

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JULY 17, 2006**

***T** 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. 2007 Budget Briefing

The Skagit County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 17, 2006, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Ted W. Anderson and Don Munks present.

2007 BUDGET BRIEFING.

County Administrator Gary Rowe gave a PowerPoint presentation on the General Fund Revenue and Expenditure Forecast for 2007 through 2011. Budget guidelines and expectations were also discussed.

Budget Administrator Trisha Logue reviewed various budget forms for use in preparing the budget estimates for 2007. Each department was provided with instructions and reports. The budget forms and figures will be used as the Preliminary Budget and will be compiled and presented unedited. Following the Commissioners' acceptance of the Preliminary Budget, the Budget and Finance Department will contact departments as needed to discuss the budget estimates.

Ms. Logue said key dates to keep in mind are the following:

- August 14 – Budgets due by 4:30 p.m. to the Skagit County Auditor
- September 8 – Budgets due to the Commissioner's Office
- October – Meet with individual departments as needed
- November 20 – Commissioners to adopt Preliminary Budget
- December 4 – Public Hearing to adopt the 2007 budget

The Commissioners said the biggest challenge facing the County is to figure out how to balance the budget without cutting staff or cutting programs.

ADJOURNMENT.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Munks 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