

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JULY 24, 2007**

- 7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Public Works Department – E. Eugene Sampley, P.E., Director/County Engineer
1. Certificate of Commendation – Dave Brookings, Assistant Director/Natural Resource Division Manager
 2. Discussion – Progress Report on Establishment of a Railroad Quiet Zone – Blanchard Area
 3. Miscellaneous
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Bid Opening – 2007 Barrier Protection (Guardrail) Project, PDGR-07
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Work Session – Planning & Development Services
1. Planning Commission Recorded Motion and Recommendation Regarding the 2006-2007 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket (Van’s Properties II, LLC – File No. PL06-0695)
 2. Planning Commission Recommendation on the 2005 Growth Management Update
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Discussion – Strategy and Options for Flood Control Planning
- 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Workshop – Disaster Response Training (Department of Emergency Management – 2911 E. College Way, Mount Vernon)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, with Commissioners Chair Dillon, Commissioner Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Munks present.

Chair Dillon led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Public Works Department - W. Eugene Sampley, P.E., Director/County Engineer

1. Certificate of Commendation - Dave Brookings, Assistant Director/Natural Resource Division Manager.

Gene Sampley presented a Certificate of Commendation to Dave Brookings, acknowledging the 20 years he has worked for Skagit County. He said Mr. Brookings has been a tremendous asset to the County.

Dave Brookings thanked the Board and previous Boards that have supported him. He stated he is looking forward to his new challenge, but is leaving with some sadness.

Commissioner Dahlstedt thanked Mr. Brookings for his flood efforts, and said he is sad to see Dave go, but is happy when employees can find opportunities for new challenges.

Commissioner Munks agreed. He stated that it is very impressive that Mr. Brookings has the knowledge to guide many of the decisions the Board makes. Mr. Brookings' hard work is truly appreciated, and he will be sorely missed.

Chair Dillon thanked Mr. Brookings for being available every time she's had a question or concern. She and other members of the Public Works Department wished him the best of luck.

Commissioner Munks presented Mr. Brookings with the Certificate of Commendation.

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2. [Discussion - Progress Report on Establishment of a Railroad Quiet Zone - Blanchard Area.](#)

Ann Marie Gutwein, Programs Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation, which included a map of the proposed quiet zones on Colony Road, Blanchard Road, and North and South Legg Roads. Ms. Gutwein stated they all qualify for quiet zone status and indicated in the proposed zones, horns would not sound between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Commissioner Dahlstedt queried Ms. Gutwein about the proposal of those having requested the quiet zone to help pay for the necessary road and crossing alterations. Commissioner Dahlstedt said he feels we have to be fair and consistent, and if we're going to approve and pay for one quiet zone, we should do the same for all quiet zones.

Commissioner Munks agreed and stated the County needs to be careful about setting a precedent. Although he appreciates the time the County staff have put into this, it is important that people who directly benefit from a quiet zone share in the expense.

Chair Dillon concurred and noted that if people want to move forward with this, then the County should look into forming a partnership.

Ms. Gutwein said she would contact the folks involved within the ring of the quiet zone about the idea of partnering.

3. [Miscellaneous.](#)

1. Public Works Director Gene Sampley provided the Board with an update on the Guemes Island Ferry Extended Hours Analysis. He informed them that the Department attempted to reconcile differences but have been unable to do so. Mr. Sampley acknowledged there have been mixed reactions from those that live on the island, including the users of the ferry. He said there were passionate feelings on both sides of the issue.

Commissioner Dahlstedt indicated copies of this memorandum should be given to the folks on the Guemes Island Ferry Committee. Mr. Sampley said he would provide the Committee with copies.

Mr. Sampley acknowledged the work Jean Alden has put into this analysis.

2. Staff presented a ratification resolution for a Personal Services Agreement and a Personal Services Agreement with the North Cascades Health Council.

A motion was made by Commissioner Munks to approve a ratification resolution for a Personal Services Agreement with North Cascade Health Council. (**Resolution No. R20070373**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Munks to approve a Personal Services Agreement with North Cascades Community Council. (**Contract No. C20070441**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

[8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bid Opening - 2007 Barrier Protection \(Guardrail\) Project, PDGR-07.](#)

Barb Hathaway and Nick Tuttle of Public Works were present to open the following bids for guardrails on Little Mountain Road, F&S Grade Road, and South Skagit Highway:

Coral Construction Company
PO Box 347
Wilsonville, OR 97070

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Bid Bond Acknowledged
Total Bid Amount: \$668,668

Petersen Brothers
2008 E. Valley Hwy.
Sumner, WA 98390
Bid Bond Acknowledge
Total Bid Amount: \$487,755.95

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

[9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Work Session - Planning & Development Services](#)

The Board discussed Item 2 prior to Item 1.

2. [Planning Commission Recommendation on the 2005 Growth Management Update](#)

Director of Planning and Development Services Gary Christensen and Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner were both present. Mr. Christensen commented on an earlier reference regarding a long standing effort to update the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code. He also commented on the Growth Management Act (GMA) update process and thanked staff for their hard work. Mr. Johnson also thanked staff for time spent on the GMA update.

The Commissioners were presented with documents relating to the contents of the Planning Commission Recorded Motion and Recommendations on the 2005 GMA Update to the Countywide Planning Policies.

A total of 212 map amendments proposals were made; however, not all were discussed. A transcript from the July 9, 2007, final deliberations from Planning Commission meeting was included for Board's review.

1. [Planning Commission Recorded Motion and Recommendation Regarding the 2006-2007 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket \(Van's Properties II, LLC - File No. PL06-0695\).](#)

Mr. Johnson asked the Commissioners to consider delaying the deadline for the 2007-2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments by 90 days to allow submittal of petitions.

Chair Dillon said she would prefer a 60-day extension. Commissioner Dahlstedt concurred.

Ted Anderson, 305 North Central, Sedro-Woolley, asked the Board to pay particular attention to the Planning Commission's trailing issues with regard to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). He also asked the Commissioners to consider an extension for citizens who have not yet submitted their petitions.

[11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Discussion - Strategy and Options for Flood Control Planning.](#)

Surface Water Manager Ric Boge presented materials to the Board, including an analysis of the flood control planning that began in 1997 with US Army Corps of Engineers. In addition, the strategy to achieve improved flood protection was brought to the Board.

Mr. Boge stated that the County would like to be more in control over flood protection as a result of the proposed strategy.

Ms. Linda Smith of the US Army Corps of Engineers commented on meeting the needs of everyone. She acknowledged the County's concern regarding the future of flood protection and the need for funding. Additional studies that may be funded by the Corps in the amount of \$500 thousand will likely be backed by Congress.

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Mr. Boge continued on with his presentation followed by a brief discussion.

Chair Dillon thanked the department for their presentation.

Darryl Hamburg, Dike District 17, urged the Board to get these plans in motion to protection of future generations.

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

Warrants numbered 253325 through 253444 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$357,918.47. (Transmittal Number C-113-07)

ADJOURNMENT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Munks to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chairman

Don Munks, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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