

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2010**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 6, 2010, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 8:03 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair 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, Interim Director

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Disposal of County Surplus Vehicles, Equipment, and Furniture

Mr. Ballard introduced Mike Elde, Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund Coordinator, to answer any questions the Commissioners had regarding the items being considered for surplus. Mr. Elde stated that the facilities department has worked hard weeding out the worst of the worst for surplus and has transferred items around in order to accomplish this. The items will be auctioned at the James Murphy Auction because the county gets the best price for its items.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Chair Dillon. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution regarding the Disposal of County Surplus Property. **(Resolution No. R20100126)** Chair Dillon seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence was excused

2. Presentation/Possible Action -To Consider a Resolution Granting Voting Authority to Proceed with a Call for Bids for Replacement of the Skagit County Transfer and Recycling Station

Kevin Renz, Solid Waste Divisions Manager, informed the Board that the design for this project has been completed by keeping the goals in mind that the Commissioners originally set for the project. Mr. Renz believes that they will be able to keep the new transfer station on the same footprint and will

also be able to keep operations running.

Terrell Chang, project manager from URS Corporation, was present to give the Commissioners a brief overview of the transfer station recycling project. The new components of the facility were discussed. Mr. Chang stated that the design is more efficient and that the county will be able to increase their recycling opportunities and that the facility is expandable. The building includes many conservation measures, less water is needed for operations, improved HVAC systems, translucent roof panels for natural lighting and the compactors use less energy. Mr. Chang showed the Commissioners diagrams of the existing facility and of the new site plan and traffic flow. Diagrams were also displayed of the proposed building, inside and out, and of the scale house and scales.

The expected timeline for this project was outlined. They will be sending out a call for bids by the end of the month. Bids would be opened about a month later and the project would be awarded in July with construction shortly after. The project is estimated to cost \$8.6 million dollars. \$1 million of it is for the compactor.

Mr. Renz discussed bonding options for the project and stated that all of the current options are below the current debt service.

Chair Dillon wanted to make sure that funding options included keeping monies available for the landfills that will need to be closed and maintained.

It was pointed out that the current transfer station used to be an incinerator and that the building will be kept for storage and recycling.

Commissioner Dahlstedt asked some questions about the scales and pointed out that this project was not taking any jobs away from the private sector. This will make it possible to keep the public's interests protected.

Chair Dillon thanked Mr. Chang and his company and is pleased that this building will be energy efficient. She explained the next step that Mr. Renz will be taking with this project. He will be going to the cities and discussing this with them. There will be a vote on April 21, 2010. This is a joint effort with the cities.

Commissioner Dahlstedt is pleased that this project will infuse \$8 million dollars into our area. He thanked Mr. Ballard for his help on each of public works critical projects, he has shown great leadership.

Mr. Ballard stated that it is easy to lead good employees.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 8:40 a.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution Granting Voting Authority to Proceed with Call for Bids for Replacement of the Skagit County Transfer and Recycling Station. **(Resolution No. R20100127)** Chair Dillon seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence

was excused

3. Miscellaneous

b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Proclamation for National Day of Prayer

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:00 a.m.

George and Sharon Eldridge of 17422 Britt Road in Mount Vernon were present to discuss the National Day of Prayer with the Commissioners. On May 6th, 2010 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. a praying service will be held on the Superior Courthouse steps to pray for the national and local leaders, the police force, firefighters, and emergency responders. Prayers are given to all leaders regardless of political party and everyone is invited to the courthouse steps. Mr. Eldridge also wanted to let the Commissioners know that prayers will be held at the New life Christian Church at 315 Riverbend Road in Mount Vernon at 7:00 p.m. as well as the Anacortes Middle school at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Eldridge briefed the Board on the history of the National Day of Prayer in our country. He thanked them for their time and consideration of this proclamation.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stated that he and his fellow Commissioners make decisions that affect people's lives and he believes that prayer is important.

Chair Dillon agreed with Commissioner Dahlstedt and thanked George and Sharon Eldridge and their Board for coming.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation Declaring May 6, 2010 at the National Day of Prayer.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:20 a.m.

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

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:33 a.m.

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

Commissioner Dahlstedt wanted to share some information regarding an invitation that Skagit County is sending out to residents near the future site of the Bayview Ridge development. A community workshop is planned on April 21, 2010, at Bayview School Cafeteria from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Input is requested from the community regarding developing this walkable community. Skagit County would like community involvement in this development. The development is out of the flood plain and will not be on timber or agricultural land.

Chair Dillon stated that this community would take some of the pressure off of the cities where growth is expected to be the highest. There will be representation by the Port of Skagit County, schools, Public Utility District and Skagit Transit at the meeting.

Commissioner Dahlstedt reminded everyone to spend money locally in Skagit County.

The Commissioners stated that their thoughts and prayers go out to the families and co-workers at Tesoro. The best is wished for everyone involved.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings for the day.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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