

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007**

- *T 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Work Session – Operations Division and Transfer Station Facility
- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department – W. Eugene Sampley, P.E., Director/County Engineer
1. Discussion Continuation – Anderson/La Venture Road Expansion Project
 2. Presentation – Certificate of Good Practice for 2006 From the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) to the County Engineer
 3. Signature – CRAB Rural Arterial Program Agreement for Authorization of Funds for the Old Highway 99 North Project
 4. Division Update – Natural Resources: Activities/Project Being Undertaken by Surface Water Management, Solid Waste, and Water Resources
 5. Miscellaneous
- *T 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Proclamation – May 13-19, 2007, as Wildfire Awareness Week
- *T 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Bid Opening – 2007 Asphalt Overlay project, PDAO-07
- *T 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Public Hearing – Deliberations and Possible Adoption of Revisions to Skagit County Code 12.48 – Individual and Public Drinking Water Systems
- *T 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Board of Health Decision Regarding Fluoridation
- *T 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Work Session: Final Report – Cockreham Island Buyout Feasibility Study
- *T 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Audit Report by the Washington Counties Risk Pool
- *T 2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Work Session – FEMA National Flood Insurance Mapping Modernization Project for the Skagit Basin

The Skagit County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 15, 2007, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

WORK SESSION – OPERATIONS DIVISION AND TRANSFER STATION FACILITY.

Operations Division Managers of the Public Works Department provided status reports regarding projects that are currently underway in their respective divisions. As they approach their busy season, several interns have been hired, which still will not make up for the employees that are out on medical leave.

Kevin Renz, Manager of the Public Works Solid Waste Division, stated that everything is going well at the Transfer Station. Tonnage is up 10% from April, which was probably brought on in part by the warm weather we've been experiencing. Maintenance on the compactor is finished and staff is ready for the summer season.

Cliff Butler, Public Works, reported that Chris Kowitz is their environmental specialist and is busy obtaining permits to make sure all environmental regulations are met with regard to road projects.

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

1. Discussion Continuation – Anderson/La Venture Road Expansion Project.

Dave Sheridan, Engineer, said on April 3, 2007, during a session with the Commissioners, Esco Bell and Mike Love of the Mount Vernon Public Works Department requested \$150,000 in funding for the Anderson/La Venture Road Expansion Project. At the time, our Public Works Department was only able to offer \$50,000. However, after further “digging” the Department is able to offer an additional \$100,000.

Mr. Bell indicated the match money would allow the city to proceed with the environmental part of the project and keep it moving along.

Skagit County Public Works Director Gene Sampley noted that the \$100,000 is not additional funding, but an acceleration of funding that was already promised to Mount Vernon.

Commissioner Munks motioned to increase the funding level already allocated for the Anderson/La Venture Road Expansion Project by \$100,000 for a total of \$150,000. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Presentation – Certificate of Good Practice for 2006 From the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) to the County Engineer.

Mr. Sheridan stated that a Certificate of Good Practice was received by the County Road Administration Board. This is related to the administration of County roads and the safe delivery of people and goods over those roads. Mr. Sheridan said it was an honor to receive this award on behalf of all Public Works employees.

Commissioner Munks read the plaque from CRAB that will be displayed in the foyer of the Skagit County Commissioners – Administrative Building. He then made a motion to present the Certificate of Good Practice awarded by CRAB to the Skagit County Engineer in recognition of Skagit County’s continuing efforts to meet the standards of Good Practice required by State statute and CRAB. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which was carried.

3. Signature – CRAB Rural Arterial Program Agreement for Authorization of Funds for the Old Highway 99 North Project.

Ann Marie Gutwein, Public Works, presented a Rural Arterial Program Project Agreement with CRAB authorizing funding in the amount of \$750,000 for the Old Highway 99 North Project. Skagit County competed with Clallam, Whatcom, San Juan, Jefferson and Kitsap Counties for funding.

It was moved and seconded by Commissioners Munks and Dahlstedt to approve the Rural Arterial Program Agreement with CRAB, as outlined by Ms. Gutwein. The motion passed unanimously.
(Contract No. C20070320)

4. Division Update – Natural Resources: Activities/Projects Being Undertaken by Surface Water Management, Solid Waste, and Water Resources.

Dave Brookings, Assistant Public Works Director and Division Manager for Natural Resources, said there are approximately 47 employees in the Natural Resources Division with budget responsibilities of over \$15 million.

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The following is a list of items currently being worked on:

- FEMA Floodplain Mapping Update
- Cockreham Island Buyout Project
- Drainage Utility Projects – Hansen Creek Reach 2; Cockreham Levee Toe Repair Mitigation; Culvert Replacements in No Name Slough Basin (Bay View Stormwater Plan Project); Walker Valley Road Conveyance Improvements; Fish Creek Conveyance Improvements; Similk Beach Drainage Improvements; Sterling Road Drainage Improvements; and South Shore Drive Culvert Replacement.
- Projects in design for the South Westview Road Conveyance Improvement Project at Big Lake; Upper Edison Slough Area; and Bay View Ridge.
- Flood Control Projects
- Solid Waste
- Recycling Efforts
- Water Resources - USGS Groundwater Study

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Brookings for the updates, to which he responded that he was thankful to have such a diverse work group in the Natural Resources Division.

5. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Sampley spoke of a FEMA determination that would leave local jurisdictions bearing the cost of flood impacts. More information will be forthcoming.

Mr. Sampley announced that 10 applications have been received for the open position of Public Works Director and the screening process has begun.

PROCLAMATION – MAY 13-19, 2007, AS WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK.

