA 98221
Bid Bond Enclosed
Total Bid: \$384,510.00

Foss Maritime Company
660 West Ewing Street
Seattle, WA 98119
Bid Bond Enclosed
Total Bid: \$395,583.00

Mr. Cox said the three bids would be reviewed and a recommendation would be forthcoming.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, August 1, 2005, items 2, 4 and 5 and items 7 through 18. Item 1 will be signed on August 2, 2005 and items 3 and 6 were removed from the Agenda pending further information. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005
PAGE NO. 5**

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, July 25, 2005. **(This item to be signed on August 2, 2005)**
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, July 26, 2005.

BUDGET/FINANCE:

3. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement, per Resolution No. R20020326, between Skagit County and the City of Anacortes awarding public facility funding totaling \$25,000 for the "Archway Project." The agreement shall commence upon the date of execution and shall expire upon completion of the Project. **(This item was removed pending further information)**
4. Resolution accepting recommendations of the Economic Development Public Facilities Project Advisory Committee for projects submitted in June 2005. **(Resolution No. R20050271)**

FACILITY MANAGEMENT:

5. Change Order No. 1 to Owner-Contractor Agreement **No. C20050211** with Roosendaal-Honcoop, Inc., which adds to the Scope of Work the construction of a new office adjacent to the Commissioner's Public Hearing Room - Audio/Video Room. It also adds an additional sum of \$12,961 to the original contract amount of \$94,450 for a new contract total of \$107,411 and adds another 30 days to the duration of the contract. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20050137)**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

6. Resolution authorizing a public hearing to discuss fluoridation to the primary public water system. The hearing will take place on Monday, August 15, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. **(This item was removed pending further information)**

HUMAN SERVICES:

7. Personal Services Agreement with Sea Mar Community Health Center, which allows for the continuance of substance abuse treatment services for Skagit County residents for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007. Compensation in the amount of \$146,553 is funded by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services – Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse with both State and Federal Funds. **(Contract No. C20050310)**
8. Personal Services Agreement with Chinook Enterprises, which allows for the continuance of developmental disabilities person-to-person employment retention services for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007. The County shall reimburse the contractor on a fee-for-service basis at a rate of \$60 per hour for services provided to an individual client with a maximum of \$720 billable for any one client in any given biennial quarter. **(Contract No. C20050311)**
9. Personal Services Agreement with Chinook Enterprises, which allows for the continuance of developmental disabilities individual supported employment, group supported employment and pre-vocational services for the period July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2007. The County shall reimburse the contractor on a fee-for-service basis based on the individual client's approved monthly allocation with no maximum amount indicated in the contract. **(Contract No. C20050312)**

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005
PAGE NO. 6**

INFORMATION SERVICES:

10. Microsoft Enterprise State of Washington Custom Enrollment Agreement, which covers all servers in Skagit County, as well as desktop workstations with all Microsoft Software. The Agreement shall commence on July 31, 2005, and continue through July 1, 2008. **(Contract No. C20050313)**

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

11. Personal Services Agreement with Berryman and Henigar to provide consulting services for the Skagit County Critical Areas Ordinance updates. The agreement shall commence on July 1, 2005, and continue through March 31, 2007. Compensation is not to exceed a total of \$40,000. **(Contract No. C20050314)**

TREASURER:

12. Resolution ordering the sale of County property. The sale will be held at the Skagit County Treasurer's Office on September 2, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20050272)**
13. Application for tax title property, submitted by Adam Acosta, in the amount of \$200. **(Contract No. C20050315)**

PUBLIC WORKS:

14. Resolution calling for a public hearing regarding the 2006-2011 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. The hearing will be held on August 16, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20050273)**
15. Resolution approving a County Road Project, FE8-21, Guemes Ferry Sidewalk Relocation. **(Resolution No. R20050274)**
16. Resolution approving the McElroy Slough Estuary Restoration Project, which acknowledges the Commissioners' commitment to have Public Works fund and complete this project in coordination with the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, the Salmon Recovery Funding Board, the permitting agencies, and the Blanchard Sub-Flood Control Advisory Committee. **(Resolution No. R20050275)**
17. Resolution awarding the Guemes Ferry Transfer Span Bearing Replacement Project, FE8-20 to Culbertson Marine Construction, Inc. for the low bid amount of \$25,214. **(Resolution No. R20050276)**
18. Personal Services Agreement with Cedarock Consultants, Inc., which will prepare biological evaluations for the Carpenter Creek Clean Out Project, the Hansen Creek Dredging Project, the Coal Creek Sediment Pond Dredging Project, and the Cockreham Revetment Enhancement Project. The agreement shall commence on July 1, 2005, and continue through December 31, 2006. Compensation is not to exceed a total of \$35,000. **(Contract No. C20050316)**

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, August 1, 2005, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005
PAGE NO. 7**

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in tot total dollar amount of \$56,812.87 (Transmittal No. C-96-05); and

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Xpress Flex from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$258.50 (Transmittal No. C-97-05); and

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$10,994.22 (Transmittal No. C-98-05); and

Warrants numbered 202337 through 202923 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$1,349,721.26 (Transmittal No. C-99-05).

2. Billie Kadrmas, Director for Skagit County Human Resources, brought forth for signature a Labor Agreement between the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney, Skagit County and Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney's legal support staff Local 176 PS, Council #2, AFSCME. The agreement is dated January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Labor Agreement as presented by Ms. Kadrmas. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. C20050317).**

3. Chris Stamey, Systems Analyst, presented a resolution establishing the homeless housing and assistance fund #165. This resolution authorizes the Skagit County Auditor to impose a surcharge of ten dollars for each document recorded, which will be in addition to any other charge authorized.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the resolution as presented by Mr. Stamey. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20050277)**

DECISION – CLOSED RECORD APPEAL OF THE HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION BY THE CITIZENS TO SAVE PILCHUCK CREEK (PL05-0314).

Commissioner Dahlstedt made note on the record that Chairman Munks was not in attendance for this decision as he was not present during the appeal process.

Commissioner Anderson moved to uphold the Hearing Examiner's decision. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion which carried.

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

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005
PAGE NO. 8**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Melissa Collins, Assistant Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners