

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2009, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Sharon Dillon called the proceedings to order at 8:01 a.m.

Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedts' absence was excused as he was attending a meeting out of the State.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

A. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Work Session - Operations/Transfer Station/Ferry

Interim Public Works Director Jeff Miller provided the Commissioners with an overview of the work the Public Works Department performed during the recent winter storm event. Mr. Miller stated this was a big event for Skagit County that required crews to perform duties not only related to snow removal; but they repaired roads, bridges, and culverts that were damaged due to flooding and landslides

He stated, to date, the County has spent approximately \$560,000 to remove the snow. He also noted the Public Works Department has submitted a request to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for reimbursement of \$333,000.

Cliff Butler, Road Maintenance and Operations Division Manager, said there are approximately 800 square miles of roads in Skagit County, and almost every square mile had snow or damage from flooding.

District 1 Supervisor Chris Seidel, Acting Superior for District 2 Chris Rowell, and Acting Supervisor for District 3 Fred Biederman reported on the specific damages and the repairs performed in their individual districts.

Special Operations Section Supervisor Andy Shaw stated his crew is continuing to work on tree removal and repairing guard rails.

Manager of Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Coordinator Mike Elde reported there were six mechanics working around the clock during the winter event. Mr. Elde commended the efforts of the shop office staff who were working behind the scenes to update the listing of road closures and responding to citizens' calls during the storm event. Equipment Maintenance Supervisor George Stucks thanked the shop crew for the hard work during the winter storm. Mr. Stucks said the crew is still in the process of repairing damaged equipment.

Manager of the Solid Waste Division Kevin Renz reported on the flood voucher program currently in effect for people who were impacted by the flood. Mr. Renz stated the vouchers are available through the Public Works office and at the Transfer Station. He went on to say the volume at the Transfer Station decreased by about 8% in 2008.

Guemes Island Ferry Manager Ron Panzero reported there were 191,000 vehicles and 413,000 passengers on the ferry last year. He said the revenue for 2008 was \$827,221. He went on to say he expects to have fiber optics in operation later this month. Mr. Panzero said this will make electronic ticket purchases possible.

Mr. Panzero said the ferry is due for a haul out and maintenance this year. He explained there was a bid opening on February 2, 2009, and they are evaluating the two bids they received and they expect to award the bid shortly. He also reported Public Works and the Guemes Island Ferry Committee are currently evaluating the current ferry schedule.

Mr. Miller reported there will be public meeting held on February 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Allen Fire hall to discuss the recent Samish River flood.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for the update.

Commissioner Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:03 a.m.

B. 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of the Following Open Space Application:

Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:08 a.m.

Linda White of the Assessor's Office was present and gave a brief summary of each application.

1. Christopher and Gail LeBoutillier for Approximately 6.92 Acres Known as Tract B, Short Plat #PL07-0578 (P31330) (CUTR/OS #5-2008)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Current Use Open Space Application for Christopher and Gail LeBoutillier for Approximately 6.92 Acres Known as Tract B, Short Plat #PL07-0578 (P31330) (CUTR/OS #5-2008). (**Resolution No. R20090053**)

Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairman Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

2. Christopher and Gail LeBoutillier for Approximately 4.10 Acres Known as Tract C, Short Plat #P07-0578 (P127972) (CUTR/OS #6-2008)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Current Use Open Space Application for Christopher and Gail LeBoutillier for Approximately 4.10 Acres Known as Tract C, Short Plat #P07-0578

(P127972) (CUTR/OS #6-2008). (**Resolution No. R20090054**)
Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed
unanimously. Chairman Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

3. Donald and Loalynda Bird for Approximately 5.61 Acres Known as Tracts D & E, Short Plat #PL07-0578 (P127970) (CUTR/OS #7-2008)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve Current Use Open Space Application for Donald and Loalynda Bird for Approximately 5.61 Acres Known as Tracts D & E, Short Plat #PL07-0578 (P127970) (CUTR/OS #7-2008). (**Resolution No. R20090055**)
Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed
unanimously. Chairman Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

4. Christopher and Gail LeBoutillier for Approximately 4.10 Acres Known as tract F, Short Plat #PL07-0578 (P127968) (CUTR/OS #8-2008)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve Current Use Open Space application for Christopher and Gail LeBoutillier for Approximately 4.10 Acres Known as tract F, Short Plat #PL07-0578 (P127968) (CUTR/OS #8-2008). (**Resolution No. R20090056**)
Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed
unanimously. Chairman Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

5. Robert and Cheryl Schmitt for Approximately 17 Acres Located in the Gunderson Road Area (P27811) (CUTR/OS #9-2008)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve Current Use Open Space Farm Conservation for Robert and Cheryl Schmitt for Approximately 17 Acres Located in the Gunderson Road Area (P27811) (CUTR/OS #9-2008). (**Resolution No. R20090057**)
Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed
unanimously. Chairman Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

6. William and Rebecca Murray for Approximately 16.51 Acres Located in the Gunderson Road Area (P30456) (CUTR/OS #10-2008)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve Current Use Open Space application William and Rebecca Murray for Approximately 16.51 Acres Located in the Gunderson Road Area (P30456) (CUTR/OS #10-2008). (**Resolution No. R20090058**)
Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed

unanimously. Chairman Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

Commissioner Sharon Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:16 a.m.

- C. 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Discussion/Possible Action - Closed Record Public Meeting for Final Plat Approval of the Plat of Forest Park Estates (PL03-0702) Submitted by Louis Requa and John Abenroth

Commissioner Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:31 a.m.

Senior Planner Marge Swint provided the site location of the Plat of Forest Park Estates (PL03-0702) submitted by Louis Requa and John Abenroth. Ms. Swint stated the proposal is to divide approximately 31.5 acres into 29 one-acre lots for residential development. Two standard county private internal plat roads and individual on-site private wells will service the project. The proposed project is located on the north side of Cape Horn Road approximately 3/4 mile from the intersection of Lusk and Cape Horn Road in Concrete.

Commissioner Dillon asked if County Public Works Department would accept the residential development as a County road in five years. Shane Whitney of the Public Works Department stated the current proposal could not be accepted as a County road because County road ditches are not designed to be used as storm water conveyances. He said once steps are taken to remediate the storm water issue, he would see no reason why it would not be accepted.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to postpone making a final decision on the Final Plat Approval of the Plat of Forest Park Estates (PL03-0702), submitted by Louis Requa and John Abenroth, until February 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairman Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

Louis Requa of Skagit Surveyor and Engineers stated he would provide answers on this matter if the Board had any questions.

Commissioner Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:46 a.m.

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

Commission Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

Carol Ehlers of 3998 Windcrest Lane on West Fidalgo Island commented on Washington State's proposal to eliminate the geology section in the Department of Natural Resources from the State's budget. Ms. Ehlers said she felt the geology section is a crucial element in lessening the effects of natural hazards such as landslides in Skagit County. She went on to say the Sharp's Corner Roundabout Project should be eliminated because it adds no economic value to the western part of the County. Ms. Ehlers also felt the Sidney to British Columbia ferry route should not be eliminated because it does add economic value to the County. Ms Ehlers went on to discuss the critical areas ordinance.

The following members of the public spoke in support of the Conway Muse obtaining its Certificate of Occupancy: Andromitus Spitz of 18466 Main Street in Conway read a letter written by Drew Robinson who is the founder and Artistic Director of Bellingham Children's Theatre; Holly Tobiason of 21214 Estate Drive in Mount Vernon; Elfa Gisla of 18449 Spruce in Conway.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:47 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