

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2005**

- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director
1. Public Hearing – To Consider the Establishment of Double Creek Lane, No. 50029, as a County Road
 2. Discussion – Creation of a Community Railroad Quiet Zone as Requested by the Bow Blanchard Quiet Zone Committee
 3. Miscellaneous
- *T 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion/Possible Action – Cimarron Contract
- *T 10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.** Budget Work Session For Non-General Fund Departments
- *T 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Budget Work Session For Non-General Fund Departments (If Needed)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 22, 2005, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHAL MARTIN, DIRECTOR

1. Public Hearing – To Consider the Establishment of Double Creek Lane, No. 50029, as a County Road.

Burt Reanier, Assistant Manager of Engineering, indicated that Public Works staff has recommended that the existing private road, Double Creek Lane, be converted to and established as a public, county road subject to the following findings and requirements:

- 1) The existing private road, Double Creek Lane, does not meet and conform to the design and construction standards of a Local Access County Road.
- 2) The petitioning property owners and all other non-petitioning property owners that front the existing Double Creek Lane are required to improve the design and construction standards of said road, before it is established and accepted as a County road to wit:
 - a. The graded and constructed width of the driving lanes and shoulders, plus roadway corridor drainage, shall conform to the requirements of “Rural Local Access, Roadway Section”, Figure B-2, in the Skagit County Road Standards.
 - b. The structural elements of the existing private roadway must be increased to the requirements of said Figure B-2, as follows:
 - i. 2” compacted depth of ACP or BST
 - ii. 2” compacted depth of Crushed Surfacing Top Course
 - iii. 10” compacted depth of Base Course
 - c. The completed, improved roadway meet all other requirements for a Local Access County Road, Figure B-2, or as otherwise required and proved by the County Engineer.
 - d. Fifty feet of right-of-way is conveyed to Skagit County by property owners.

Mr. Reanier showed a photograph of the area in question. The estimated cost to improve the road to County standards will be approximately \$523,668.44.

Following a short discussion, Chairman Munks opened the public hearing.

Andy Shaw, 20526 Double Creek Lane, spoke on behalf of the Double Creek Road Maintenance Association. Mr. Shaw indicated that 15 miles of County roads were lost to the cities last year alone. He encouraged the Commissioners to not only bring Double Creek Lane, but other roads into the County system as well.

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Randy Ross, 20016 Double Creek Lane, asked if the value of the property that would be taken if the road was improved would be deducted from the cost of the improvements.

Public Works Director Chal Martin indicated that the Commissioners would be the ones that would make that decision.

Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The Commissioners agreed that more information was needed before they would be ready to make a decision.

2. Discussion – Creation of a Community Railroad Quiet Zone as Requested by the Bow Blanchard Quiet Zone Committee.

Ann Marie Gutwein, Public Works, stated that the Bow-Blanchard Quiet Zone Committee submitted a request to Commissioner Munks in a letter dated July 30, 2005. In the letter, the Committee requested his help to create a quiet zone in their community. They stated that increased railroad traffic has had a major negative impact on their neighborhood.

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has issued directives of how the process unfolds. Traffic Engineering staff have investigated the process and the cost to establish a quiet zone.

According to Ms. Gutwein, the area contains five gated crossings. The Bow Hill Road crossing is the only one that would have to be modified with a supplemental safety measure.

Commissioner Dahlstedt asked Ms. Gutwein to look at other areas around Skagit County to see if this project could be implemented elsewhere.

3. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous Public Works items to discuss.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – CIMARRON CONTRACT.

This discussion was postponed until Wednesday, November 23, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.

BUDGET WORK SESSIONS FOR NON-GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENTS.

Gary Rowe, County Administrator, and Trisha Logue, Budget/Finance Administrator, discussed budget projections for non-general funds for 2006. They also reviewed budgets for various departments and asked the Board for their recommendations.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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Don Munks, Chairman

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
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