

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 24, 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 8:01 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 - Thomas G. Ballard, Interim Director

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action - Consideration of Franchise Agreement Application by Comcast of Washington IV, Incorporated

Torey Nelson, Engineering Technician, indicated the Resolution and Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Washington IV, Inc. includes the County granting to Comcast under the Cable Act (a nonexclusive Franchise authorizing Comcast to construct and operate a Cable System in, along, among, upon, across, above, over, under, or in any manner connected with Public Ways within the Franchise Area.

Chairman Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 8:05 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:05 a.m. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve and sign the Resolution to authorize execution of a Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Washington IV, Inc. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

1.1 Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Washington IV, Incorporated
(Resolution No. R20090480)

1.2 Consideration of Signature of a Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Washington IV, Incorporated **(Contract No. C20090653)**

2. Public Hearing/Possible Action - Consideration of Adoption of Revision No. 1 to the 2010 - 2015 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

Ann Marie Gutwein, Programs Section Manager, was present to answer any questions.

Chairman Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 8:17 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:17 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve Revision No. 1 of the 2010-2015 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. **(Resolution No. R20090481)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 8:21 a.m.

b) 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Public Hearing to Consider Skagit County Budget Amendment

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:03 a.m.

Trisha Logue, Budget and Finance Director, explained the budget amendment relates to one department that requested an amendment in the amount of \$37,744 to increase the transfer from the General Fund to the Law Library Fund due to a change in staff and staffing levels, and subscription expenses during 2009.

Chairman Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 9:04 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:04 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the supplemental budget amendment. **(Resolution No. R20090482)** Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:06 a.m.

c) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Presentation - Washington State Department of Ecology - Clean Samish Initiative

Chairman Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 10:02 a.m.

Dan Berentson, Natural Resource Administrator, introduced the Northwest Regional Director of the Washington Department of Ecology Jeannie Summerhays and Samish Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Lead Sally Lawrence.

Ms. Summerhays provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Clean Samish Initiative.

Ms. Summerhays indicated the Department of Ecology (DOE) has taken steps to act as coordinator of the Clean Samish Initiative. DOE is working with Skagit County agencies and other organizations and tribes to develop a water quality improvement plan that identifies priority areas and actions for cleanup. The TMDL was approved by the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) in October 2009.

The full list of Clean Samish members are as follows:

Department of Ecology;
Governor's Office of Regulatory Assistance;
Washington Department of Agriculture;
Washington Department of Health;
Washington Department of Natural Resources;
Puget Sound Partnership;
Environmental Protection Agency;
Skagit County Public Works;
Skagit County Public Health;
Skagit County Planning & Development Services;
Skagit Conservation District;
Washington State Conservation Commission;
Western Washington Agricultural Association;
Taylor Shellfish Farms;
Skagit Conservation Education Alliance;
Washington Sea Grant / UW;
Washington State Dairy Federation;
Washington Cattlemen's Associations;
Upper Skagit Tribe;
RE Sources for Sustainable Communities;
North Sound Baykeeper; and
Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group.

Ms. Summerhays reported that water quality sampling data and funding are critical components necessary to get and keep the Samish clean. She went on to speak about compliance and enforcement responsibilities.

Ms. Summerhays commented on the Clean Samish Initiative fall 2009 accomplishments; and educating the public.

Next steps include coordinating public outreach, water quality monitoring, data sharing and non-point inspections. There is an open house and presentation scheduled for December 3, 2009, at Allen Elementary School.

The Commissioners were in concurrence with moving forward with the Clean Samish Initiative and that partnering with the State and Federal government was also critical.

Cara Mckinnon of Washington State Department of Agriculture commented on the

Water Resource Protection Program.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:53 a.m.

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

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

Lynn Torset of 9414 Soren Road in Sedro-Woolley suggested the Treasurer's office accept bank cards and other methods of payments when receiving property tax payments.

William Knuff of 24230 Alexander Street in Sedro-Woolley commented on his disappointment with the Zamora case plea agreement.

Chairman Dahlstedt closed the public comment period at 11:42 a.m.

VI. VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS:

- 1) Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:
- a) Warrants numbered 309313 through 309743 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$914,573.37 (Transmittal No. C-147-09); and
 - b) Payroll warrants numbered 985971 through 986195 in the total dollar amount of \$282,273.02 (Transmittal No. P-46-09); and
 - c) Payroll warrants numbered 255246 through 256013 in the total dollar amount of \$1,154,360.13 (Transmittal No. P-47-09).

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:42 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**