

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2009**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 21, 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 8:03 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

A. 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Public Works Department - David Sheridan, Director

1. Public Hearing - To Consider Establishing Higgins Airport Way, No. 31150, as a County Road

Torey Nelson of the Traffic Engineering section explained that in 1987, the Port of Skagit County quit claimed to the County a portion of Higgins Airport Way from Peterson Road to SR 20. In 2007, an Interlocal Agreement was signed between the Port and Skagit County concerning the remainder of Higgins Airport Way, which was owned by the Port. The terms of the Agreement were for the Port to convey title of all of Higgins Airport Way to the County once the road had met County road standards. The term of the Interlocal expired in December of 2008.

Chairman Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 8:07 a.m.

Sara Young of the Port of Skagit County indicated the Port's intention is to have continuous ownership with the land that surrounds the airport.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:08 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve directing Public Works staff to prepare a resolution for the Board of Skagit County Commissioners' signature executing the establishment of Higgins Airport Way as a County Road on the August 3, 2009, Consent Agenda. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 8:15 a.m.

- B. 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Consideration/Possible Action - Adoption of Budget Goals and Objectives

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:00 a.m.

Trisha Logue, Budget and Finance Director, presented a resolution establishing objectives for the 2010 County budget.

Ms. Logue discussed the 2009 projected sales tax revenue sources. Ms. Logue suggested a short fall of approximately \$82,000 is expected for 2009, if the trend of the past six months continues. She went on to explain that the revenue from timber sales is expected to be approximately \$400,000; and investment interest income is expected to be approximately \$900,000.

Tim Holloran, County Administrator, briefly outlined 20 objectives to be established for preparation of the preliminary departmental budget requests for 2010. Mr. Holloran stated a minimum reserve balance of 12% will be maintained for the General Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve a resolution establishing the goals and objectives for the 2010 County Budget as outlined by the County Administrator. (**Resolution No. R20090316**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:20 a.m.

- C. 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Recognition - Nancy Scott as Washington State County Clerk of the Year

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:31 a.m.

The Commissioners commended Skagit County Clerk Nancy Scott for receiving the honor of "County Clerk of the Year," which was given to her by members of the Washington State Association of County Clerks at their 103rd annual conference in Mason County.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:41 a.m.

- D. 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Decision - Closed Record Appeal No. PL09-0077 of the Hearing Examiner's Decision by Friends of Skagit County of Various Permit Applications of Clear Valley Environmental Farm, LLC

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:01 a.m.

Chairman Dahlstedt stated the Board of County Commissioners have the discretion

to uphold the Hearing Examiner's decision; deem a portion of the decision clearly erroneous; or remand the decision of the Hearing Examiner based on Skagit County Code 14.06.170

The Commissioners were in concurrence that significant modification to Skagit County's agricultural land base and the system of drainage infrastructure on which it depends, warrants careful consideration. Chairman Dahlstedt stated when the Hearing Examiner considers this matter he should limit his reconsideration of the appeal to how the wetland project would impact flooding; drainage; sediment conveyance relevant to the project's consistency with Skagit County SMP Chapters 7.04, 7.08 and 7.16. He went on to say the Board's intent is that new testimony and evidence should be limited by the Hearing Examiner to these specific issues.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve a resolution pertaining to Closed Record Appeals (PL09-0047) and PL09-0077) of Hearing Examiner Decision on BP06-0669, PL06-0607, PL08-0195, PL08-0197 and PL090049 by Friends of Skagit County for the proposed Skagit Environmental Bank (Clear Valley Wetland Mitigation Bank) (**Resolution No. R20090317**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:08 a.m.

- E. 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Introduction/Update - Veteran's Advisory Board

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m.

Dave Mitchell of the Veterans Advisory Board explained for 2009, the Veterans Assistance Program has provided assistance to 745 veterans. Mr. Mitchell introduced the following members of the Veterans Advisory Board: Robert Mulligan of Sedro-Woolley, Gordon Olmdahl of Burlington, Bill Adamdick representing WorkSource and Skagit County Disabled American Veterans; and Thomas Bushey of Congressman Rick Larsen's office.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:15 a.m.

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

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:32 a.m.

Ellen Bynum of 110 N. First Street in Mount Vernon, representing the Friends of Skagit County (FOSC), announced FOSC will hold their annual meeting and potluck on Saturday, July 25, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., at the Shelter Bay Community Hall. Ms. Bynum stated Toby Nixon with the Washington Coalition for Open Government will be a guest speaker at the potluck. She went on to read a statement regarding the mission of the Washington Coalition for Open Government.

- G. 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Executive Session - Potential Litigation

- H. 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 9 to 5 Traffic Safety Corridor Meeting (Alger Fire Station -

Hwy 99 and Alger Cain Lake Road)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:38 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