

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Munks led the gallery in the pledge to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

A. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel

The execution session commenced at 8:00 a.m. and recessed at 9:00 a.m. There was no action taken.

B. 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Hearing - To Consider Testimony Regarding a Fare Increase and Other Changes to the Guemes Island Ferry Fare Schedule, Rescinding Resolution Nos. R20050298, R20050405, R20060338, R20080196, R20080288, R20080405, and Establish a New Guemes Island Ferry Fare Structure

Chairman Munks reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Munks stated written public comments on this issue will be accepted at the Commissioners Office until Friday, November 14, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.

James Voetberg, Director, provided a summary of the Guemes Island Ferry fare structure.

Chairman Munks opened the public hearing at 9:34 a.m.

David Wherly, a resident of Guemes Island, stated he felt the fare structure is not equitable because the increase is placed totally on vehicle traffic.

Carl Cady, a resident of Guemes Island, asked what process will be used to make the evaluation to the extended late night service.

Jan Ebersol, a resident of Guemes Island, asked the Commissioners to maintain the one-half fare for car and driver for people with disabilities, regardless of age.

Glen Veal, a resident of Guemes Island, thanked the Board for supporting the roundtable process. Mr. Veal urged the Commissioners to wait until a decision has been made on the extended service before making a decision on fare increases. He also asked the Commissioners to direct the roundtable to meet to review an alternative fare proposal.

Bob Snell, a resident of Guemes Island, asked the County to wait before making a fare increase until a decision has been given on extended service.

Judy Votz, a resident of Guemes Island, stated there was no credible data to justify a fare increase.

Allen Bush, a resident of Guemes Island, stated the County needs to look at cutting costs before it can consider raising fares.

Larry Richmond, a resident of Guemes Island, requested the County consider providing an earlier ferry run that starts at 5:30 a.m. or 6:00 a.m.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:00 a.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Dillon. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board will render their decision on this matter, Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.

C. 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Planning & Development Services - Gary Christensen, Director

1. Discussion - Set Date and Time for Action on Planning Commission Recommendations:

A. County Proposed 2005 Growth Management Act (GMA) Update Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) Compliance Actions

Carly Ruacho, Senior Planner, asked the Commissioners to set Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. for deliberations and possible action on the County Proposed 2005 Growth Management Act (GMA) Update Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) Compliance Actions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve setting Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. for deliberations and possible action on the 2005 Growth Management Act (GMA) Compliance issues. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Young Island Shoreline Master Program Map Amendment

Betsy Stevenson requested the Commissioners set Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. for deliberations and possible action on the Young Island Shoreline Map Amendment PL07-0569.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve setting Tuesday, November 25, 2008, at 8:30 a.m., for deliberations and possible action on the Young Island Shoreline

Map Amendment PL07-0569. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Discussion - Latimore Permit Initiative Project

Gary Christensen, Director, stated The Latimore Company, LLC, conducted an audit in the winter of 2004 to 2005 to evaluate the process used by Skagit County Planning and Development Services to decide development permit applications.

Kurt Latimore of The Latimore Company, LLC, gave a PowerPoint presentation. He indicated the audit revealed that the constraint of the system is plans examiner review for the bulk of applications. He went on to say for the development contingent that results in a land use action, planning review is the constraint.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Latimore for the update.

3. Discussion/Possible Action - Sedro-Woolley Thresher Avenue Boundary Line Adjustment

Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner, acknowledged Associate Planner David Nellis for his work on this project. Mr. Johnson stated the property owners in the Thresher Avenue area have submitted a petition requesting they be annexed into the city limits. He went on to say the City of Sedro-Woolley has adopted a resolution requesting the annexation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution recommending a boundary line adjustment of the Sedro-Woolley/Skagit County line. (**Resolution No. R20080498**) Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. Discussion - Department Long-Term Work Program, Projects, and Priorities

Mr. Christensen, discussed the Department's long-term work program, projects, and priorities. He provided the Commissioners with a listing of 10 major projects. He also provided a status report titled "Planning and Development Services Long-Term Work Program 2008 and Beyond", which described 53 projects. He indicated the status report presented replaces the information that was provided in January 2008.

5. Miscellaneous

Mr. Johnson stated the 60-day deadline for the Hamilton Urban Growth Area Boundary has passed and no appeals were filed. He went on to say the annexation should be approved by the Town of Hamilton in early January 2009, if no appeals are filed.

The Commissioners recessed the proceedings at 11:06 a.m.

