

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007**

- 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 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.            Planning & Development Services – Gary Christensen, Director
1.        Consideration/Possible Action – Resolution Appointing Ten Members to a Citizen Advisory Committee for a Hamilton Subarea Plan
  2.        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
- \*T 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.                Report – 2006 Wind Damage in Skagit County
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.                Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2007, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – GARY CHRISTENSEN, DIRECTOR**

**1.        Consideration/Possible Action – Resolution Appointing Ten Members to a Citizen Advisory Committee for a Hamilton Subarea Plan.**

Senior Planner, Kirk Johnson presented the Commissioners with a Resolution appointing 10 members to a Citizens Advisory Committee for the Hamilton Subarea Plan. Mr. Johnson stated the prior Board of County Commissioners had approved these members by motion on September 25, 2006.

Commissioner Dillon asked Mr. Johnson to state the names of the members and their association.

Mr. Johnson stated the following names:

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| 1.    Barbara Dills, Town of Hamilton   | 6.    Mark D. Spahr, P. E.              |
| 2.    Mike Crawford, Hamilton industry  | 7.    Alton Fleek, GreenWorks Realty    |
| 3.    Michael Thams, Hamilton resident  | 8.    Ellen Gray, Agricultural support  |
| 4.    Lisa Janicki, EDASC               | 9.    Marge Bates, County resident      |
| 5.    Kathleen Lipsey, Town of Hamilton | 10.    Dwight Washburn, County resident |

Commissioner Dahlstedt asked if the Resolution had been reviewed by the legal department and Mr. Johnson said that it had.

Mr. Johnson informed the Board the Hamilton Public Development Authority (PDA) undertook a variety of efforts to solicit citizens interested in serving on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The PDA published a legal notice in the *Courier Times*, made an announcement at the August, 2006, Hamilton Town Council meeting, and provided a "Citizen's Advisory Committee Letter of Interest" to individuals who expressed an interest in or had desirable qualifications for CAC membership.

Commissioner Munks said he had only one concern regarding members of the CAC. His concern was that Ellen Gray was no longer with North Sound Program. He asked Mr. Johnson to inquire what Ms. Gray's association was and whether it would be feasible to appoint another member from the environmental

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community. Mr. Johnson said he would do that but at this time he didn't think that would prevent the Board from moving ahead with the Resolution.

Commissioner Munks moved approval of a Resolution appointing 10 members to a Citizens Advisory Committee for a Hamilton Subarea Plan as recommended by Planning & Development Services. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20070009)**

**2. Miscellaneous.**

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss from the Department of Planning and Development Services.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Munks motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, January 8, 2007, items 1 through 18. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, January 2, 2007. **(Approved)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:**

2. Resolution re-appointing Julie Erickson to the Upper Skagit Library District Board of Trustees for the term beginning January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2011. **(Resolution No. R20070010)**
3. Resolution appointing Allen P. Stewart to a three year term on the Skagit County Board of Equalization. The term shall commence on January 1, 2007, and continue through December 31, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20070011)**

**AUDITOR'S OFFICE:**

4. Amendment No. 3 to Help America Vote Act (HAVA) Agreement **No. C20050162** with the Washington State Secretary of State's Office, which increases the grant amount by \$18,948.60 for a new grant total of \$332,448.60. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20070001)**

**BUDGET/FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**

5. Resolution authorizing the allocation of 2163 Funds for Homeless Housing and Assistance projects for 2007. **(Resolution No. R20070012)**

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

6. Resolution appointing Charles Wend to serve a three year term on the Skagit County Mental Health Advisory Board beginning December 15, 2006, and continuing through December 14, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20070013)**
7. Resolution appointing Jere LaFollette to serve a three year term on the Skagit Mental Health Advisory Board beginning December 15, 2006, through December 14, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20070014)**

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8. Resolution re-appointing Bob Hicks to serve another three year term on the Skagit County Substance Abuse Board beginning December 31, 2006, through December 30, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20070015)**
9. Resolution re-appointing Steve Hayes to serve another three year term on the Skagit County Substance Abuse Board beginning December 1, 2006, through November 30, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20070016)**
10. Resolution appointing Emma Alvarado to serve a three year term on the Skagit County Substance Abuse Board beginning December 15, 2006, through December 14, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20070017)**
11. Resolution re-appointing Joan Lubbe to serve another three year term on the North Sound Mental Health Administration Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20070018)**
12. Resolution re-appointing Mary Good to serve another three year term on the North Sound Mental Health Administration Advisory Board beginning January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20070019)**

