

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, JULY 10, 2006**

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| 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.      | Work Session – County Commissioners   |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      | Work Session – County Administrator   |
| *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  | Decision – Bay View Watershed Stormwater Management Plan/Bay View Sub-Area Plan |
| *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Presentation – Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee                              |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.    | Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items  |
| 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.    | Public Comment Period   |
| 2:00 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, July 10, 2006, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Ted W. Anderson and Don Munks present.

**DECISION – BAY VIEW WATERSHED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN/BAY VIEW SUB-AREA PLAN.**

Following a lengthy discussion, which was continued from Wednesday, July 5, 2006, Commissioner Anderson motioned to move ahead with the Bay View Sub-area Plan and continue to study the drainage issues. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munks and passed with a unanimous vote.

Chairman Dahlstedt asked Chuck Bennett of Dike and Drainage District #12 if he thought it would be a good idea to have a representative from the Ag community and the drainage district(s) sit on the Skagit Council of Governments. Mr. Bennett agreed that would be a good recommendation.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Kathy Reim and Vicki Young announced the North Carolina Heritage Festival, which is being held in Sedro-Woolley on Saturday, July 5, 2006, from noon to 5:00 p.m. That evening a Tar Heel Roots concert will be held at the Lincoln Theatre in Mount Vernon. They thanked the Commissioners for helping to support the event.

**PRESENTATION – CITIZEN’S BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

On February 27, 2006, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. R20060085 establishing a citizens committee to review and make recommendations on the County budget. The committee’s charge was to provide recommendations to the County Administrator and staff to assist with the development of priorities and strategies for the development of a five-year budget forecast and goals and objectives for the 2007 County budget and to report back to the Board of County Commissioners by July 17, 2006.

County Administrator Gary Rowe introduced the Citizens Advisory Committee on the County Budget as follows:

- District 1 – Keith Magee and Lyle Wesen (Mr. Wesen was not present)
- District 2 – Don Gordon and Audrey Gravley
- District 3 – Lisa Janicki and Brock Stiles

Mr. Rowe gave a PowerPoint presentation of the revenue and expenditure forecast for 2007 through 2011.

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Lisa Janicki stated that the committee reviewed revenues and expenditures, their respective trends, and prepared a five-year forecast for the County's General Fund. Skagit County's spending in the General Fund exceeded revenues by over \$4 million last year.

Salaries and benefits for employees are the largest spending area (over 70% of the General Fund) for the County. The budget for salaries has and will continue to grow at a faster rate than the resources (primarily from taxes) can support. The recommendation is to rethink current pay practices to bring them in line with the ability to pay.

Medical benefit costs have grown at three to four times the growth in revenues. The committee recommends that the County reconsider its decision to be self-insured and take another look at the market. The County should also increase the employee contribution for insurance premiums or cap the employer contribution so that cost increases will be in line with revenue growth.

Ms. Janicki said the need to not only balance the budget for 2007, but to add to the fund balance is paramount. Cutting programs and services is not the only answer. The Board needs to look at the largest revenue source it has available, property tax. Two options were reviewed by the committee:

- Recapturing of "banked levy capacity" from those years when the Board did not levy up to the statutory limit.
- Shifting a portion of the tax levy from the County Road Fund to the General Fund.

The committee recommends that the Board consider recapturing the banked capacity based on the fact that services provided by city residents are under funded. The committee further recommends that the Board consider the levy shift option based on the belief that the County Road Fund can sustain the reduction in revenue.

The Commissioners thanked the committee members for their efforts.

Mr. Rowe said the task given to the committee is now complete. The budget call is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. The goal is to take the information provided from the committee to help develop the budget for 2007.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, July 10, 2006, items 1 through 10. Commissioner Munks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings for Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**

2. Resolution appointing Raelynn DiMaggio to a five-year term on the Library Board of the Darrington Rural Partial Library District. The term will run from February 2006 through February 2011. **(Resolution No. R20060222)**
3. Personal Services Agreement with Timothy R. Kiehl, LLC to provide consultation and expert guidance as well as help formulate the creation of a simplified formula that is fair and equitable to the three providers transporting patients in Skagit County. The agreement commenced on March 1, 2006, and shall continue until December 31, 2006. Compensation shall not exceed \$18,542. **(Contract No. C20060299)**

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**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

4. Resolution authorizing a call for a public hearing to amend the 2006 budget. The hearing will take place on Monday, July 24, 2006, at 10:45 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20060223)**

**INFORMATION SERVICES:**

5. Mutual Release and Rescission Agreement to terminate Contract No. C20050283 between Skagit County and Tyler Technologies, Inc. /The Software Group. Tyler Technologies has communicated to Skagit County that they cannot perform their contractual obligations per the amount provided in their request for proposal, submitted in the summer of 2005. Upon legal advice it has been determined that in the best interest of the County, this project should be terminated and re-bid. **(Contract No. C20060300)**

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:**

6. Personal Services Agreement with Ravenhead Municipal Services to provide general bookkeeping and Sub-Area Board chores for the Edison Clean Water Sub-Area District. This two year contract is a renewal of a previous contract and was approved by the Sub-Area Advisory board on May 24, 2006. The agreement commenced on July 2, 2006, and shall continue until July 2, 2008. Compensation shall not exceed \$21,536.19. **(Contract No. C20060301)**
7. Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement **No. C20050051** with The Latimore Company, LLC. The amendment adds \$10,000 in compensation, for a new contract amount of \$52,500. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20060070)**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

8. Resolution amending Resolution No. R20060024 to update the 2006 Solid Waste Advisory Committee Membership, filling the vacancy recently left by the retirement of Ivan Rasmussen, the City of Burlington SWAC representative. Mike Harmon is recommended by the City of Burlington to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term until December 31, 2006. **(Resolution No. R20060224)**
9. Personal Services Agreement with David C. Smith & Associates, Inc. to provide aerial photography services in the Fidalgo Island area. The agreement shall commence upon the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2006. Total compensation shall not exceed \$100,250. **(Contract No. C20060302)**
10. Easement Agreement between Skagit County and Joan E. Smithman for the inspection, repair and maintenance of McElroy Slough/Blanchard Road Culverts and Tidegates. **(Contract No. C20060303)**

**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, July 10, 2006, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

ACT Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$119,913.82 (Transmittal No. C-79-06); and

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Warrants numbered 227344 through 227792 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$1,444,289.00 (Transmittal No. C-81-06); and

Payroll warrants numbered 970974 through 97122 in the total dollar amount of \$197,054.51 (Transmittal No. P-25-06).

2. Staff presented Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement No. **C20050362** between Skagit County and the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services – Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse, which increases the maximum consideration for the entire contract by \$242,766 from \$56,000 for a new total of \$298,766. It also adds the Secure Detoxification Pilot Program to the services provided. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in full force and effect.

Commissioner Anderson motioned to approve the amendment, which was seconded by Commissioner Munks and passed unanimously. (**Amendment No. A20060071**)

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Mike Crawford, Sedro-Woolley, spoke of a planning policy citing newly self-contained communities in the rural area with associated provisions of urban facilities and services that shall be in conformance with the RCW and county-wide planning policies and the community and joint city planning process.

Mr. Crawford said there is concern that as the valley grows, there will be more demand for residential housing in rural-type settings. When the Commissioners are considering comprehensive plan changes, he hopes they give attention to passing changes that would allow this kind of process to move forward.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

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Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

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Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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