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

Chairman Munks reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

Jennifer Lane of 21009 Francis Road, Sedro-Woolley, and Mary Papini, who stated she rents a pasture on Francis Road, both spoke about the need for a speed limit reduction and requested the extension of the no passing zone on Francis Road.

Chairman Munks stated the request would be passed on to the Traffic Safety Division of Public Works.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island commented on the need to revise the County's Coordinated Water System Plan, the complexity of Shoreline Map timeline, and the transportation section of the Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Ehlers also commented on the need for the County to comment on the Puget Sound Partnership's Action Agenda.

Chairman Munks recessed the proceedings at 11:49 a.m.

E. 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Public Hearing - To Consider Testimony Regarding the Establishment of the 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Docket

Chairman Munks reconvened the proceedings at 1:31 p.m.

Kirk Johnson stated the purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on which Comprehensive Plan Amendment proposal should be placed on the docket for the 2008 Annual Comprehensive Plan review.

Chairman Munks opened the public hearing at 1:38 p.m.

Maggie Sullivan of 740 Shaw Road in Bellingham, recommended the Thousand Trails Master Planned Resort (MRP) Proposal be denied.

Don White of 4011 Humphrey Hill Road in Sedro-Woolley, stated the Thousand Trails MRP Proposal should be denied. He indicated the development proposal was too large for the rural scale of Alger.

Tom Solberg of 19019 Minnie Road in Alger, stated he felt the Thousand Trails MRP Proposal should be denied.

Jack Swanson of 900 DuPont Street in Bellingham, stated he is a land use lawyer representing the Pioneer Trails Recreation Vehicle Park in Anacortes. He said the Pioneer Trails RV Park may be considered a destination campground and it is in the Rural Reserve Zone. He indicated to bring the campground into compliance, it would need to be rezoned or the Code would need to be amended. Mr. Swanson said he would provide a proposed written amendment at a later date.

J. Richard Aramburu of Aramburu & Eustis, LLP located at 720 Third Avenue, Suite 2112 in Seattle, stated he represents the Equity LifeStyle Properties, Inc., the owner of the Thousand Trails Resort. Mr. Aramburu requested that the Commissioners docket their comprehensive plan request for further consideration during the 2008 Annual Comprehensive Plan Update.

Patrick Hayden, Attorney at Law, of P.O. Box 454 in Sedro-Woolley, stated he represents Mr. Bill Stiles in this matter. Mr. Hayden requested this proposal be docketed.

Linda Storbakken of 17630 Colony Road in Bow, stated the Thousand Trails MRP Proposal should be denied.

June Kite of 20819 Starbird Road in Conway, spoke on behalf of the Friends of Skagit County. Ms. Kite stated she feels there is a need to move forward on the Planning and Development Services trailing issues.

Yost Businger of 6500 Square Lane in Anacortes, and the Chair of the Guemes Island Advisory Committee spoke in favor of docketing the Guemes Island Subarea Plan.

Ed Stauffer of P.O. Box 114 in Bow, asked why the Chuckanut Park Area Plan was not put on the docket.

Carol Ehlers of 3998 Windcrest Lane on West Fidalgo Island, spoke about the need to docket the Guemes Island Subarea Plan.

Richard Stakinger of 34989 North Shore Drive in Mount Vernon, spoke in favor of docketing the Lake Cavanaugh proposal.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to close the public hearing 2:14 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Dillon. The motioned passed unanimously.

F. 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Executive Session - Potential Litigation

The Executive Session commenced at 2:30 p.m. and adjourned at 4:30 p.m. There was no action taken.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008 - ITEMS 1 - 14:

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 14 and the Ratification Agenda items 15 and 16, vouchers, warrants and miscellaneous items for Monday, November 10, 2008. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

a) COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, November 4, 2008. **(Approved)**

b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

2. Resolution re-appointing Shelley Nevitt to the Skagit County Housing Authority Board effective November 1, 2008, and continuing through October 31, 2013. **(Resolution No. R20080493)**

c) BUDGET AND FINANCE:

3. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between Skagit County and the City of Sedro-Woolley, which provides an additional \$6,993 in funding for library services to the citizens of unincorporated Skagit County during 2008. The agreement shall commence upon the date of execution and continue through December 31, 2008. **(Contract No. C20080629)**

d) FACILITY MANAGEMENT:

4. Amendment No. 3 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20060100 with Voorhis Associates, Inc., which provides an additional \$15,470 in funding to update the Public Safety Facility Master Plan. The new contract total is not to exceed \$140,360. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20080208)**

e) FAIRGROUNDS:

