

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 9:04 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

A. 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning & Development Services - Gary Christensen, Director

1. Update - Department Accomplishments 2008

Gary Christensen, Director, reported the Planning and Development Services 2008 accomplishments were as follows:

- 1) Town of Hamilton Relocation and Urban Growth Area (UGA) Modification;
- 2) Janicki Industries Manufacturing Facility at Hamilton;
- 3) Skagit County Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) legislative update;
- 4) 2007 Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Docket;
- 5) 2008 Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Docket;
- 6) Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan Update (school location criteria, capital facilities, revisions, heavy industrial map redesignations), WWGMHB Compliance Issues, Implementation Plan (contract for Phase 1 & 2);
- 7) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Grant for \$625,000 for Alternative Futures Study;
- 8) Amendments to Skagit County Code, which addresses kennel regulations;
- 9) Alger Subarea Plan;
- 10) Environmental Assessment/SEPA Review of the Guemes Island Ferry schedule;
- 11) Shorelines Master Map Amendment (Young Island);
- 12) 2005 Growth Management Act (GMA) Skagit County Comprehensive Plan/Implementing Regulations Update WWGMHB Compliance Issues;
- 13) UGA Open Space Plan;
- 14) Significant Current Planning/Natural Resource Management projects - Clear Valley Wetland Mitigation Bank; and Hillside Motel;
- 15) South Fidalgo Island Drainage Study and Community Meetings;
- 16) Washington State Boundary Review Board (BRB) for Skagit County Decisions on Big Lake Sewer District Comprehensive Sewer Plan and Service Boundary Expansion; and, Chuckanut Metropolitan Park District; and
- 17) The Department temporarily relocated to 1700 E. College Way,

and reorganized.

The Commissioners commended the Department for their achievements.

2. Miscellaneous

Arne Denny, Skagit County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, presented a resolution authorizing the Skagit County Prosecutor to file an injunction against the breeding business owned by Marjorie and Richard Sundberg. Mr. Denny stated the Sundbergs have been operating their kennel for a number of years and have not obtained a permit.

The Commissioners applauded the Prosecuting Attorney's for taking action on this matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve authorizing the Prosecuting Attorney to pursue appropriate civil litigation to bar the Sundbergs from operating any sort of kennel or breeding business on their property in Skagit County, and if necessary, to abate any nuisance under the Skagit County Code. **(Resolution No. R20090041)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Miscellaneous

Marge Swint, Senior Planner, asked the Board to schedule a closed record public meeting on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. to consider final plat approval for the Plat of Forest Park Estates (PL030702), submitted by Louis Requa and John Abenroth.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve authorizing a closed record public meeting as outlined by Ms. Swint. **(Approved)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:53 a.m.

B. 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Discussion - Proposal for a Shared Health and Fitness Facility

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:02 a.m.

Mount Vernon School Superintendent Carl Bruner explained when the Mount Vernon School District's construction bond did not pass in 2007, the School Board began to explore ways to renovate the gymnasium and field house facilities that would not require a voter approved bond.

Mr. Bruner stated this proposal is a collaborative project between the YMCA, the

School District, and Skagit Valley Hospital, which focuses on constructing a shared health and fitness facility on the campus of Mount Vernon High School. He went on to say the Mount Vernon School gymnasium and field house facilities will be eligible for state-matching dollars in 2010 through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction. He indicated they are in the process of applying for a funding stream, called "Qualified Zone Academy Bond", which is administered by the State Education Office.

Mr. Bruner introduced Executive Director Bob Shrumm from the YMCA, Marketing Director Kari Ranten from Skagit Valley Hospital, and architect Julie Blazek from HKP.

The Commissioners stated they supported the collaborative efforts of all the parties involved in this project.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:29 a.m.

C. 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Department Head/Elected Officials Meeting

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:41 a.m.

1. Introduction of New Auditor's Office Employee - Amy De Los Santos

Skagit County Auditor Jeanne Youngquist introduced Acting Chief Accountant Amy De Los Santos, who is a new employee with the Skagit County Auditor's office.

2. Training Update - Mike Almvig

Director of Information Services Mike Almvig introduced the Business Process Analyst for non-criminal justice, Roxanne Gossett, and Miles Barron who is the Business Process Analyst for the criminal justice area of the County.

Mr. Almvig stated the Information Services Department has 80 projects in progress. He went on to discuss the implementation of various training programs within the County.

3. Miscellaneous

Director of Senior Services Jennifer Kingsley provided a brief history of the Skagit County Meals on Wheels Program.

Ms. Kingsley went on to discuss the need for fundraising in Skagit County to gain awareness and support for the Meals on Wheels Program. She stated 2009 will be the fifth annual March for Meals event.

4. Miscellaneous

Director of Washington State University Skagit County Extension Ned Zaugg stated four years ago they did not have anyone who was fluent in Spanish. He went on to say they now have four individuals who are on the faculty or staff who are fluent in Spanish.

Geoff Almvig, Director of Geographic Informational Services (GIS) commented on GIS's work with Skagit County Fire Districts, Public Works, and the Department of Emergency Management. He said GIS has created a set of maps that emergency responders can use to navigate the roads throughout Skagit County.

County Administrator Tim Holloran updated the Commissioners on the budget issues. He also thanked the Parks Department, Fairgrounds, and the Sheriff's office for responding to the recent puppy seizure incidents.

5. Meeting Schedule for 2009, all from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

The next regularly scheduled Department Head and Elected Officials meeting are as follows: March 24, 2009; May 19, 2009; July 21, 2009; September 29, 2009; and November 24, 2009.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:35 a.m.

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

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:40 a.m.

Dairy farmer and Dike and Drainage Commissioner Vic Jensen of Bow commented on the recent flooding that occurred on the Samish River.

IV. ADDITIONAL ITEM:

Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Bonded Collectors, LLC to collect the accounts of the County. This agreement authorizes the contractor to charge an additional 35% to the delinquent account in addition to the amount owed to the County. These are the same terms as the existing Personal Services Agreement No. C20060003 that expires on January 31, 2009. **(This item previously appeared on the Consent Agenda on January 12, 2009, but was removed pending further discussion)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve a Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Bonded Collectors. **(Contract No. C20090067)** Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:44 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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