

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 14, 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 8:00 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. Discussion/Possible Action: Planning Commission Recorded Motion Recommending Approval of the 2010-2015 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP)

Gary Christensen, Director, presented the Skagit County Planning Commission Recorded Motion Proposed 2010-2015 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP).

Carly Ruacho, Senior Planner, discussed Skagit County's Six-Year CFP. There was a brief discussion of the yearly process of preparing capital facilities plan. Ms. Ruacho stated that the CFP is a six-year plan for capital facilities that is designed to support the County's current and future population and economy. Ms. Ruacho indicated that the 2010-2015 Six-Year CFP concentrates predominately on County-owned buildings. Ms. Ruacho pointed out that on August 10, 2010, the Skagit County Planning Commission voted to forward the 2010-2015 Six-Year CFP to the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Ruacho explained that the department is also preparing a 2011-2016 CFP, which would represent non County-owned buildings.

There was a discussion held regarding striking the 2,400 square feet of administrative office space from the Fairgrounds section of the CFP, since the building has been demolished.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve adopting the 2010-2015 Capital Facilities Plan (CFP), with additional deletion of the Fairgrounds Administration building that is no longer there. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Christensen stated that an Ordinance would be brought forward for the Commissioners signature on an upcoming Consent Agenda.

2. Discussion: Current Building Permit Review Times and Level of Service

Tim DeVries, Building Official, discussed Planning and Development Services permit review times and levels of service. Mr. DeVries stated that on average the department receives between 50 to 55 building permits per month. He stated that because of changes to building codes, they have received an additional 50 to 55 new building permit applications. He said that typically the department could process building permits within 30 to 35 days. He went on to say that, the department is back-logged and are expecting to process permits within the next few days.

There was a brief discussion held regarding the department's cross-training efforts, reprioritizing staffs' duties, and monitoring activities to speed up the permit review process.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. DeVries for the update.

3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous for Planning and Development Services to discuss.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 8:41 a.m.

b) 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding the Abolishment of and the Distribution of Assets of the Blanchard Sub-Flood Control Zone

Henry Hash, Director, introduced Jan Flagan, Surface Water Manager; and Dan Berentson, Natural Resources Administrator. Ms. Flagan stated that the Blanchard Sub Flood Control Zone was established by Resolution No. 8110 on September 9, 1979. There are approximately 340 parcels within 2,096 acres. The majority of the zone lies west of the Burlington Northern Railroad from Blanchard Road to the north, the Town of Bow to the south and Wood Road to the east. There are five advisory board members for the zone, and annual assessment in the amount of \$12,000, which is based on assessed property value. Ms. Flagan said the fund is used for annual maintenance of field drainage ditches in the low-lying areas of the basin.

Ms. Flagan said that a community meeting was held on September 8, 2010. She provided the Board with comment letters from residents of Blanchard, from Pat Bunting and Lynn Lennox. Ms. Flagan stated that if the Sub Flood Control Zone were abolished, the Drainage and Utility District would pursue easements to allow them to continue maintenance of the ditches. She mentioned that staff is working on solutions to deal with the beaver dam issue at Colony Creek.

Ms. Flagan indicated that the Blanchard Sub-Flood Control Zone currently has assets, including a fund balance of \$48,469.43. She said if the Sub-Flood Control Zone were abolished, the funds would be turned over to the County Drainage and Utility Fund, and that the funds would be used specifically for projects located in the

Blanchard Sub-Flood Control Zone.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 9:09 a.m.

Pat Bunting of 3643 Legg Road in Blanchard said that she was relieved that the public would still have a voice if the Sub-Flood Control Zone were abolished. She also commented on flood prevention done by landowners, and the damage caused by the beaver dam.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:14 a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wesen commented on the need for continued public involvement, the beaver dam, and the work on the bridge.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the resolution to abolish and distribute the assets of the Blanchard Sub-Flood Control Zone. **(Resolution No. R20100317)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:20 a.m.

