

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2010**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 28, 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 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

- a) 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Amending the Third Quarter 2010 Skagit County Budget

Trisha Logue, Budget and Finance Director, outlined the third quarter budget amendments.

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

Daniel Dempsey, Skagit County Coroner, requested that the Commissioners retain the full-time status of the deputy coroner position for the remainder of 2010. He went on say that he has not heard whether his application for a federal grant was approved.

Seeing no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:11 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There was a discussion held regarding loss in revenue due to filings fees, which affected the Law Library and Planning and Development Services budgets.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a resolution to amend the 2010 Skagit County Budget with a line item change to provide additional funds in the amount of \$5,000 to the Coroner's budget. The motion failed due to no seconder.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve a Resolution authorizing the supplement budget, denying the Coroner's request for \$15,752. **(Resolution No. R20100331)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:21 a.m.

- b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Presentation of the Guemes Island Ferry 2009 - 2010 Operations Status

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:38 a.m.

Henry Hash, Public Works Director; introduced Ken Johnson, Controller; Jim Martin, Accounting and Rachel Beck, Interim Ferry Manager, who were present and available to answer questions.

Ms. Beck provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Guemes Island Ferry 2009-2010 Operations Status Report. Ms. Beck stated that Resolution R20100050 was executed on February 16, 2010, which

directed the formation of the Guemes Island Ferry Operations Public Forum, and reestablished a Guemes Island Ferry Ticket Fare Methodology. She went on to provide passenger and vehicle ridership summaries.

Ms. Beck said that beginning January 1, 2010, counties that operate ferries are required to submit annual reports to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) on a calendar-year basis, instead of the State fiscal year, which ended on June 30, 2010. She went on to say that the 2010 ferry fare revenue target is expected to be approximately \$997,158. Ms. Beck indicated that in order to accurately calculate the 2011 ferry fare revenue, the Public Works Department recommends delaying the reporting requirements and adjustments to the Board of County Commissioners until April of 2011. This would provide adequate time for one full calendar year's worth of data to be compiled prior to making fare recommendations. If fare increases were recommended, this change would then be implemented on September 11 of each calendar year.

Ms. Beck said that the change in reporting requirements would assist the department in eliminating projected revenues and operating costs, and allow the department to utilize the actual revenues, expenses, deficit reimbursement and motor vehicle fuel tax figures. She indicated that the Public Works Department would not recommend a fare increase to take effect on January 1, 2011.

Commissioner Dahlstedt addressed concerns about delaying reviewing ferry fare rates.

Mr. Hash stated that Public Works would provide the Board of County Commissioners with recommendations to make the operations more efficient and with a proposal for rate changes before the end of the year.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:11 a.m.

c) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval for the Following Open Space Timber Applications:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:15 a.m.

Karle Storle of the Skagit County Assessor's Office was present and available to answer questions.

1. Kenneth D. Osborn to Include Approximately 8.25 Acres in the Current Use Timber Program - Property is Located at 24822 Devils Creek Road (C/UTBR#1-2010)

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve Kenneth Osborn's application, File NO. C/UTIMBER #1-2010, Parcel #P18145 to include 8.25 acres in the Current Use Timber Program. **(Resolution No. R20100332)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Sabra Noyes and Karen Noyes Dawson to Include Approximately 29.46 Acres in the Current Use Timber Program - Property is Located at Josh Wilson Road, Lots 1, 2, 3 of Short Plat PL 10-0151 (C/UTBR#2-2010)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve Sabra Noyes and Karan Noyes Dawson's application to transfer from the Designated Forest Program to the Current Use Timber Program; File No. C/UTRTMB#02-2010, Parcel# P34874. **(Resolution No. R20100333)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Lois Canright to Transfer Approximately 14.9 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture Program to the Current Use Open Space Program (C/U TR OS#1-2010) - Property is Located East of Martin Road and South of the Skagit River

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the transfer of parcels currently in the Current Use Farm & Agriculture Program, to the Current Use Open Space Program, File No. C/U OSF&ATR#1-2010, Parcel # portions of P45042 and P45043. **(Resolution No. R20100334)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

4. Paul Wayne Peterson to Transfer Approximately 9 Acres from the Current Use Timber Program to the Current Use Open Space Program (C/U TR OS#2-2010) - Property is Located South of Homestead Lane and East of Parcel B S/P 99-0029

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the transfer from the Current Use Timber Program to the Current Use Open Space Program. File No. C/U O/S TRTMB#2-2010; Parcel# P31140. **(Resolution No. R20100335)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

5. Day Creek Corporation to Transfer Approximately 20 Acres from Current Use Timber Program to the Current Use Open Space Program (C/U TRF OS#3-2010) - Property is Located at Sec. 33, T35N, R6E, W.M.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the transfer from the Current Use Timber Program to the Current Use Open Space Program. File No. C/U OS TMBTR#03-2010; Parcel# portion of P42147. **(R20100336)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:23 a.m.

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

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

Seeing no public comment forthcoming, Chair Dillon closed the public comment period at 11:31 a.m.

- e) *2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:33 a.m. and announced the Commissioners would be attending an executive session from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., the topic would be personnel.

**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