

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2010**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 13, 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 8:02 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. Planning and Development Services - Gary Christensen - Director:

1. Recognition of Governor's 2010 Smart Communities Award for Skagit Countywide Urban Growth Area Open Space Plan

Gary Christensen, Director, explained that a few years ago, Skagit County and the cities and towns within the county were obligated, under the Growth Management Act (UGA) and the County's Comprehensive Plan to provide for open space corridors and greenbelts.

He stated that the County collaborated with Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG); Beckwith Consulting Group; Skagit Land Trust, Jeroldine Hallberg, Project Manager; and many others to develop the comprehensive countywide open space plan for the urban growth areas (UGAs) within Skagit County. The plan defined protection and implementation measures for urban corridors and separators within and between the UGAs as well as outlined an implementation plan in accordance with the provisions of the Growth Management Act.

Mr. Christensen reported that the Skagit Countywide UGA Open Space Plan (Public Participation & Countywide Planning Policies) project was recently awarded the Governor's 2010 Smart Communities Award.

The Commissioners recognized Jeroldine Hallberg, who was present in the gallery, thanked her for her dedication and commitment to the project and presented her with a certificate signed by Governor Christine Gregoire.

2. Miscellaneous

Mr. Christensen reported that the recently distributed Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps have been made available to the public to view on the County's website at <http://www.skagitcounty.net/Common/asp/default.asp?>

d=PlanningAndPermit&c=General&p=FEMAfloodstudy.htm.

Mr. Christensen said that the Planning & Development Services Department would be coordinating a series of public meetings throughout the county. Paper copies of the maps will be made available to the public at various meeting locations. He stated that the public could join the Planning and Development Services e-mail subscription list to receive notifications and updated information regarding news, decisions, and upcoming meetings. Tim DeVries, Planning and Development Services Building Official, can also be contacted for additional questions about the maps.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 8:26 a.m.

- b) 10:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Fee Reductions for Admission to the 2010 Skagit County Fair

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:02 a.m.

Brian Adams, Parks, Recreation, and Fair Director, thanked the Commissioners for allowing them to bring forward the recommended fee changes to the 2010 Skagit County Fair.

Brett Lunsford, Fair Coordinator, was present and explained the new proposed fee schedule. He stated the proposal is to lower the price of tickets for adults from \$7.00 to \$5.00, and half-price on Wednesday. He said tickets could be purchased online, and at the Parks and Recreation office.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 10:14 a.m.

Seeing no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:15 a.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a resolution amending Resolution No. R20090303 to authorize reduced fees for the Skagit County Fair. (**Resolution No. R20100219**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

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

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

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

Carol Ehlers of 3998 Windcrest Lane on West Fidalgo Island commented on the Skagit County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan and some of the hazards within it. Ms. Ehlers displayed a map of the Skagit County Watersheds commented on the complexities of planning in advance of natural hazards.

Commissioner Wesen thanked Ms. Ehlers for keeping them informed. Commissioner Dahlstedt stated the County is working closely with its partners to

ensure that the they are prepared for natural hazards.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 11:46 a.m.

- d) 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Update/Discussion - Vyrle Hill, Executive Director of Washington Counties Risk Pool

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 2:00 p.m.

Billie Kadrmas, Human Resources Director, was present and introduced Vyrle Hill, Executive Director; and Jill Lowe, Loss Control Coordinator, of the Washington Counties Risk Pool.

Mr. Hill provided a PowerPoint presentation and presented the annual report for 2009. He said the Washington Counties Risk Pool is a public agency created by interlocal agreement in 1988, to provide coverage for liability exposures of counties. The Risk Pool was created to provide comprehensive and economical risk coverage, to help counties reduce the frequency and severity of losses, and to decrease costs incurred in the managing and litigation of claims.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Hill for the presentation.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 2:53 p.m. and announced that Commissioners Dahlstedt and Wesen would be attending the National Association of Counties (NACO) annual conference in Washoe County, Nevada from Friday, July 16, to Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

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ATTEST:

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