

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, with Commissioners Chair Dillon, Commissioner Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Munks present.

II. TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2007:

A. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Work Session - Revenue Options for Bay View Drainage

John Ghilarducci of Financial Consulting Solutions, summarized FCS's capital analysis of funding options for the Bay View Watershed Stormwater Management Plan. Mr. Ghilarducci discussed potential funding options, noting the pros and cons of each.

The Commissioners showed great interest in the summary of capital funding options. They also expressed many of their concerns and stressed the fact that they are strong believers that growth must pay for itself.

B. 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Health Department - Peter Browning, Director

1. Discussion - On-Site Code Revision Management Plan

Director of the Skagit County Health Department Peter Browning addressed a couple of miscellaneous items prior to the discussion of the On-Site Code Revision Management Plan.

He said the Department received news that the China Buffet restaurant has withdrawn their appeal.

Alex Von Cube and Jennifer Walton presented the Skagit County Demography 2007 report.

Corinne Story, Environmental Health Supervisor, gave a PowerPoint presentation on Skagit County Code 12.05, On-Site Sewage. Ms. Story provided a background information and summarized the proposed changes for the Code Management Plan.

Ms. Story stated the proposed Plan includes designations of marine recovery areas and sensitive areas; a five-year plan for formation designation of the marine recovery areas, sensitive areas, and Health Department activities in these areas, including enforcement.

Commissioner Dahlstedt queried Ms. Story regarding the ongoing maintenance of septic systems and the cost of inspections.

Ms. Story went on to discuss certification requirements for on-site sewer installers and pumpers.

2. Discussion - West Nile Virus Update

Ms. Story reported that Skagit County Environmental Health has received 25 dead crow complaints, and sent in 8 of them for testing, with negative results. Ms. Story stated these birds came from Mount Vernon, Burlington and Sedro-Woolley. Eight mosquito complaints have been received, and six mosquito pools have been sent for West Nile Virus testing and all those tests were negative as well.

3. Discussion - Botulism in Canned Foods

Joanne Lynn from the Food Safety Program discussed the recent canned food recall relating to possible botulinum toxin contamination. She stated approximately 124 food establishments were contacted, including retail food outlets, small convenience stores and food banks. Ms. Lynn indicated 141 cans of the product were identified and taken off the shelves. In addition, several phone calls were received by the Health Department from consumers who had the products in their homes.

4. Miscellaneous

Amie Tidrington discussed new recommendations for immunization vaccines. In particular, she mentioned the Cervical Cancer (HPV) vaccine, Meningococcal vaccine, Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis, Chickenpox, Hepatitis A, and Shingles (Zostavax) vaccines.

The Commissioners thanked the Health Department for the update.

C. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Work Session - GMA Update

Director of Planning and Development Services Gary Christensen provided introductory comments on the process of the Planning Commissions' recommendations on the Growth Management Act (GMA) proposal.

Mr. Christensen recognized staff from Planning and Development Services, including Bill Schmidt and Bill Stiles, members of the Skagit County Planning Commission.

Senior Planner Kirk Johnson gave a brief summary of map amendment proposals and the Planning Commission's recommendations.

Senior Planner Guy McNally gave a PowerPoint presentation relating to the map amendment proposals.

Mr. Johnson went on to say, two Master Plan Resort applications were received from Skagit River Resort Thousand Trails. He stated the Planning Commission is recommending approval for only the Skagit River Resort.

Commissioner Dahlstedt addressed concerns with the Masterplan Resort interpretation.

The Commissioners thanked the Planning Department and Planning Commission for their hard work.

D. 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. Department Head/Elected Officials Meeting

County Administrator Gary Rowe gave a brief overview of the work process of the strategic plan. Mr. Rowe stated department heads and elected officials began work on the strategic plan in the spring with meetings concluding in April.

Mr. Rowe gave a PowerPoint presentation which included the following eight elements of the strategic plan; 1) providing efficient, effective and responsive service; 2) value and support a productive, skilled work force; 3) providing effective management of county services; 4) provide adequate county facilities to meet our needs; 5) provide effective law and justice and prevention programs; 6) protecting public health; 7) protect and sustain natural resources; and, 8) effectively manage growth and support economic development.

Mr. Rowe stated an implementation plan will be sent to department heads and elected officials for further input.

Commissioner Dillon introduced Rich Monroe, Government Access Coordinator for Skagit County. Mr. Monroe discussed the implementation of the Granicus live stream video.

Mr. Rowe introduced Public Works Director and County Engineer Jim Votteberg, and, Assistant County Engineer Jeff Miller .

Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners JoAnne Giesbrecht acknowledged fellow Skagit County Employee Recognition Committee members and announced the 4th annual SCERC picnic will be held on August 24, 2007, at the Skagit County Fairgrounds.

Deputy County Administrator Tim Holloran gave a follow-up to the Indoor Recreation planning process.

Lynn Christopherson of Community Action presented Workfirst Program support services. Ms. Christopherson presented a copy Supervisor's Handbooks to the audience.

Senior Services Director Jennifer Kingsley stated her department has partnered with the Workfirst Program and has been very pleased with the work performed by the participants.

Commissioner Dillon introduced elected officials.

Auditor Jeanne Youngquist shared accomplishments in the Recording and Elections department. Some of these accomplishments included redacting social security numbers from documents, using Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds to put together the voter's manual and also providing online information for upcoming elections.

Sheriff Rick Grimstead thanked the search and rescue volunteers for their help in searching for a child that was recently lost on Blanchard Mountain.

Prosecutor Rich Weyrich spoke about the notice he received regarding Cheri McCrea's retirement from the Prosecutor's office.

Director of WSU Co-Operative Extension Ned Zaugg complimented Audrey Smith for the great job at the Fairgrounds.

Each department head introduced themselves

- E. 1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Roundtable Discussion Hosted by EDASC - Proposed New University of Washington Campus for North Puget Sound (Burlington City Hall - Council Chambers)

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