

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Ron Wesen, and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

- a) *8:30 a.m. -9:30 a.m. Briefing - County Commissioners/Administrator
- b) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works- Thomas G. Ballard, Interim Director
 - 1. Discussion/Possible Signature: Resolution Rescinding R20040393 and R20080018, and Directing the Formation of a Guemes Island Ferry Operations Public Forum, and Reestablishing the Guemes Island Ferry Ticket Fare Methodology

Thomas Ballard, Interim Public Works Director, was present to discuss the Guemes Island Ferry Operations. Public Works has been working with the Guemes Island Ferry Committee over the last several months on today's item which is ready for submittal to the Commissioners. Mr. Ballard explained that the resolution they have prepared rescinds two older resolutions and creates the formation of a Guemes Island Ferry Operations Public Forum and reestablishes a Guemes Island Ferry Ticket Fare Methodology. Due to changes from the Department of Transportation and the County Road Administration Board, there have also been changes made to the reporting timetable which will change from the fiscal year to the regular calendar year.

The Commissioners thanked Public Works and the Guemes Island community for working together on creating something fair and efficient.

Glen Veal of 4453 Edens Road on Guemes Island was present to thank Mr. Ballard for working to improve the public process. Mr. Veal appreciates the trips the Commissioners and Public Works employees have taken to Guemes Island. Mr. Veal stated that they are working to make sure that no one has been excluded and if the Commissioners are behind this new resolution, he is looking forward to implementing it. Mr. Veal said that this has been a well informed process.

Steve Orsini of 4971 Guemes Island Road on Guemes Island was present to let the Commissioners know that the Ferry Committee has worked hard on budget issues and on making this an efficient operation. Mr. Orsini stated

that they will pay their fair share and he appreciates all of the work being performed on the dock and surrounding areas.

The Commissioners have appreciated the Ferry Committee's input. Funding was available for many of the recent Guemes Island dock and ferry projects. They are happy to work with a representative, dedicated group.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:19 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution Rescinding R20040393 and R20080018 and Directing the Formation of a Guemes Island Ferry Operations Public Forum and Reestablishing a Guemes Island Ferry Ticket Fare Methodology Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Discussion/Possible Action - 2010 Climate Action Plan

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m.

Ryan Walters, Sustainability Administrator, was present to discuss the final draft of the Climate Action Plan with the Commissioners. Mr. Walters stated that the plan has taken over one year to complete and he discussed the changes with the Commissioners that were recently made. Mr. Walters discussed different parts of the plan: daily operations policies, task force initiatives and land use policies,

Jerry Whitfield of 5387 Vicmar Road in Bow is pleased with this timely plan. Mr. Whitfield stated that this is a historic moment for Skagit County, we are embarking towards the low carbon era. Mr. Whitfield said that we have discovered that our current energy sources are limited and have severe consequences on the environment and that if the science behind climate change is accepted, we can to many things do reduce our impact. Mr. Whitfield stated that everything we do in life relates to energy and the use of fossil fuels and something needs to be done about it.

Kevin Maas of 1934 S Wall Street in Mount Vernon congratulated the three Commissioners and the county. With the budget shortfall, the Climate Action Plan is a timely endeavor and will save the county money. Mr. Maas stated that this is good for everyone.

Stony Bird of 2222 E Fulton Street in Mount Vernon thanked everyone involved in this process. Adopting this plan would be wonderful and he wanted to point out that to fully address climate change in Skagit County will take the cooperation of the other government entities: city, school, and fire departments and he hoped there would be a formal or informal way to engage these other jurisdictions on this topic for mutual adoption. Mr. Bird stated that bicycles make getting around easy.

Linda Talman of 202 N 5th Street in La Conner thanked everyone and is excited that this plan is good for everyone.

Ric Boge of 1901 Ohio Avenue in Anacortes stated that leadership has been important and thanked everyone.

Ryan Walters stated that everyone is eager to implement the plan. The Climate Action Plan will benefit the organization, budget, and the constituents. Our lives will be made better and more sustainable.

Commissioner Dahlstedt thanked all of the volunteers for their time on this project. Fiscal responsibility is important. Environmental responsibly needs be on our agenda- what are we using and throwing away? Commissioner Dahlstedt is worried about adopting the entire Climate Action Plan in case there are conflicts with other departments. We need to do this responsibly. However, whether or not you believe in global warming, there are still plenty of reasons to take action.

Commissioner Wesen thanked everyone for their work on this plan. He stated that he would like to take a closer look at this final draft of the plan and hear from constituents who have thoughts on it before he votes on it.

Chair Dillon thanked all of the members who worked on this Climate Action Plan and also thanked Ric Boge for his work. She remembered that this was first started by a group from Anacortes. This is a good thing to do and Chair Dillon hopes it will be put on the agenda soon and move forward. Many policies set by the Climate Action Plan are being implemented already. Looking forward to county wide implementation.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 11:48 a.m.

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

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:50 a.m.

Seeing no one present for the public comment period, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public comment period, which was seconded by Commissioner Wesen. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dillon recessed the proceedings at 11:51 a.m.

