

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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
- *T 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Board of Health – Peter Browning, Director
1. Skagit Valley Hospital Update
 2. Implementation of Initiative 901 in Skagit County
 3. Call For Public Hearing to Adopt Revisions and Additions to the Schedule of Charges For the Skagit County Public Health Department
 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
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bid Opening – One Used Athey Force Feed Loader
- *T 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Public Hearing – To Consider the Creation of a Clean Water (Shellfish Protection) Program, Including Budget, Rates and Charges
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 21, 2005, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

BOARD OF HEALTH – PETER BROWING, DIRECTOR

1. Skagit Valley Hospital Update.

Greg Davidson, CEO of Skagit Valley Hospital, provided an update on current projects, future technology, the economic impact of healthcare partnerships and key healthcare issues.

2. Implementation of Initiative 901 in Skagit County.

Commissioner Anderson was excused for this portion of the agenda.

Carol Hawk, Health Department, gave a brief overview of what impact the passing of Initiative 901 will have on the County's Environmental Health program. The Initiative will go into effect on December 8, 2005, and will require all Washington restaurants, bars, taverns, bowling centers, skating rinks, and non-tribal casinos to be smoke-free. Ms. Hawk stated that education will be a coordinated effort among Tobacco Prevention at Skagit Valley Hospital, the Washington State Department of Health, and the Skagit County Health Department.

Corinne Story, Environmental Health Supervisor, said enforcement will be a shared responsibility between Skagit Health (businesses) and law enforcement (individuals). Details of this coordinated effort are still being worked out. Ms. Story advised that the Health Department's fee schedule needs to be amended to add the \$100 civil penalty.

Peter Browning, Public Health Director, also asked that the Board approve a proposed change to charges for out-of-county STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) clients. Skagit County's Health Department is available for any one who chooses to use it. Mr. Browning doesn't feel that County funds should be used to support Island and Whatcom County's decision not to have a fully funded STD clinic.

3. Call for Public Hearing to Adopt Revisions and Additions to the Schedule of Charges For the Skagit County Public Health Department.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to call for a public hearing to consider adoption of proposed revisions to the Skagit County Health Department's Schedule of Charges to add civil penalties for violations to the Clean Indoor Air Act and add STD Clinic charges for out-of-county residents. The motion was seconded by Chairman Munks and was carried. **(Resolution No. R20050414)**

4. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Browning announced that he has been assigned to the Northwest Washington Emergency Response Group, which will oversee hazard response for five counties. He said the group will provide clear, focused leadership response to the epicenter of whatever emergency exists. Mr. Browning feels this will ensure that counties won't have to duplicate services and resources can be shared.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, November 21, 2005, items 1 through 16. Chairman Munks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, November 14, 2005.
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, November 15, 2005.

BUDGET/FINANCE:

3. Agreement between Skagit County and the Economic Development Association of Skagit County to promote a growing and balanced economy, aggressively seek and recruit out-of-County new businesses and industries compatible with our quality of life, create a favorable climate for the expansion and prosperity of our present businesses and act as the lead marketing organization for economic development in Skagit County in order to cooperate with other organizations. The agreement shall commence on January 1, 2006, and continue through December 31, 2006. Total County contribution during the term of this Agreement shall not exceed \$47,000. **(Contract No. C20050489)**

HUMAN RESOURCES:

4. Resolution approving the transfer of sick leave for an employee in the Skagit County Sheriff's Office. **(Resolution No. R20050415)**
5. Labor Agreement between Skagit County and the Skagit County Public Health Employees beginning January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2006. **(Contract No. C20050490)**

HUMAN SERVICES:

6. Resolution re-appointing Chris Tobey to the Skagit County Mental Health Advisory Board effective December 1, 2005, and expiring on November 30, 2008. **(Resolution No. R20050416)**
7. Resolution re-appointing Steve Hayes to the Skagit County Mental Health Advisory Board effective December 1, 2005, and expiring on November 30, 2008. **(Resolution No. R20050417)**

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INFORMATION SERVICES:

8. Licensing Agreement with Emdeon Practice Services for Medical Manager Software Version 10. This Version will replace Version 9 of the system currently being used by the Skagit County Health Department. The agreement shall become effective upon the date of execution. **(Contract No. C20050491)**
9. Customer Sales Agreement with Emdeon Practice Services to provide the upgrade and replacement of the Medical Manager system currently in use by the Skagit County Health Department. The agreement shall commence upon the date of execution. Total investment for this program is \$21,618. **(Contract No. C20050492)**

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

10. Resolution establishing a Citizen Advisory Committee for the Alger Community Plan and appointing the following individuals to serve on the Alger Community Plan Citizens Advisory Committee: Jennifer Taylor Mixon; Steven Thomas; Tom Solberg; Robin Cully; Marty Coble; Linda Storbakken; Ruth Vaughn; Colleen VanBuren; and Maggie Sullivan. **(Resolution No. R20050418)**

SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

11. Resolution calling for a Public Hearing to consider an Ordinance establishing fees for official services for the Skagit County Sheriff's Department. The Hearing will be held on Monday, December 12, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20050419)**
12. Amendment No. A to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20050263** with Whatcom Security Agency, Inc. The amendment modifies the scope of work to include escorting employees of the Skagit County Treasurer's Office to the Bank of America when necessary. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20050187)**

YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES:

13. Amendment No. 1 to County Program Agreement **No. C20040514** with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services – Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), which extends the expiration date of the contract to December 31, 2005. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20050188)**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

14. Resolution authorizing a request for statements of qualifications for engineering services for the Surface Water Management section. **(Resolution No. R20050420)**
15. Resolution authorizing the ratification on contract for engineering services and technical support for various Skagit County Drainage Utility, Solid Waste and Instream Flow Plan projects with the Water & Energy Services Corporation. **(Resolution No. R20050421)**
16. Personal Services Agreement with Water & Energy Services Corporation (WESCORP) to provide engineering services and technical support for various Skagit County Drainage Utility, Solid Waste and Instream Flow Plan projects. The agreement shall commence on December 1, 2004, and continue through August 31, 2005. Compensation is not to exceed a total of \$31,345. **(Contract No. C20050493)**

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MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Budget/Finance Administrator Trisha Logue presented a Resolution and Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and the Hamilton Public Development Authority (PDA), which will provide a loan from the County to the PDA to pay for grant-funded expenses. Ms. Logue continued to summarize the provisions in the agreement.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to approve the Resolution and Interlocal Cooperative Agreement as outlined by Ms. Logue. Chairman Munks seconded the motion, which passed.
(Resolution No. R20050422 AND Contract No. C20050494)

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, November 21, 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 \$89,538.62 (Transmittal No.C-147-05); and

Warrant number 209880 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$4,879.07 (Transmittal No. C-148-05); and

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Xpress Flex from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$269.50 (Transmittal No. C-149-05); and

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$97,730.80 (Transmittal No. C-150-05); and

Warrants numbered 209881 through 210506 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$1,940,336.45 (Transmittal No. C-151-05).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

No one was present for the public comment period.

BID OPENING – ONE USED ATHEY FORCE FEED LOADER.

Dub Queen, ER & R Coordinator, indicated that the following bid was received for one used Athey force feed loader:

D.D.J. Construction Company, Inc.
P. O. Box 130
Ravensdale, WA 98051
Bid Bond Enclosed
Total Bid Amount: \$56,032

Mr. Queen said the bid would be reviewed and a recommendation would be forthcoming.

PUBLIC HEARING – TO CONSIDER THE CREATION OF A CLEAN WATER (SHELLFISH PROTECTION) PROGRAM, INCLUDING BUDGET, RATES AND CHARGES.

Commissioner Anderson was present for this agenda item.

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County Administrator Gary Rowe indicated that the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to look at funding options for needed water quality and water resource programs in Skagit County.

Tom Karsh, Special Projects, stated that he has been involved in this project for nine months. According to Mr. Karsh, Financial Consulting Solutions Group, Inc. was hired to conduct a study, which was both comprehensive and detailed. Over 175 water-related programs are mandated and if all were to be funded, it would result in an annual cost of over \$5 million per year.

Mr. Karsh said RCW 92.72 requires Skagit County to develop a Clean Water (Shellfish Protection) Program to address nonpoint pollution. The Clean Water Program would continue and expand existing programs necessary to meet this mandate and establish a stable funding source. The program and budget resolution identifies eight programs deemed "essential" to meet State requirements and to continue implementing the nonpoint pollution reduction recommendations in the Skagit County Watershed Plans. In general, they involve reducing nonpoint pollution from stormwater runoff, onsite sewage systems, and animal grazing and manure management. The requested budget amount for 2006 is \$999,000. This budget revenue would be raised by an annual countywide assessment with charges based on the class (type) of development and the amount of impervious surface area.

Chairman Munks opened the public hearing.

Several audience members spoke in support of the ordinance and urged the Commissioners to move forward with its implementation. Other citizens submitted written comments for the record.

Ellen Gray, Friends of Skagit County, and June Kite asked questions in regards to how the proposed assessment would affect the current drainage utility tax. They also had concerns about who would be paying into the new assessment.

John Shultz, Attorney, spoke on behalf of Dike Districts #1 and #12. Mr. Shultz said it appears that the assessment would amount to a double taxation and dike districts should be exempt from it.

Carolyn Kelly, Skagit Conservation District, stated that she was involved in putting together the proposal as a way to provide options for achieving cleaner water in Skagit County. Ms. Kelly said it is a bare budget proposal that is sensitive to the taxpayers as well.

Chairman Munks said the hearing would have to be continued.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to continue the public hearing until Monday, November 28, 2005, at 9:45 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously.

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

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Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
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