

**February 27, 2007**

- \*T 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Work Session – Operations Division/Transfer Station
- \*T 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Public Works – W. Eugene Sampley, P.E.,  
Director/County Engineer
1. Discussion – Proposed Funding Partnership With the Town of La Conner for Construction of the Maple Street Overlay Project
  2. Update – Centennial Clean Water Fund – Hansen Creek/Red Creek Restoration Project Grant
  3. Miscellaneous
- \*T 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Work Session – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Stormwater Permit
- \*T 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Skagit River Feasibility Study Executive Committee Meeting
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch With Michael McCormick, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District (Max Dales Restaurant – 2030 Riverside Drive, Mount Vernon)
- \*T 1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Bid Opening – On-Call Hydraulic Services
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Joint Elected Officials Meeting – Skagit County Commissioners; Mayors of La Conner, Concrete, Sedro-Woolley, Anacortes, Mount Vernon and Burlington; and Dike District Commissioners From Districts 1, 13, 12 and 17 – Moderated by Gary Tollefson (Skagit Valley College – 2405 East College Way, Mount Vernon)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 27, 2007, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

**WORK SESSION – OPERATIONS DIVISION/TRANSFER STATION.**

Cliff Butler, Operations Division Manager, asked the Road District Supervisors to update the Commissioners on their attempts to keep up with the work load in light of the inclement weather the County continues to experience.

Kevin Renz, Operations Supervisor at the Transfer Station, reported that repairs on the compactor have begun. They will be replacing all the main hydraulic pumps and begin preparations for spring and summer cleanup.

Chairman Dillon said she plans on looking at long term solutions to the transfer station to make it a safer operation.

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**PUBLIC WORKS – W. EUGENE SAMPLEY, P.E., DIRECTOR/COUNTY ENGINEER**

**1. Discussion – Proposed Funding Partnership With the Town of La Conner for Construction of the Maple Street Overlay Project.**

Gene Sampley, Interim Director, began the discussion with Jenny Scott, Town Administrator for La Conner, who presented information on entering into a funding partnership with the Town of La Conner and Skagit County for construction of the Maple Street Overlay Project. Interlocal Agreement No. C20060486 for the financing of preliminary engineering for the Maple Street Project was entered into on November 13, 2006.

The estimated cost to Skagit County would be \$37,500. Janice Marlega, Assistant Director of Public Works, indicated this project would be paid through the annual asphalt overlay projects.

The Commissioners agreed it is a great idea when Skagit County and smaller towns and cities both benefit by partnering.

**2. Update – Centennial Clean Water Fund – Hansen Creek/Red Creek Restoration Project Grant.**

Jeff McGowan, Surface Water Management, provided the following project narrative of the project:

In 2006, Skagit County Surface Water Management, with the assistance from the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, received a Centennial Clean Water grant for \$330,353.00. This grant targets two areas: one on Hansen Creek on the Northern State Recreational Area and the other on the lower Red Creek south of Highway 20. Approximately 125 pieces of large, woody debris will be placed in Hansen Creek and approximately 4 acres of riparian area will be restored.

On Red Creek, approximately 3,200 feet of channel will be restored and re-vegetated. The grant will pay for the mitigation requirements from last summer's Hansen Creek Sub-Flood District's dredging project.

Mr. McGowan said the Hansen Creek portion of this project will be completed in the summer of 2007 and it is anticipated the Red Creek project will be completed in 2008. Anchor Environmental has been tasked with the design work.

Staff is currently working with the Department of Ecology on the grant contract, which should be ready for signatures on March 20, 2007.

**3. Miscellaneous.**

Mr. Sampley announced the departure of Ms. Marlega who will be engaging in other professional pursuits. Although she will be with the County until March, Mr. Sampley said the Department will initiate the recruiting process right away in concert with the pursuit of a new Public Works Director.

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**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1. Commissioner Munks motioned to rescind Resolution No. R20070106, which was signed yesterday, February 26, 2007, under the Consent Agenda prior to being reviewed by either the legal department or Human Resources. The resolution authorized extending contract benefits for exempt employees of the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Human Resource Director/Risk Manager Billie Kadrmas will be crafting a rescinding resolution.

2. 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, February 27, 2007, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Payroll warrants numbered 973689 through 973865 in the total dollar amount of \$216,456.64 (Transmittal No. P-08-07).

**WORK SESSION – NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PHASE II STORMWATER PERMIT.**

Dave Brookings, Public Works, spoke of a summary provided by Erick Aurand of Surface Water Management of new stormwater regulations – NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit.

Mr. Aurand stated the new Municipal Stormwater Permit requires Skagit County to meet a number of obligations. Many of these requirements will have a significant impact to several County departments. The Department of Ecology issued this permit on January 17, 2007. There are actions and mandatory timelines for compliance with the permit and failure to comply would place the County at risk for lawsuits under the Clean Water Act.

The geographic area covered by this permit can be limited to the urbanized area, which includes both urban growth areas and urbanizing areas. The Anacortes Urban Growth Areas are also included in permit coverage.

The Cities of Anacortes, Mount Vernon, Burlington and Sedro-Woolley will also be required to obtain Municipal Stormwater permits. Ecology has provided a mechanism for cities and counties to work together (Co-Permittees) if they choose. This procedure will allow jurisdictions to share credit for certain activities. Several cities are appealing these permits in hopes of modifying some of the more controversial provisions. According to Mr. Aurand, it is unlikely the appeal will change the permit, but communities want to reserve a seat at the table during any negotiations.

Additionally, certain types of special purpose districts will be obligated to obtain permits as "Secondary" permittees. In Skagit County, Drainage Districts 12, 14, 17, 19 (and possibly 15), the Port of Skagit, the Port of Anacortes, and Skagit Valley College are all likely to meet the requirements. Secondary permittees are expected to rely on a neighboring Permittee

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(city or county) to meet most of the requirements and implement only those requirements specific to the type of district.

Mr. Aurand said the permit demands an enormous amount of record keeping, organization and paperwork and all various requirements must be thoroughly documented.

The Commissioners thanked staff for an outstanding presentation.

**SKAGIT RIVER FEASIBILITY STUDY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.**

The purpose of this session with the US Army Corps of Engineers Skagit General Investigation Study Executive Committee was to determine if the County's needs and the Corps' needs can be merged into a sufficiently funded work plan to enable prompt and significant progress on the Skagit General Investigation Study, and if the answer is yes, agree on an action plan.

**BID OPENING – ON-CALL HYDRAULIC SERVICES.**

Guemes Ferry Manager Steve Cox opened the following bid for on-call hydraulic services for the Guemes Ferry and the County Road Shop:

Skagit Hydraulics  
790 S. Walnut Street  
Burlington, WA 98233

Mr. Cox said the bid would be reviewed and a recommendation would be forthcoming.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

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

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