

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, with Commissioners Don Munks, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Sharon D. Dillon present.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairman Munks called to proceedings to order at approximately 8:00 a.m.

**I. AGENDA:**

- A. 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items
- B. 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Planning & Development Services - Gary Christensen, Director
  - 1. Discussion/Possible Action - Closed Record Public Meeting for Final Plat Approval of the Plat of Rosario Terrace (PL05-0247) Submitted by Landmark Building & Development

Marge Swint, Senior Planner, stated this closed record public meeting is for the final plat approval of the Plat of Rosario Terrace, which is an Administrative Long CaRD, allowing for the division of 40 acres into 9 lots. She noted the proposal includes eight lots ranging in size from .92 acres to 1.16 acres for residential development and one approximate 29-acre lot designated as Open Space. She said there are recreational amenities with critical areas that are protected. The project will be served by onsite septic, a Group B public water system and it will have a private road.

Ms. Swint reported the proposed project is located off Bulson Road at Fieldstone Lane, between 22448 and 22486 Bulson Road in Mount Vernon. She went on to say the Department recommends final approval of the Plat of Rosario Terrace.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Plat of Rosario Terrace (PL05-0247) submitted by Landmark Building and Development. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- 2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Planning & Development Services to discuss.

- C. 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Public Health Department - Peter Browning, Director
  - 1. Report - Skagit County Supportive Housing

Peter House of the University of Washington introduced Maddy Frey and Catherine Rizos who are members of the University of Washington's Community-Oriented Public Health Program. Ms. Frey and Ms. Rizos provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the increased needs of the mental health and substance abuse community for supportive housing.

The Commissioners thanked the Ms. Frey and Ms. Rizos for the presentation.

2. Public Hearing - To Consider Comments Regarding Marine Recovery Areas and Sensitive Areas for On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems

Steve Olsen, Environmental Health Specialist, provided a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Olsen stated the Skagit County Public Health Department has held eight open houses throughout the County to present information about the large number of unknown on-site sewage systems in specific areas where water quality issues exist and where water quality standards are not met. Mr. Olsen reported these areas include the Samish River Watershed, Samish Bay, Padilla Bay, Similk Beach, Nookachamps Creek, Yokeko Point, Dewey Beach, Quiet Cove, and Guemes Island. He went on to say that establishing the Marine Recovery Areas and Sensitive Areas ordinance will help to promote public awareness of the problems. He also noted the ordinance will include a new requirement to inspect on-site sewage systems on a regular basis.

Chairman Munks opened the public hearing at 10:19 a.m.

Douglas Palenshus from the Washington State Department of Ecology's Northwest Regional Office Water Quality Program in Bellevue reported that the Ecology Department is strongly supportive of the Marine Recovery Area (MRA) designation proposal that is before the Board of Commissioners today. Mr. Palenshus urged the Commissioners to adopt the ordinance for marine recovery areas and sensitive areas for on-site sewage disposal systems.

Linda Miller of 3294 Colony Mountain Drive in Bow, said she is currently paying \$400 every three years to get her mechanical septic system inspected. She asked whether they would have to get an additional inspection done every year.

Roger Miller of 3294 Colony Mountain Drive in Bow, spoke about his concerns regarding the costs to individuals to get their septic system inspected annually. Mr. Miller suggested the Commissioners implement a fee schedule and that the fee should be a nominal amount so that it would not prohibit homeowners from having their systems inspected.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island stated she is not in the sensitive area but asked that the County protect the drinking water on Fidalgo Island. Ms. Ehlers went on to speak about the monitoring process that is done by the Public Works Department. She indicated the monitoring system needs to include Cain Lake. She also said drainage from the roads that go into the septic fields need to be controlled. Ms. Ehlers noted there is no evidence the

fecal coliform bacteria found in lakes is from domestic animals.

Ed Stauffer of Bow referenced the Skagit County Water Quality Monitoring Program final report prepared on October 30, 2003. Mr. Stauffer indicated the 2003 report stated there was a lack of consistency in the fecal coliform data, which suggests that leaking septic systems are responsible for fecal coliform peaks. He said he felt homeowners with septic systems were being unfairly accused of polluting the waters.

Lynn Snyder of the State of Washington Department of Health Office of Shellfish and Water Protection in Olympia stated the Department of Health fully support the Skagit County Public Health Department's ordinance for marine recovery areas and sensitive areas for on-site sewage disposal systems.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve closing the public hearing at 10:47 a.m. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Munks stated the Board of Commissioners will make a decision regarding this issue on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for the Health Department to discuss.

D. 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Public Comment Period

During the public comment period Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island, commented on the measures added to the flood presentation held on August 19, 2008, by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, held at the Skagit Public Utility District No. 1 headquarters in Mount Vernon.

David Soiseth of Gardner Road in Sedro-Woolley, asked for the speed limit to be reduced on Gardner Road. He also requested that adequate patrolling be done, post more speed limit signs, install a flashing sign, and institute a 25 mile per hour speed limit. Mr. Soiseth provided the Commissioners with a petition signed by citizens who requested the County's help in controlling unrestrained speeders endangering lives and welfare on north Gardner Road in Burlington.