**MEDIATION SERVICES:**

13. Resolution authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and North Sound Mental Health Administration. **(Resolution No. R20070020)**
14. Interagency Agreement between Skagit County and North Sound Mental Health Administration (NSMHA) to provide mental health ombuds and quality review services for mental health clients in the service areas of Skagit, Whatcom, San Juan, Island, and Snohomish Counties. NSMHA will fully fund the cost of these services estimated to be \$119,995.27 through the term of the contract, which runs January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2007. **(Contract No. C20070007)**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

15. Resolution calling for a public hearing regarding Revision No. 1 to the 2007-2012 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20070021)**
16. Resolution calling for a public hearing to consider the vacation of an unopened County right-of-way at the north end of Jura Lane in Similk Beach. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20070022)**
17. Resolution amending Resolution No. R20040311, adopting a revised fee schedule for the Skagit County Public Works Department. **(Resolution No. R20070023)**
18. Summary of Offer totaling \$30,295 for two Conservation Easements (Kori/Carolyn Turk and William/Gema Kelton) for the Red Creek Restoration Project, PD 9704. **(Contract No. C20070008)**

**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, January 8, 2007, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

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ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Premera Blue Cross from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$98,367.85 (Transmittal No. C-157-06); and

Purchase Card Electronic Payment to JP MORGAN CHASE from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$26,512.35 (Transmittal No. C-158-06); and

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Wells Fargo from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$10,175 (Transmittal No. C-159-06); and

Warrants numbered 239976 through 240419 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$1,400,843.59 (Transmittal No. C-02-07).

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Tom Stalkeland of C&S Construction told the Commissioners he had spent some time at the Island County Transfer Station and commented on the ease of operation that he experienced at the site. He said he spent approximately five days working at that location and suggested the Commissioners might want to visit the Island County site and other sites around Washington to see how they could modernize the Skagit County Transfer Station.

Carol Ehlers, West Fidalgo Island resident, reported on the wind damage west of the Swinomish Slough. Ms. Ehlers asked the Commissioners if they had any suggestions for citizens who had storm waste. She also told the Commissioners that she was frustrated by the lack of transparency regarding the County budget. She said the information sent by the Assessor on property tax procedures is the only County budget information that is available to citizens. She suggested the county do a detailed presentation to citizens on the county budget.

**REPORT – 2006 WIND DAMAGE IN SKAGIT COUNTY.**

Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management Director, reported on the road closure list that was generated by Skagit County Public Works and being used during the storm by patrol deputies, the 911 Center, medical services, fire departments, Puget Sound Energy, and citizens.

Mr. Sheahan informed the Commissioners that the Emergency Management Department will be meeting with Fire District Commissioners, the Sheriff's Office and Tribal Police, on January 18, 2007, to discuss the number of calls and safety issues that occurred during the storm.

Mr. Sheahan said there were some difficulties communicating with Puget Sound Energy because they were being heavily impacted by calls coming in from Seattle that they could not get the calls from Skagit County. Mr. Sheahan reported they were able to lessen the difficulties by having the local division of Puget Sound Energy open a center in Skagit County. The 911 Center e-mailed their problems to the local division and also the Seattle division, which helped to increase the magnitude of responses from Puget Sound Energy.

Mr. Sheahan stated the road closure list was helpful because they were able to see a listing of where the most damaged areas were located. One of the worst areas was at Lake Cavanaugh because of the number of trees that fell. Mr. Sheahan went on to say there is presently no system to respond to individual homeowners with downed trees. One suggestion would be for a group of neighbors to get together and take a safety class and then rent a wood chipper and/or grinder to cut up the trees. Mr. Sheahan reiterated the importance of renting equipment through a rental agency so that citizens can get adequate safety training.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Sheahan for the report.

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**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Sharon D. Dillon, Chairman

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Don Munks, Commissioner

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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