

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2009**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Dahlstedt led the gallery in the pledge to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

A. 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Appointments - Chairman of the Board and Committee Assignments

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the election of Commissioner Dahlstedt as the Chairman of the Board of Skagit County Commissioners for 2009. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve committee assignments for 2009, as prepared by the Deputy Clerk of the Board. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 8:09 a.m.

B. 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works Department - James Voetberg, Director

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Revision No. 1 to 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Voetberg explained the process of the Six-Year Transportation Plan.

Ann Marie Gutwein, Programs Manager, presented the additions to the revision of the 2009-2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Commissioner Dillon requested Public Works schedule a meeting to discuss the Francis Road Realignment Project.

Chairman Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 8:38 a.m.

Ms. Gutwein read a comment from Max Benjamin of Guemes Island. Mr.

Benjamin commented on the excessive size of the Guemes Island Ferry building and the reconstruction of 6th Street as a permit requirement for the ferry terminal building.

Seeing no further testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon moved to close the public hearing at 8:40 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which carried.

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2. Signature/Possible Action - Resolution Adopting Revision No. 1 to the 2009 - 2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution adopting Revision No. 1 to the 2009 - 2014 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **(Resolution No. R20090006)** Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Sale of County Surplus Property Vehicles and Equipment

Mike Elde, Manager of ER&R, explained the criteria that Public Works uses to determine when vehicles and equipment can be considered surplus.

Commissioner Wesen requested that Public Works consider changing the criteria used to surplus vehicles given the present budget constraints.

Mr. Elde stated Public Works is researching the possibility of obtaining bids from local automobile dealerships to compare with the State contract.

Commissioner Dillon opened the public hearing at 8:49 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon motioned to close the public hearing at 8:49 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ron Wesen. The motioned carried unanimously.

4. Signature/Possible Action - Resolution Regarding Disposal of County Surplus Property Vehicles and Equipment

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve a Resolution regarding disposal of County surplus property vehicles and equipment. **(Resolution No. R20090007)**. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Miscellaneous

The Commissioners commended the Public Works Road Department for their efforts in keeping the road clear during the recent winter storm event.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 8:54 a.m.

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

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

Elfa Gísla of 18444 Spruce Street in Conway stated she is the current owner of the Conway Muse. Ms. Gísla stated the zoning of her business has been changed from rural business to agricultural. Ms. Gísla stated because of the rezone, she cannot obtain a Certificate of Occupancy.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the Conway Muse: Phillip McConno of 15925 Best Road in Mount Vernon; Kate Kypurus, Artistic and Program Director of Meta Performing Arts in Mount Vernon.

Cheryl West of Mount Vernon commented on barriers in obtaining health services that she has experienced in Skagit County from mental health professionals.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:51 a.m.

D. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Retirement Recognition for Skagit County Parks and Recreation Manager Dennis Lind

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 3:34 p.m.

Bob Vaux, Parks and Recreation Director, stated Dennis Lind has worked for the department for almost 33 years. Mr. Vaux thanked Mr. Lind for helping to accomplish the lighting of the Skagit Valley Dream Fields; the purchase of the Rogers property; securing funding for improvements for Skagit Valley Playfields; adding record numbers of basketball and softball players to the County's leagues; along with other accomplishments.

Commissioner Dillon read the Certificate of Commendation and presented it to Mr. Lind.

Mr. Lind thanked the Board and his fellow workers for the opportunity to work with them for almost 33 years.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Lind for his hard work and dedication over the past 33 years.

Chairman Dahlstedt announced there will be an executive session held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He said the purpose of the executive session will be potential litigation.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 4:38 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

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Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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