

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2006**

- *T 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Proclamation – April 23-29, 2006, National Crime Victim’s Week
- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director
1. Discussion – Draft Report on the Cockreham Island Buyout Feasibility Study
 2. Discussion – FERC Draft Environmental Impact Statement For Hydropower Relicensing – Baker River Hydroelectric Project
 3. Miscellaneous

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Don Munks present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson’s absence was excused.

PROCLAMATION – APRIL 23-29, 2006, NATIONAL CRIME VICTIM’S WEEK.

Jere La Follette, Youth and Family Services, said the Mount Vernon High School Latina Girls Group consists of approximately 10 freshmen whose focus is on crime prevention, ethnic identity and family relations.

In February, the group was selected among 160 to receive a grant from the 2006 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week Community Awareness Project. With the money, \$4,495, the girls plan to launch a TV and radio crime victim’s awareness project. The advertisements will provide information on resources for crime victims in both English and Spanish.

The group was the brainchild of Teresa Reynoza and Amy Petree, who work for Skagit County Youth and Family Services. The two had been wondering how to engage young Latinas in Mount Vernon, how to teach them about crime prevention and show them more of the world and how it works.

Following a brief video presentation, Commissioner Munks read a proclamation proclaiming April 23 through 29, 2006, National Crime Victims Rights Week in Skagit County.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – CHAL MARTIN, DIRECTOR

1. Discussion – Draft Report on the Cockreham Island Buyout Feasibility Study.

Ric Boge, Surface Water Management Director, introduced Tracy Drury of GeoEngineers, who led a lengthy discussion regarding the Draft Report on the Cockreham Island Buyout Feasibility Study.

At the request of the landowners of the majority of Cockreham Island in 2004, the Board of County Commissioners directed Public Works to initiate a feasibility study for a full buyout of landowners on Cockreham Island. Following a Request for Qualifications and interviews of the top responders, GeoEngineers was selected as the study consultant.

The text of the report discusses:

1. The Skagit River Valley and Cockreham Island site conditions
2. Summary of the cost/benefit analysis
3. Historic, present and potential future geomorphic conditions
4. Flood data used in the analysis
5. River management implications for the Island and local area
6. Possible future land use alternatives and potential funding sources

Appendices to the report:

- A. Hydrology and Hydraulic Analysis

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- B. Benefit/Cost Analysis
- C. Land Management Plan
- D. Funding Source Evaluation

Mr. Boge said a thorough analysis of ecological values is not included in the current scope, so this work would need to be added to the study as an amendment. Staff believes this additional analysis, expected to cost between \$25,000 to \$30,000, is necessary and recommends adding it to the study.

Chal Martin, Public Works Director, indicated that further discussion with staff will resume and a recommendation to the Board will be forthcoming.

2. Discussion – FERC Draft Environmental Impact Statement For Hydropower Relicensing – Baker River Hydroelectric Project.

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, reported on staff findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Baker Dam Relicensing document released by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Mr. Brookings said the draft EIS analyzes the effects of the No-Action Alternative, Proposed Action (Settlement Agreement), and a Staff Alternative. FERC staff prepared the draft EIS in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, pursuant to 40 CFR 1501.6 of the National Environmental Policy Act.

3. Miscellaneous.

- 1) Mr. Martin presented a Standard Consultant Agreement with Michael R. Stansbury, P.E. to provide management and administration of various flood, stormwater and drainage concerns for the Surface Water Management section of the Public Works Department. The agreement is to commence on April 25, 2006, and continue through April 10, 2009, at a cost of \$75,000.

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the agreement as outlined by Mr. Martin. The motion was seconded by Chairman Dahlstedt and passed. **(Contract No. C20060214)**

- 2) Janice Marlega, Assistant Public Works Director, stated that the City of Anacortes has a federally funded transportation project named Sunset Avenue Pedestrian Improvements. They are interested in exchanging \$600,000 in federal funds for local funds. With the exchange, Anacortes would be able to proceed with their project this summer.

According to Mr. Martin, this money swap simply enables other jurisdictions to get their projects completed. He indicated that Ms. Marlega would develop an interlocal agreement specific to this exchange pursuant to the Board's direction.

- 3) Ms. Marlega next discussed the Anderson-La Venture Extension Project, which would benefit all citizens in Skagit County, including rural citizens. As the Department attempts to secure possible funding sources for this project, a discussion was held regarding the possibility of designating the Skagit County's Rural STP funding towards this project.

According to Ms. Marlega, rural STP funds would have to be exchanged for urban funds. This is a proposal that she would work in conjunction with the Washington State Department of Transportation and the Skagit Council of Governments.

Chairman Dahlstedt and Commissioner Munks agreed this would be a good idea.

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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, April 25, 2006, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants numbered 221710 through 221766 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$86,342.46 (Transmittal No. C-50-06); and

Payroll Warrants numbered 970099 through 970284 in the total dollar amount of \$208,273.30 (Transmittal No. P-16-06).

ADJOURNMENT.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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