

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, August 7, 2007**

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department – James E. Voetberg, P.E., Director/County Engineer
1. Introduction – James E. Voetberg, P.E., Director/County Engineer
 2. Introduction – Jeff Miller, P.E., Assistant County Engineer
 3. Miscellaneous
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Interim Ordinance No. O20070008, Declaring an Emergency and Adopting an Immediate Moratorium on the Acceptance of Special Use Permit Applications for Dog and Cat Kennels Within all Unincorporated Areas of Skagit County
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Quarterly Update – Natural Resources Department (Kendra Smith)
- 11:30 p.m. – 11:45 p.m. Presentation – Modular Post Office in Conway (Russ Rainey – United States Postal Service)
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Proclamation – Honoring Bill Berry of KLKI Radio Station
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Work Session Regarding the Indoor Recreation Center

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Don Munks, and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

A. 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department - James E. Voetberg, P.E., Director/County Engineer

1. Introduction - James E. Voetberg, P.E., Director/County Engineer and Jeff Miller, P.E., Assistant County Engineer

Skagit County Administrator Gary Rowe introduced James E. Voetberg, Professional Engineer and former Public Works Director for the Ketchikan Borough in the State of Alaska. Mr. Rowe also introduced Jeff Miller, Assistant County Engineer, formerly with the City of Anacortes. According to Mr. Rowe, Gene Samply, Interim Public Works Director, will continue serving on an interim basis and assist with special projects.

Mr. Voetberg and Mr. Miller both thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to work for Skagit County and welcome the many challenges that come with a new position.

2. Miscellaneous

A. Guemes Island Ferry Manager Steve Cox brought forth a resolution declaring the emergency dry docking and repair of a leaking outdrive on the Guemes Ferry.

A motion was made by Don Munks to approve a resolution declaring the emergency dry docking and repair of a leaking outdrive on the Guemes Ferry. **(Resolution No. R20070393)** Kenneth A. Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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B. Gene Sampley, Interim Manager of Public Works, brought forth a resolution declaring an emergency at the closed Inman Landfill so that leachate pumps can be replaced.

A motion was made by Don Munks to approve a resolution authorizing emergency repairs at the closed Inman Landfill. **(Resolution No. R20070394)** Kenneth A. Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. Staff brought forth an Interagency Agreement between the Washington State Department of Agriculture and Skagit County and its agent, the Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board. The agreement was listed as item #24 under the Consent Agenda for Monday, August 6, 2007, but was removed pending further information.

A motion was made by Don Munks to approve an Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Agriculture, which provides funding for a project to control invasive knotweed species on Lake Cavanaugh, Deer Creek and associated tributaries within Skagit County. **(Contract No. C20070465)** Kenneth A. Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

D. 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:

ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Trusteed Plans Service Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$111,545.22 (Transmittal No. C-119-07).

B. [10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Interim Ordinance No. O20070008, Declaring an Emergency and Adopting an Immediate Moratorium on the Acceptance of Special Use Permit Applications for Dog and Cat Kennels Within all Unincorporated Areas of Skagit County](#)

Chair Dillon announced the parameters of the public hearing.

Gary Christensen, Planning and Development Services Director, provided introductory remarks outlining the history of the adoption of Interim Ordinance No. O20070008.

It was noted that written comments would be accepted only until the end of today's public hearing.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing.

Many of those in the audience spoke in opposition of the current puppy mills operating in Skagit County. There were also several concerned citizens who expressed an interest in serving on a task force, should one be formed.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Chair Dillon entertained a motion to close the public hearing.

A motion was made by Don Munks to close the public hearing. Kenneth A. Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

C. [11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Quarterly Update - Natural Resources Department \(Kendra Smith\)](#)

Kendra Smith, Natural Resource Lands Coordinator, gave a brief presentation highlighting the Natural Resource Lands Policy bi-annual activities, which she divided into four categories, based upon work load: policy, staffing, liaison and coordinating efforts, and future endeavors.

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The Commissioners each commented favorably on Ms. Smith's presentation and thanked her for her time and dedication.

D. [11:30 p.m. - 11:45 p.m. Presentation - Modular Post Office in Conway \(Russ Rainey - United States Postal Service\)](#)

Russ Rainey of the United States Postal Service, addressed multiple inadequacies that exist with the current structure, which houses the Conway Post Office. Most likely this will necessitate a move that must proceed in a timely fashion and receive community support.

According to Mr. Rainey, three options are mandated, which include: expanding the existing facility, leasing an existing building, or building a new facility. Building a new facility makes the most business sense and is the wish of the majority of customers. Notification within will occur within 15 days as to which option has been chosen.

Mr. Rainey noted that should the option of building a new facility be chosen, an architectural firm would be hired to design the building and charged with making sure local laws are followed.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Rainey for his informational presentation.

E. [11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Proclamation - Honoring Bill Berry of KLKI Radio Station](#)

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Bill Berry for serving Skagit County as a leading local broadcaster and owner of the KLKI-AM 1340 radio station since 1962. Mr. Berry has provided the local touch to his broadcasts and dedicated himself to community activism for the common good. Skagit County has greatly benefited by the local news and programming his station has provided.

Commissioner Munks thanked Mr. Berry for allowing him to conduct his morning show every Friday and appreciates the friendship they have shared.

Mr. Berry said it's been a real pleasure being part of the community for the last 40+ years and he's enjoyed every minute of it. He thanked the Commissioners for their fine words.

Commissioner Munks read the proclamation honoring William "Bill" Berry by declaring August 7, 2007, Bill Berry Day in Skagit County.

F. [2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Work Session Regarding the Indoor Recreation Center](#)

During the work session, Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt were present, along with several interested citizens.

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, Chairman

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Don Munks, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JoAnne Giesbrecht, Clerk of the Board
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