Chairman Munks stated he would present the information to the Public Works Department.

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, August 19, 2008, items 1 through 17. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

a) COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, August 12, 2008. **(Approved)**
2. Resolution appointing Jon Stables as a representative of organized labor to serve the remaining term of John Garner on the Skagit County Citizen's Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials. His term will commence upon the date of signature and continue through November 12, 2009. **(Resolution No. R20080397)**

b) AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

3. Resolution authorizing an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon for the placement of a County election ballot drop box on City property. **(Resolution No. R20080398)**
4. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon to provide a secure and accessible site for the placement of a County election ballot drop box on City property for voters of Skagit County to deposit ballots during elections. The agreement shall commence at the time of installation and continue until the drop box is no longer utilized. **(Contract No. C20080493)**

c) CONSERVATION FUTURES:

5. Resolution appointing Scott DeGraw of District 3 to the Conservation Futures Advisory Committee through December 31, 2012, and re-appointing Alan Merritt of District 1 to the Conservation Futures Advisory Committee through December 31, 2010. **(Resolution No. R20080399)**

d) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

6. Amendment 2 to Homeland Security Grant (E07-190) No. C20070138 between Skagit County and the Snohomish County Emergency Management Division, which increases the overall contract award by \$14,111 for a new total of \$151,667. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20080155)**

e) FACILITY MANAGEMENT:

7. Vendor Services Agreement with Great Floors Commercial Sales to provide product and labor for carpet, mat and tile installation services at various County facilities. The agreement shall commence upon the date of execution and continue for one year. Compensation is not to exceed a total of \$31,505. **(Contract No. C20080494)**
8. AIA Standard Form of Agreement with Van Rossen Construction, Inc. to provide miscellaneous remodeling services at 1730 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, for the low bid of \$107,770. The agreement shall commence upon the date of signature and continue until the project's completion is accepted. **(Contract No. C20080495)**

9. AIA Standard Form of Agreement with Snyder Hartung Kane Strauss Architects to provide design, construction bid document preparation and construction administration for the Skagit County Courthouse Windows/Masonry/Lighting Rehabilitation Grant Project. The agreement shall commence upon the date of execution and continue until the project is completed. Compensation is not to exceed a total of \$173,570. **(Contract No. C20080496)**
- f) HUMAN RESOURCES:
10. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20080007 with John A. Follis, Anderson and Hunter Law Firm, which increases the compensation amount by an additional \$7,000 for Worker's Compensation representation, bringing the contract total to \$12,000. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20080156)**
- g) INFORMATION SERVICES:
11. Resolution authorizing a Request for Proposals for a Remote Security, Monitoring and Access Management System. **(Resolution No. R20080400)**
- h) PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:
12. Resolution calling for a public hearing regarding Revision No. 3 to the 2008-2013 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The hearing will take place on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. **(Resolution No. R20080401)**
  13. Resolution authorizing funding in the amount of \$300,000 for the Beaver Lake Road Culvert Replacement Project EO62-409-40K. This project is included in the 2008-2013 TIP, Revision No. 1, and the Annual Construction Program, Revision No. 1. **(Resolution No. R20080402)**
  14. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and the Skagit Conservation District to provide public education and outreach services for County compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Phase II requirements. The agreement shall commence upon the date of execution and continue through June 30, 2011. Maximum compensation over a three-year period is not to exceed \$20,000, nor exceed \$10,000 in any one year. **(Contract No. C20080497)**
  15. Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Business Staffing to provide on-call general office and clerical help for the Public Works Department. The agreement shall commence on October 1, 2008, and continue through September 30, 2009. Compensation is not to exceed a total of \$10,000. **(Contract No. C20080498)**
  16. Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and Skagit County Dike,

Drainage & Irrigation District #12 to cost share on the purchase of a new cableway to replace the United States Geological Society operated Sauk River cableway, which was vandalized in 2007. The agreement shall commence upon the date of signature and continue through August 31, 2008. Compensation is not to exceed a total of \$6,000. **(Contract No. C20080499)**

17. Amendment No. 1 to Vendor Services Agreement No. C20070484 with Reisner Distributor, Inc. to provide diesel fuel for the Guemes Island Ferry. The amendment adds an additional \$190,000 to the contract for a new total not to exceed \$426,170. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20080157)**

### III. 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. ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Trusteed Plans Service Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$166,173.10 (Transmittal No. C-97-08); and
  - b. Warrants numbered 279760 through 280246 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$5,588,782.71 (Transmittal No. C-98-08).
- 2) Billie Kadrmas, Human Resources Director, brought forward a resolution amending Skagit County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Ms. Kadrmas said the amendment would allow employees to donate a portion of their unused sick leave when they retire.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to approve adopting the resolution amending Skagit County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. R20080403)**

### IV ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Munks adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Don Munks, Chairman

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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