

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007**

I. AGENDA:

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 20, 2007, with Commissioners Chair Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner Don Munks, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

Chair Dillon announced Skagit County has been presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their collaboration in helping the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe with a letter of support and also helping them with paperwork needed to purchase property in an area that does not flood. Commissioner Munks read the Certificate of Appreciation.

A. 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Planning & Development Services - Gary Christensen, Director

1. Discussion of Proposed Kennel Regulations

Carly Ruacho, Senior Planner, reviewed the proposed development regulations pertaining to dog and cat kennels within all unincorporated areas of the County. She stated the proposed regulations were released for public review and comment on November 9, 2007. The public comment period ends on November 26, 2007, and a public hearing on the issue will be held during the Planning Commission meeting on November 27, 2007.

Ms. Ruacho discussed the specific definitions for types of kennels, zoning districts, and special use permit requirements. She went on to discuss the tie into Title 7 of Skagit County Code which is overseen by the Sheriff's Department and the Animal Control Officer.

Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt asked what basis was used for determining the number of dogs allowed per acre. Ms. Ruacho indicated the numbers were derived from the recent Hearing Examiner decision which outlined that eight dogs per half acre of total area was too many. She went on to say other counties standards and comments from the stakeholders group were also taken into consideration.

Commissioner Munks spoke about his concerns with the placement of kennels in residential areas. He also commented on the clarity of the regulations to the general public.

The Commissioners thanked staff and volunteers for their hard work on bringing this matter forward.

2. Miscellaneous

Director Gary Christensen indicated County staff will be meeting with the Planning Commission this evening to discuss projects for the next six years which is part of their deliberations on the Capital Facilities Plan. He said it is his intention to have a recommendation for the Board to consider along with

the budget for next year. He also discussed the Planning Commission's upcoming schedule.

Mr. Christensen commented on the vacant position on the Planning Commission in District 2. He indicated the County will be soliciting members of the community who may be interested in serving on the Planning Commission.

II. 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:
  - a) Payroll warrants numbered 215865 through 216691 in the total dollar amount of \$1,133,707.64 (Transmittal No. P-43-07); and
  - b) Payroll transmittal, Junior District, warrants 976972 through 977161 in the total dollar amount of \$235,486.08 (Transmittal No. P-44-07).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings.

**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