

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 6, 2007, with Commissioners Chair Sharon D. Dillon, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

Commissioner Munks' absence was excused.

I. AGENDA:

A. 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Work Session - Operations Division/Transfer Facility

Transfer Station Manager Kevin Renz reviewed a list of tasks currently being undertaken at the Skagit County Transfer Station. An update was received from division supervisors of the Skagit County Road Shop regarding ongoing projects.

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

1. Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of a Revised Fee Schedule for the Skagit County Public Works Department

Dave Sheridan, Engineering Services Manager, stated Public Works is proposing to adjust the fees annually each January 1st in accordance with the Engineering News Record (ENR) Construction Cost Index (CCI) for the Seattle area for the previous 12 months, but not to exceed 4%.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing. There being no public testimony forthcoming, Chair Dillon motioned to close, which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution adopting a revised fee schedule for Skagit County Public Works Department. **(Resolution No. R20070538)** Chair Sharon D. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Resolution Defining the Organization of the Countywide Flood Control Zone District

Gene Sampley, Division Manager for Programs and Water Resources, gave a brief background of the Skagit County Flood Control Zone District Governance and Administrative Structure. Mr. Sampley discussed the three alternatives that would make up the structure of the advisory committee.

He stated Dike District 1 and 12 and the City of Burlington have submitted written comments.

Chair Dillon asked for comments from the audience.

Darrell Hamburg of Dike District 17 said the concept of this is something that

they have been working toward for a long time. Mr. Hamburg said the public needs to be informed about why this project is moving forward and how it would impact the County as a whole.

Carol Ehlers of Anacortes, asked to restore the Drainage Utility Commission so that funds can be transparent to the public. Ms. Ehlers commented on the makeup of the technical committee. Ms. Ehlers also commented on taxes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt to adopt and sign the proposed resolution defining the Skagit County Flood Control Zone District organization adopting alternative 1b-2 as the Advisory Committee membership structure. **(Resolution No. R20070539)** Chair Sharon D. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Signature - Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Consider Revision to the Drainage Utility Rates and to Consider Establishing a Surcharge to the Drainage Utility Rates in Bayview Ridge Subarea to be held on November 27, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

Mr. Ric Boge presented background information for revisions to the Drainage Utility rates to adequately and equitably fund the Skagit County Drainage Utility 6-year Capital Improvement Program. Mr. Boge requested a call for public hearing to consider revisions to drainage utility rates and to consider establishing a surcharge to the drainage utility rates in the Bay View Subarea. The Public Hearing is scheduled for November 27, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution call for Public Hearing to consider establishing a surcharge to the Drainage Utility rates in the Bay View Subarea. The hearing will be held on November 27, 2007. **(Resolution R20070540)** Chair Sharon D. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Signature - Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Consider Establishment of a New Ferry Schedule for the Trial Period Adopted Under Resolution R20060184 to be held on December 4, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution call for a public hearing to consider establishment of a new ferry schedule for the trial period adopted under Resolution R20060184. The hearing will be held on December 4, 2007. **(Resolution No. R20070541)** Chair Sharon D. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Consideration of Signature - Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Rescind Resolution R20040054 and Establish a Methodology to Determine Ferry Ticket Fares to be held on December 4, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt to approve the resolution calling for a public hearing to rescind Resolution R20040054 and establish a methodology to determine ferry ticket fares. The hearing will be held on December 4, 2007. **(Resolution No. R20070542)** Chair Sharon D. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Consideration of Signature - Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Rescind Resolutions R20060338, R20050405, and R20050298 and Establishing Guemes Island 2008 Ferry Ticket Fares to be held on December 4, 2007, at 9:00 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution calling for a public hearing to Rescind Resolutions R20060338, R20050405 and R20050298 and establishing new ferry fares for 2008. The hearing will be held on December 4, 2007. **(Resolution No. R20070543)** Chair Sharon D. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Miscellaneous

Mr. Boge gave the Board an update of the onsite meeting that took place on October 22, 2007, on the Bryson Road to discuss bank protection needs in the area if there was a flood in the area this year. Mr. Boge said the meeting was attended by representatives from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Emergency Operations Branch, Skagit County Department of Emergency Management, U.S. Forest Service, Skagit River System Cooperative, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, and several landowners in the area.

