

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2009**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 29, 2009, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Dillon called the proceedings to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Public Works - Thomas G. Ballard, P.E. - Interim Director

1. Proclamation - Flood Awareness Week and Activity Schedule

Delores McLeod, Administrative Assistant with Skagit County Public Works, briefed the Board on the schedule of events and training for Skagit County Public Works Flood Awareness Week. Flood Awareness Week will be held October 15 through October 22, 2009.

The Commissioners thanked Public Works for their dedication to flood preparation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Proclamation Declaring October 19 through October 23, 2009, as Flood Awareness Week. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Presentation of Certificate of Retirement Commendation by the Board to Delores J. McLeod

The Commissioners presented a Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Dedicated Public Service Rendered on Behalf of the People, the Community, and the Public Interest, Faithfully and Unselfishly by Delores J. McLeod, from September 14, 2000 to September 30, 2009 while employed by Skagit County Department of Public Works.

The Commissioners thanked Delores McLeod for her service and hard work.

Commissioner Dillon recessed the proceedings at 8:35 a.m.

3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

- b) 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Presentation - Digital Counties Survey 2009 Winner (Skagit County 4th Place)

Commissioner Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:02 a.m.

Mike Almvig, Director of the Information Services Department, briefed the Board on the steps their department took in order to receive this award. The award is a National Award which is based on a complex and comprehensive survey. The competition between Counties Nationwide for the top five positions is very fierce. Skagit County Information Services Department has been competing with other Counties Nationwide for this Annual Award since 2003. Staff helped compile the information needed for the long and comprehensive survey. Mr. Almvig wanted to make sure that it was noted that this Award belongs to all Skagit County departments, since many departments helped achieve Skagit County's status by adopting new technology.

Commissioner Dillon thanked the Information Services Department for all of their help. Skagit County Government relies on the Information Services Department and she thanked them for making our lives easier.

Commissioner Wesen stated that the National Association of Counties presented this award to him when he attended one of their conferences. Commissioner Wesen wanted to make sure that it was officially presented to the Information Services Department.

Tim Holloran, County Administrator, thanked the Information Services Department for their professionalism and hard work. The public needs easy access to government, and the Information Services Department helps fulfill that need.

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

- c) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Proclamation - October Family Farm Month

Commissioner Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m.

Corinne Story, Environmental Public Health Manager, was present to discuss the Proclamation to Declare October 2009 as Family Farm Month, in order to recognize the importance of family farms to Skagit County and to recognize the role that farmworkers play in contributing to the success of Skagit County's agricultural community, economic well-being and cultural diversity.

Kay Haaland with the Washington State University Extension Center has been working on farmworker housing needs since the 1980's. Ms. Haaland stated how housing was important to farmworkers and to Skagit County and she invited the Commissioners to attend a forum regarding Skagit Valley Farmworker Housing next Wednesday evening, October 7, 2009, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Skagit Valley College in the Multipurpose Room.

Commissioner Wesen asked some questions about laws regarding housing. Mike Youngquist was present to give answers.

Tammy Sakuma was present to invite the Commissioners to the Festival of Family Farms taking place the upcoming weekend. Ms. Sakuma stated that thirteen farms will be opening their doors to the public for the weekend.

Commissioners Dillon and Wesen believe it is important to have clean, safe, and affordable housing for our farmworkers and for everyone in Skagit County.

Commissioner Wesen read the Proclamation designating October 2009, at Family Farm Month in Skagit County.

Commissioner Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:45 a.m.

- d) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Public Comment Period

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

Seeing no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public comment period. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

- e) 1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Swearing-In Ceremony - Appointed Assessor Don Munks

The Honorable Susan Cook swore-in Don Munks as Skagit County Assessor.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners