

**June 12, 2007**

**\*T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

Public Works Department – W. Eugene Sampley, P.E.,  
Director/County Engineer

1. Public Hearing – Consideration of Renewal of Franchise Agreement with Northwest Pipeline Corporation
2. Decision – Request for Consideration of Vacation of 1312.28' of the North End of the Primitive Portion of Medford Road, No. 94710
3. Update – Cockreham Island Buyout Project – Next Steps
4. Update – Solid Waste Recycling Efforts
5. Update – Operatives Division – Service Request Procedure
6. Miscellaneous

**\*T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Public Health Department – Peter Browning, Director

1. Report on the Skagit County Activity Coalition and Healthy Communities Project
2. Update – On-Site Sewage Code Management Plan
3. Report on New Public Health Funding From the Washington State Legislature
4. Miscellaneous

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Don Munks and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

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

**1. Public Hearing – Consideration of Renewal of Franchise Agreement with Northwest Pipeline Corporation.**

Dave Sheridan, Engineering Manager, stated the public hearing is to renew a franchise agreement with Northwest Pipeline Corporation, which expired in 2006. The duration for the new agreement will be 25 years. The roads affected are: Lake Cavanaugh Road, Walker Valley Road, Gunderson Road, Beaver Lake Road, Old Day Creek Road, Wayward Way Road, South Skagit Highway, River Road, Minkler Road, Hoehn Road and Fruitdale Road.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing.

There being no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Munks motioned to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt and passed. The hearing was closed.

Chair Dillon asked that language be incorporated into the agreement with Northwest Pipeline Corporation stipulating that they clearly mark their lines and do regular maintenance checks on the markers.

Mr. Sheridan indicated the change would be made and the agreement would come before the Board under a future Consent Agenda.

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**2. Decision – Request for Consideration of Vacation of 1312.28’ of the North End of the Primitive Portion of Medford Road, No. 94710.**

Mr. Sheridan next discussed the vacation of a portion of Medford Road. A public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2007, at 10:00. A decision was scheduled for Tuesday, June 5, 2007; however, in light of new information, the Commissioners opted to delay a decision until today.

It was discovered that 1312.28’ of the north end of Medford Road had been chip sealed in 2006. The Commissioners asked Mr. Sheridan to contact the petitioner, Mr. Croney of Cowboy Campsite LLC, to see if he would be willing to reimburse the County for the cost of the chip sealing in the amount of \$6,400. Because Mr. Croney was unwilling to pay, Mr. Sheridan said his recommendation is to deny the vacation. He doesn't believe it is fair to the public to gift that kind of expense in a vacation.

Commissioner Munks motioned to deny the request to vacate the northern 1312.28’ of Medford Road, No. 94710 as described in the Engineer's Report. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**3. Update – Cockreham Island Buyout Project – Next Steps.**

Ric Boge, Surface Water Manager, updated the Commissioners on the next steps needed to advance the buyout of willing landowners on Cockreham Island. Purchasing sufficient properties will enable removal of necessary infrastructure, safely breaching and no longer maintaining the lower portion of the training levee, and safely redirecting the Skagit River main channel across the southern portion of the Island.

It will also implement viable measures for public benefit that include enhanced salmon habitat and public recreation, and secure some level of mitigation "credit/banking" for the County from the resource agencies for future County Road projects requiring mitigation.

Mr. Boge spoke of steps needed to accomplish this effort, including funding costs for a three year period, estimated to be approximately \$317,000. He then asked the Commissioners if they were in favor of having Public Works form a local team to work on the project.

Following a short discussion, the Board agreed that meeting with all interested groups would be of benefit so everyone's ideas could be discussed at one time.

**4. Update – Solid Waste Recycling Efforts.**

Kevin Renz, Solid Waste Manager, gave a brief overview of the County's recycling activities.

**5. Update – Operatives Division – Service Request Procedure.**

Operations Division Manager Cliff Butler described Service Request procedures, which began in the early 80's and is still going strong and extremely successful.

**6. Miscellaneous.**

There were no miscellaneous Public Works items to discuss.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PETER BROWNING, DIRECTOR**

**1. Report on the Skagit County Activity Coalition and Healthy Communities Project.**

Liz McNett Crawl, Coordinator for the Mount Vernon Healthy Communities Project, stated that for the last 10 years, Skagit County Public Health has been involved in an Activity Coalition with many partners around the County. Affiliated Health Services and now the Skagit Valley Hospital took the lead with funding that came through the Health Department.

Ms. McNett Crawl reported on the progress of the Coalition now that funding is nearing the end.

**2. Update – On-Site Sewage Code Management Plan.**

Corinne Story, Environmental Health Supervisor, explained the Skagit County Health Department has been completing an On-Site Sewage Management Plan, as required by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246.272A – State Rules for On-Site Sewage. This management plan is to delineate how Skagit and the other 11 Puget Sound counties will identify and manage on-site sewage systems through 2012 and beyond to assure they are functioning as designed.

Ms. Story said of particular interest are those systems that border marine waters and commercial shellfish growing areas. Copies of the Draft Plan were distributed and it was noted that the cost estimate for implementation is included in the text of the Plan. A public hearing on this matter will be held later in the year.

**3. Report on New Public Health Funding From the Washington State Legislature.**

Public Health Director Peter Browning stated that during the 2007 legislative session, the State Legislators gave \$20 million per bi-annum to Public Health, which was to be split using past formulas between the 37 Health jurisdictions.

Skagit County will receive \$197,000 of new money each year for the next two years, which will be focused on Communicable Disease for the first few years and then move on to Chronic Disease, including obesity and activity. This funding cannot be used to supplant any previous work done, but must only be used for new projects.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said it is disappointing that the County ended up with so little money. He likes the idea of forming a Health Care Commission in Skagit County and partnering with the cities to share in expenses.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Browning and said the County's Public Health Department is a shining light in our community.

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**4. Miscellaneous.**

Ms. Story provided a map showing West Nile Virus activity in Idaho, Oregon and Washington during 2004, 2005 and 2006. This is becoming a compelling problem and the Health Department will ramp up their mosquito testing efforts. Ms. Story indicated that additional information can be found on the Department's website.

**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