He indicated the County would continue to maintain the area where the authorized work was done.

- C. 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Bid Opening for the Skagit County Courthouse Re-roofing Project

Suzanne Gilbert and Kelley Kendrick were present to open the following bids for the Skagit County Courthouse Re-roofing Project:

Esary Roofing & Siding Co. Inc.  
420 Pease Road  
Burlington, WA 98233  
Bid Bond Enclosed  
Total Bid Amount: \$146,500

Mike's Roofing Inc.  
P.O. Box 489  
Duval, WA 98109  
Bid Bond Enclosed  
Total Bid Amount: \$187,200

Scholten Roofing Inc.  
7157 Guide Meridian Rd, Suite 1  
Lynden, WA 98264  
Bid Bond Enclosed  
Total Bid Amount: \$198,000

WRS Seattle  
A Tecta America Company  
6926 176th Ave NE

Redmond, WA 98052  
Bid Bond Enclosed  
Total Bid Amount: \$228,887

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

D. 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Proclamation - National Hospice Month - November 2007

Patty Lewis, President of Skagit Hospice Foundation was present for National Hospice Month.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read a Proclamation declaring November 2007 as National Hospice Month in Skagit County.

E. 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing - To Review Community Development and Housing Needs, Inform Citizens of the Availability of Funds and Eligible Uses of the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Bill Hinkel, Community Services Director of Skagit County Community Action, gave a brief history of the Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Hinkel stated Skagit County Community action wants to offer strong support the County's application for Washington State Community Development Block Grant funding to help complete the purchase and expand the new Skagit Food Distribution Center. Mr. Hinkel presented a graph showing the existing facility and the proposed additions to the Skagit County Food Bank Distribution Center.

Mr. Hinkel stated the following letters of support for the project have been submitted:

Kirk Pearson, Washington State Representative 39th District,  
H. Dean Maxwell, Mayor, City of Anacortes,  
Bill Humphries, Vice President of Operations, Volunteers of America of Western Washington,  
Mike Cohen, Executive Director, Bellingham Food Bank,  
Terry Belcoe, President/CEO, North Coast Credit Union,  
Paul Chaplik, Executive Director, United Way of Skagit County,  
James Meyer, General Manager, Cascadian Home Farm,  
William Shuler, Executive Director, Skagit County Community Action Agency,  
Neighbors in Need Food Bank,  
St. Charles Food Bank,  
Anacortes 100 Food Bank, and  
Salvation Army Food Bank.

Mr. Hinkel expects more letters of support to be forthcoming.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing.

Paul Chaplik Executive Director for United of Skagit County was present and gave public testimony. Mr. Chaplik offered Skagit County United Ways' support and encouragement to move forward with this grant request. He also said this effort will benefit the citizens of Skagit County.

Paul Schissler of 714 Wilson Avenue, Bellingham, Wa, was present and stated the County has provided the required information to invite the public to participate in the process and also to comment. He went on to say a Spanish language interpreter was present to provide interpretative services.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt to close the public hearing. Chair Sharon D. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt to approve Resolution authorizing an application for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000 for a food bank distribution center facility. (**Resolution No. R20070544**) Chair Sharon D. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

F. 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation/Update - 0.1% Sales and Use Tax Projects

Maile Acoba Director of Skagit Human Services gave an update of the 0.1% sales and use tax based on RCW 82.14.460 for the use of mental health services and chemical dependency.

Ms. Acoba gave a PowerPoint presentation. She stated the funds received from the sale and use tax are administered and expended through the Skagit County Human Services Department. An 11 member allocations committee has been formed. The committee meets quarterly to review proposals and make recommendations for allocation of funds, and the Human Services staff negotiates the programmatic and contractual terms.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Acoba for the presentation.

G. 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Public Hearing - 2007 Budget Amendment for Interlocal Task Force Grant

Trisha Logue Director of Budget and Finance gave the background of the \$145,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice through the Department of Community Trade and Economic Development. Ms. Logue said this grant was previously administered by the City of Mount Vernon, it is now being administered by Skagit County.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing. There being no public testimony forthcoming, Chair Dillon motioned to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution authorizing the supplement to the 2007 Skagit County Budget as outlined by the Budget & Finance Director. (**Resolution No. R20070545**) Chair Sharon D. Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings.

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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**