5. Resolution authorizing payment to the Professional Western Rodeo Association for reimbursement of added funds for the Skagit County Fair Rodeo, contestant gate reimbursement, judge's fees and committee office charges in the amount of \$7,184. **(Resolution No. R20080494)**
6. Personal Services Agreement with Backman Marketing, Inc. for marketing services and sponsorship procurement. The agreement shall commence on November 15, 2008, and continue to November 15, 2009. Compensation will total 20% of secured monetary sponsorships and vendor booth space sold by Backman Marketing, Inc. and 15% of secured in-kind sponsorships. **(Contract No. C20080630)**

f) HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

7. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20070022 with Cecilia Meintel to provide maternity support services within Skagit County. The amendment increases compensation by an additional \$10,000 for a new contract total not to exceed \$30,000. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20080209)**
8. Amendment No. 12 to 2007-2011 Consolidated Contract No. C20070142 with the Washington State Department of Health, which increases funding in the amount of \$457,814 for continuation of the WIC, Emergency Preparedness and Maternal Child Block Grant programs. The new contract total is not to exceed \$2,116,434. All other terms and conditions of the original agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20080210)**

g) HUMAN RESOURCES:

9. Personal Services Agreement with Daphne R. Schneider & Associates to provide investigative services for the Human Resources Department as directed by the Human Resources Director. The agreement shall commence

on November 15, 2008, and continue through December 31, 2009. Compensation is not to exceed a total of \$10,000. **(Contract No. C20080631)**

h) HUMAN SERVICES:

10. Personal Services Agreement with Sunrise Services, Inc. to provide a FTE supported Employment Specialist to service up to 25 clients in the Mental Health Court, Jail Transition, Family Treatment Court and Adult Drug Court programs. The contract shall commence on January 1, 2009, and continue through December 31, 2009. Compensation is not to exceed a total of \$100,000. **(Contract No. C20080632)**

i) INFORMATION SERVICES:

11. Amendment No. 10 to Agreement No. C20020325 with ImageSource, Inc., which increases compensation in the amount of \$49,500 to upgrade the Clerk's Office Imaging System. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20080211)**

j) PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

12. Amendment No. 2 to Contract No. C20040071 with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the repair of failing on-site septic systems. The amendment corrects a typographical error in the closing amount of Loan Agreement No. L0400019, from \$1.5 million to \$1,497,040.11. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20080212)**

k) PUBLIC WORKS:

13. Resolution authorizing lane restrictions for South Shore Road #19000 on Guemes Island, due to degradation of the southern lane. **(Resolution No. R20080495)**
14. Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement No. C20070567 with the Skagit County Conservation District, which accomplishes work pursuant to the District's Low Impact Development Demonstration Project (Task 5) and Car Wash Kits (Task 14.1). These are two of fourteen Skagit Marine Resources Committee 2007-2009 tasks that are 100% funded through the Washington Department of Ecology Grant. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20080213)**

V. CONTRACT RATIFICATIONS - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - ITEMS 15 - 16:

l) PEST CONTROL:

15. Resolution ratifying a Vendor Services Agreement with Olsen Tree Service for the removal of identified apple and hawthorn trees surrounding Skagit County orchards. A signed contract was not received prior to the

commencement of these necessary services. **(Resolution No. R20080496)**

16. Vendor Services Agreement with Olsen Tree Service to remove identified trees at addresses where apple trees are present and apple maggots pose a threat to surrounding orchards. The agreement commenced on July 1, 2008, and ended on September 30, 2008. Compensation was not to exceed a total of \$5,000. **(Contract No. C20080633)**

VI. 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 \$83,816.98 (Transmittal No. C-135-08); and
 - b) Warrants numbered 285258 through 285718 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$2,198,979.39 (Transmittal No. C-136-08).
 - c) Payroll warrants numbered 235192 through 236036 in the total dollar amount of \$1,274,302.52 (Transmittal No. P-41-08); and
 - d) Payroll warrants numbered 981241 through 981436 in the total dollar amount of \$250,180.62 (Transmittal No. P-42-08); and
- 2) Staff presented a Resolution ratifying a Personal Services Agreement with Dennis R. Scott. **(Resolution No. R20080497)**
- 3) Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Dennis R. Scott to provide deputy prosecuting attorney service in connection with all involuntary chemical dependency hearings pursuant to the Integrated Crisis Response and Secure Detox Pilot Program agreement with DASA. **(Contract No. C20080634)**

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business pending, Chairman Munks adjourned the proceedings at 2:15 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Don Munks, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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