Al Craney, Forester with the Skagit Conservation District, thanked the Commissioners for recognizing Wildfire Awareness Week. He spoke about the FireWise Program and noted that of the 35 FireWise communities in Washington State, 3 of them are in Skagit County.

Commissioner Munks read a proclamation declaring May 13-19, 2007, As Wildfire Awareness Week in Skagit County.

BID OPENING – 2007 ASPHALT OVERLAY PROJECT, PDAO-07.

Barb Hathaway, Project Manager for the 2007 Asphalt Overlay Project, and Kelly Kendrick opened the following bids:

Lakeside Industries
P. O. Box 729
Anacortes, WA 98221
Bid Bond Received
Addendum #1 Acknowledged
Total Bid Amount: \$828,328

Rinker Materials
P. O. Box 2037
Everett, WA 98213
Bid Bond Received
Addendum #1 Acknowledged
Total Bid Amount: \$746,959

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Ms. Hathaway said the bids would be reviewed and a recommendation would be forthcoming.

**PUBLIC HEARING – DELIBERATIONS AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF REVISIONS TO
SKAGIT COUNTY CODE 12.48 – INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS.**

Corinne Story, Environmental Health Supervisor, summarized revisions to SCC 12.48, Individual and Public Drinking Water Systems. The Phase 1 revisions are proposed for implementing portions of the Skagit and Stillaguamish in-stream flow rules as adopted by the Washington State Department of Ecology. These rules look to Skagit County to estimate and report the estimated quantity of water remaining in sub-basins.

According to Ms. Story, the last update to this code was in 1991. Since that time, State rules were adopted for Group B water systems, thereby superseding subsection .120 of SCC 12.48 for small public water systems. Many of the proposed amendments encompass language that clarifies how the County is currently doing the business of drinking water system approvals.

Ms. Story noted a couple of additional changes to the code and advised the Commissioners that Phase 2 revisions are scheduled for 2008, which will deal with more substantive issues such as seawater intrusion and clustering of wells.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing.

Ken Kukuk, General Manager of Public Utility District #1, addressed SCC 12.48.030 – Definitions. He questioned the definition of “adequate water supply” that states *an individual water system, which is capable of supplying at least **350 gallons of water per day**...* As this was lowered from 400 gallons per day, Mr. Kukuk asked what criterion was used to arrive at this figure. He asked the Commissioners to direct staff to look at how to identify an adequate water supply.

Diane Freethy of Sedro-Woolley said she served on the Citizens Advisory Committee tasked with updating the Code. Ms. Freethy said the group was up against a wall as the USGS (United States Geological Survey) study is still underway. There is the possibility that once that study is completed, many more changes to the code could be needed. As a committee, Ms. Freethy said they did as much as they could and look forward to reconvening in the fall for Phase 2.

There being no further public comments, Commissioner Munks motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed. The hearing was closed.

Commissioner Munks asked someone to address Mr. Kukuk's concerns.

Ron Palmer of the Health Department said the County relies heavily on the expertise of the drillers to determine the quantity of water. The key to avoiding wells running dry is performing quality pump tests. Water applications require that test, depending on the area and the geology. Mr. Palmer said hydrologists are consulted frequently.

Commissioner Munks motioned to adopt Skagit County Code 12.48 as presented, to become effective June 14, 2007. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt and passed. **(Ordinance No. O20070004)**

BOARD OF HEALTH DECISION REGARDING FLUORIDATION.

Public Health Director Peter Browning provided a brief history of the fluoridation movement that began in Skagit County approximately 5 years ago.

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Following a statement from Dr. Howard Leibrand and comments from the Board of Health, Commissioner Munks motioned to approve a resolution implementing fluoridation of the public drinking supply. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed. Chair Dillon voted against the proposal. **(Resolution No. R20070284)**

WORK SESSION: FINAL REPORT – COCKREHAM ISLAND BUYOUT FEASIBILITY STUDY.

A work session was held to report on the possible buyout of Cockreham Island property owners. Those in attendance included Public Works Surface Water Manager Ric Boge, Anchor Environmental L.L.C., and a consultant formerly with GeoEngineering Tracy Drury, and Northern Economics consultant Susan Berk.

Mr. Drury summarized components of the study and discussed all the parcels, which are included. Mr. Drury showed a PowerPoint presentation of Cockreham Island and spoke of the benefit cost analysis that established the buy-out of the Cockreham Island properties that is potentially cost-effective. Mr. Drury went on to say, the analysis compared the cost of buying properties on the island to the cost of future flood damages and maintenance of infrastructure. He stated the analysis considered discount rates of both 3% and 7% to compute the net present value of future value in present dollars.

AUDIT REPORT BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTIES RISK POOL.

David Goldsmith, Member Services Manager of Washington Counties Risk Pool, presented the Commissioners with an Audit Report compiled by the Washington Counties Risk Pool. Mr. Goldsmith stated the County has been participating in the Risk Pool for approximately three and a half years and has had slightly fewer claims reported than would be expected. The payout in dollars is about what about would be expected.

Mr. Goldsmith went on to say the presence of a stable functioning Human Resource, Risk Management, and Safety Program were largely responsible for the good experience of losses versus exposures.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Goldsmith for the report.

WORK SESSION – FEMA NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE MAPPING MODERNIZATION PROJECT FOR THE SKAGIT BASIN.

During the work session, Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, introduced Ryan Ike, National Flood Insurance Program Specialist, who gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding upcoming changes to local Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) base flood elevation maps. Also in attendance were Dan Mitzel and Mayor Bud Norris.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

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Don Munks, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
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