

RESOLUTION # 05144

**ESTABLISHING SKAGIT COUNTY LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL
SETTING THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND APPOINTING MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature, at its 1993 First Special Session, amended R.C.W. 72.09.300 to require that every county legislative authority establish a local law and justice counsel; and

WHEREAS, under the new legislation, the county legislative authority must determine the size and composition of the council, but must include the county sheriff and a representative of the municipal police departments with the county, the county prosecutor and a representative of the municipal prosecutors within the county, a representative of the city legislative authorities within the county, a representative of the county's superior, district, and municipal courts, the county jail administrator, the county clerk, the county risk manager, and the secretary of corrections; and

WHEREAS, the new legislation charges the local law and justice committee with the following responsibilities and authorities:

- 1) Develop a local law and justice plan for the county; design the elements and scope of the plan, subject to final approval by the county legislative authority. The general intent of the plan shall include seeking means to maximize local resources, including personnel and facilities; reduction in duplication of services; and sharing of resources between local and state government in order to accomplish local efficiencies without diminishing effectiveness.
- 2) The plan developed by the law and justice council shall include a section on jail management, which may include the following elements:
 - a) A description of current jail conditions, including whether the jail is overcrowded;
 - b) A description of potential alternatives to incarceration;
 - c) A description of current jail resources;
 - d) A description of the jail population as it presently exists and how it is projected to change in the future;
 - e) A description of projected future resource requirements;
 - f) A proposed action plan, which shall include recommendations to maximize resources, maximize the use of intermediate sanctions, minimize overcrowding, avoid duplication of services, and effectively manage the jail and offender population;
 - g) A list of proposed advisory jail standards and methods to effect periodic quality assurance inspections of the jail;
 - h) A proposed plan to collect, synthesize, and disseminate technical information concerning local criminal justice activities, facilities, and procedures;
 - i) A description of existing and potential services for offenders, including employment services, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and housing referral services;
- 3) The council may propose other elements of the plan, which shall be subject to review and approval by the county legislative authority prior to their inclusion into the plan.
- 4) The county legislative authority may request technical assistance in developing or implementing the plan from other units or agencies of state or local government, which shall include the Department of Corrections, the Office of Financial Management, and the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; and

CC: Representatives

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ESTABLISHMENT - SKAGIT COUNTY LAW AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Board of Skagit County Commissioners desires to conform to the new law and establish a law and justice council for Skagit County, to set the number of members for the council, and to appoint members to serve on the council, in accordance with R.C.W. 72.09.300.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Skagit County Commissioners that the Skagit County Law and Justice Council is hereby established as follows:

- 1) The Skagit County Law and Justice Council shall be made up of not less than 11, nor more than 15 members selected by the Skagit County Board of Commissioners. Mandatory members on the Council shall be:
 - 1) A member of the Board of Skagit County Commissioners
 - 2) The Skagit County Sheriff
 - 3) The Skagit County Clerk
 - 4) The Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney
 - 5) The Skagit County Jail Administrator
 - 6) The Skagit County Risk Manager
 - 7) A representative of the Department of Corrections
 - 8) A representative of local municipal police departments
 - 9) A representative of local municipal prosecutors
 - 10) A mayor or council member representing the local municipal legislative authorities
 - 11) A representative of the county's superior, district and municipal courts

Membership may include additional representatives as deemed necessary by the Skagit County Board of Commissioners, who shall serve for a duration as determined by resolution.

- 2) The Skagit County Law and Justice Council shall be directed to hold regular meetings over a period of time and of a duration necessary to complete a local law and justice plan for Skagit County, which includes all of the elements contained in this resolution and in R.C.W. 72.09.300, which is approved by the Skagit County Board of Commissioners.
- 3) The Skagit County Law and Justice Council shall appoint a chairman and adopt bylaws and policies as necessary to conduct meetings.
- 4) Meetings of the Skagit County Law and Justice Council shall be open to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons are hereby appointed to the Skagit County Law and Justice Committee:

- 1) Bob Hart, Chairman, Board of Skagit County Commissioners
- 2) Gary Frazier, Skagit County Sheriff
- 3) Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, Skagit County Clerk
- 4) Dave Needy, Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney
- 5) Jeff Walde, Skagit County Jail Administrator
- 6) Dave Fleming, Skagit County Risk Manager
- 7) Don Ambrose, representing the Department of Corrections
- 8) Mount Vernon Police Chief Stan Sass, representing local municipal police departments
- 9) Burlington City Attorney Dave Svaren, representing local municipal prosecutors
- 10) Sedro Woolley Mayor Bill Stendal, representing the local municipal legislative authorities
- 11) Anacortes Mayor-Elect Dean Maxwell, representing the local municipal legislative authorities
- 12) District Court Judge Larry Moller, representing the county's district and municipal courts

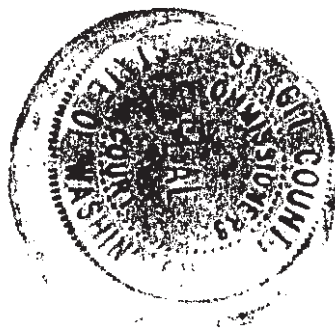
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13) Superior Court Judge Mike Rickert, representing the county's superior court

These appointments shall be effective immediately, and shall continue until discharged by the Skagit County Board of Commissioners.

WITNESS OUR HANDS AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF OUR OFFICE this 6th day of December, 1993.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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