- e) 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Consent Agenda and Miscellaneous Items

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 1:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Consent Agenda Items 1 through 13, Ratification Agenda Items 14 through 21, vouchers and warrants and miscellaneous items for Tuesday, February 16, 2010. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

- f) *2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation)

IV. CONSENT AGENDA (Items 1 through 13):

- a) COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, February 8, 2010. **(approved)**
 2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, February 9, 2010. **(approved)**
- b) BUDGET & FINANCE:
3. Funding Agreement with Skagit Habitat for Humanity to distribute low-income housing funds pursuant to Substitute House Bill 2060. The Agreement commenced on January 1, 2010, pursuant to Resolution No. R20090546, and shall continue through January 1, 2012. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$30,000. **(Contract No. C20100048)**
- c) INFORMATION SERVICES:
4. Vendor Services Agreement with Total Reclaim Inc. to dispose of county computer hardware that has no determinable value, in an environmentally friendly way. The Agreement shall commence upon the date of execution, and shall continue through May 6, 2015. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$4,500 per year. **(Contract No. C20100049)**
- d) PUBLIC WORKS:
5. Resolution amending Resolution No. R20080536 and appointing the 2010 Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) membership. Members include: Marc Krueger, Chal Martin, Jack Mears, Ed Lipsey, John Doyle, Eileen Wartchow, Scott Sutherland, Leo Jacobs, Todd Reynolds, Elena Araujo, Peter Jepson, Tami Thomas, Michele Mead, Kevin Renz, Diana Wadley, and Britt Pfaff-Dunton. The term for each member expires on December 31, 2010. **(Resolution No. R20100051)**
 6. Resolution calling for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room for the consideration of the abolishment and distribution of assets of the Warner Prairie Sub-Flood Control Zone. **(Resolution No. R20100052)**
 7. Resolution calling for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room for the consideration of the abolishment and distribution of assets of the Hansen Creek Sub-Flood Control Zone. **(Resolution No. R20100053)**
 8. Resolution initiating County Road Projects which are included in the 2010 Annual Construction Program. **(Resolution No. R20100054)**
 9. Vendor Services Agreement with NC Machinery Co. to provide equipment rental for various projects with expected annual expenditures to exceed \$25,000. The Agreement shall commence upon the date of execution, and shall continue through March 31, 2011. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$100,000. **(Contract No. C20100050)**
 10. Vendor Services Agreement with Van's Equipment Co. to provide equipment rental for various projects with expected annual expenditures to exceed

\$25,000. The Agreement shall commence upon the date of execution, and shall continue through March 31, 2011. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$200,000. **(Contract No. C20100051)**

11. Local Agency Standard Consultant Agreement with Theisen Architects to provide construction management, architectural, and engineering services for the construction of the Ferry Terminal Building, Guemes Island Ferry, Project FE8-81, and Federal Aid ARRAFB-2029 (046). The Agreement shall commence upon the date of execution, and shall continue through December 31, 2010. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$50,000. **(Contract No. C20100052)**
12. Amendment No. 1 to Turnback Agreement TB1-0204 to revise the Agreement to include a portion of SR 9, State right-of-way to Skagit County per RCW 36.75.090. All other terms and conditions of the original contract shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20100023)**

e) SHERIFF:

13. Vendor Services Agreement with Action Marine Service, Inc. to provide inspection, repair and maintenance of the Sheriff's Office boats and boat motors. The Agreement shall commence upon the date of execution, and shall continue through December 31, 2011. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$20,000 (\$10,000 per calendar year). **(Contract No. C20100053)**

V. CONTRACT RATIFICATIONS (Items 14 through 21):

f) HEALTH:

14. Resolution authorizing the ratification of an Interlocal Agreement with the Snohomish Health District. The Agreement was not received from the Snohomish Health District prior to the start date. **(Resolution No. R20100055)**
15. Interlocal Agreement with the Snohomish Health District to continue the Region 3 AIDS Service Network Agreement to provide funding for continuation of the HIV testing, counseling, and needle exchange programs. The Agreement commenced January 1, 2010, and shall continue through December 31, 2010. Compensation shall not exceed \$79,110. **(Contract No. C20100054)**

g) HUMAN RESOURCES:

16. Resolution authorizing the ratification of a Personal Services Agreement with Accountemps. It was determined that there is a vital need for professional accounting services in the Auditor's Office and the signed contract was not received prior to the Agreement start date. **(Resolution No. R20100056)**
17. Personal Services Agreement with Accountemps to provide professional recruitment services for the Human Resources Director, and will provide for an employee for temporary employment as requested. The Agreement

commenced on January 1, 2010, and shall continue through December 31, 2010. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$60,000. **(Contract No. C20100055)**

h) PUBLIC DEFENDER:

18. Resolution authorizing the ratification of a Personal Services Agreement with Deanna Ellis. A signed contract was not processed prior to the commencement of the services on January 1, 2010. **(Resolution No. R20100057)**
19. Personal Services Agreement with Deanna Ellis to prepare court transcripts as needed. The Agreement commenced on January 1, 2010, and shall continue through December 31, 2010. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$5,000. **(Contract No. C20100056)**
20. Resolution authorizing the ratification of a Personal Services Agreement with Jennifer C. Schroeder. A signed contract was not processed prior to the commencement of the services on January 1, 2010. **(Resolution No. R20100058)**
21. Personal Services Agreement with Jennifer C. Schroeder to prepare court transcripts as needed. The Agreement commenced on January 1, 2010, and shall continue through December 31, 2010. Compensation shall not exceed a total of \$5,000. **(Contract No. C20100057)**

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) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Trusteed Plans Service Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$131,140.89 (Transmittal No. C-18-10); and
 - b) Warrants numbered 313796 through 314218 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$1,229,891.24 (Transmittal No. C-19-10).

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 1:31 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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