- c) 9:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding the Abolishment of and the Distribution of Assets of the Britt Slough Sub-Flood Control Zone

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:31 a.m.

Jan Flagan, Surface Water Manager, stated that the Britt Slough Sub-Flood Control Zone was established by Resolution #5708 on March 28, 1972, for the purpose of constructing capital flood and stormwater control improvements. There was a community meeting held on August 30, 2010, the main concerns that arose from the community meeting were maintenance issues, beaver dams, and replacement of the pump station. Ms Flagan said the Drainage Utility would obtain easements from property owners to allow them to continue maintenance; replace the motor at the pump station; and find solutions to the beaver dam issue. She said that the Drainage Utility encourages public comment and will continue to hold community meetings.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 9:37 a.m.

Dave Towne of Britt Slough and Chairperson of the Britt Slough Sub-Flood Control Zone, said that he is unsure about the abolishment zone. He urged the County to have a specific work plan in place before the abolishment of the Britt Slough Sub-Flood Control Zone. Mr. Towne went on to discuss the location of the beaver dam, obtaining the proper easements to allow for the maintenance, the need to mow the slough banks twice a year, and the replacement of the pump station motor.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:53 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stressed the importance of having a cost-sharing interlocal agreement in place between the County and the City of Mount Vernon.

Dan Berentson, Natural Resources Administrator, explained that Public Works would be researching the possibility of drafting an interlocal agreement between the County and City of Mount Vernon.

Following a brief discussion about the work plan and the interlocal agreement, Chair Dillon said that a decision on whether to abolish the Britt Slough Sub-Flood Control Zone would be prepared and brought forward on the October 19, 2010, Public Works standalone agenda.

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

- d) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Presentation/Discussion: Puget Sound Partnership - Rebecca Ponzio, Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator; Shoreline Master Program Update

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:03 a.m.

Joe Ryan, Puget Sound Partnership Director of Salmon and Ecosystem Recovery; introduced Rebecca Ponzio, Puget Sound Partnership Ecosystem Recovery Coordinator; Geoff Tallent, Department of Ecology, NW Region Shoreline Section Manager; and Bob Fritzen, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Shoreline Planner.

Mr. Tallent provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Shorelands and Environmental Assistance Program. He went on to discuss the relationship and support that the Department of Ecology provides to local and state governments. He said the Shoreline Management Act R.C.W. 90.58 was adopted by the Washington Legislature in 1971, and affirmed by a vote of the people in 1972.

Mr. Fritzen provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Shoreline Master Programs. He stated the Shoreline Master Program is critical in order to protect and recover shoreline habitat. He went on to say that more information can be obtained at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/conservation/habitat/>.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:40 a.m.

- e) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Proclamation - September 2010 as Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in Skagit County

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:01 a.m.

Jennifer Kingsley, Skagit County Community Services Director; and Sara Hinman, Substance Abuse Coordinator, were present and introduced members of the Substance Abuse Advisory Committee, and thanked the Commissioners for signing the Proclamation.

Bonnie Kiilsholm; Lisa Kiilsholm; Tiffany Barley; Alan Erickson, Executive Director, Skagit Recovery Center, Corky Hundahl, Executive Director - Phoenix Recovery Services; Sharil Follman, Director - The Follman Agency; Timm Forthun, Skagit

County Substance Abuse Advisory Board; Larry Van Dyke, Chemical Dependency Professional, DSHS- Children's Administration; and Jennifer Paddock, Administrator - DSHS-Children's Administration all spoke in favor the Proclamation.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read a Proclamation declaring September 2010 as Alcohol and Drug Addition Recovery Month in Skagit County.

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

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:42 a.m.

Seeing no public comment forthcoming, Chair Dillon closed the public comment period at 11:44 a.m.

g) \*3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Skagit Valley Farmworker Housing Trust Advisory Council Meeting (Housing Authority of Skagit County, 1650 Port Drive, Burlington)

h) \*6:00 p.m. Skagit Conservation District Annual Awards Banquet (Community Center, 700 State Street, Sedro-Woolley)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings 11:46 a.m.

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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