

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

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 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 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. - 9:30 a.m. Recognition of Jim Lippert Receipt of Safe Kids Washington Volunteer of the Year Award

Bill Craig, Projects/Injury Prevention Coordinator for Safe Kids Skagit County, provided information of Jim Lippert's involvement in Safe Kids Washington. Mr. Lippert is a Mount Vernon School District employee who received volunteer of the year honors at the Safe Kids Washington Volunteer of the Year Award conference held in Portland, Oregon on September 29, 2010. Mr. Lippert could not be present at the recognition before the Commissioners because he was performing his crossing-guard duties. Mr. Craig provided an update of Skagit Safe Kids Washington programs.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Craig for the update.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:15 a.m.

- b) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Public Hearing to Consider Amending the 2010 Supplemental Budget

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:32 a.m.

Trisha Logue, Budget and Finance Director, stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to reflect accurately changes in spending authority based upon unforeseen expenditures, and to accommodate new and/or increased revenues. She went on to say the budgets for the Office of Assigned Counsel, contributions to active funds, Emergency Medical Services, and Central Valley Ambulance Authority must be amended.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 9:35 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:36 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve authorizing a supplemental budget. (**Resolution No. R20100394**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.  
The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve rescinding item #7 from the Consent Agenda on Monday, November 15, 2010. (This items was pulled from the Consent Agenda, pending further review) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.  
The vote passed unanimously.

- c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Presentation of Certificate of Commendation to Linda Patterson - Retirement from the Skagit County Treasurer's Office

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

Katie Jungquist, Treasurer, was present and stated that Linda Patterson has worked for the Treasurer's office for 30 years. Linda was recognized for her exemplary customer service.

Bill Ronhaar, Manger of Land Title and Escrow Company of Skagit County, John Milner of Guardian Northwest, and Tim Holloran, Skagit County Administrator thanked Ms. Patterson for her dedication to public service and wished her well in her retirement.

Linda Patterson thanked everyone.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the certificate of commendation and presented it to Ms. Patterson. The Commissioners wished her well in her retirement.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:14 a.m.

- d) 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval for the Following Current Use Open Space Application:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m.

1. Equilon Enterprises LLC DBA Shell Oil Products US to Include Approximately 99.72 Acres in the Current Use Open Space Program - Property is Located on the West Side of March's Point within Sec. 29, T35N, R2E, W.M. - Assessor's No. P33022

Don Munks, Skagit County Assessor, and Kiffen Saben of the Skagit County Assessor's Office, were present to answer questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve a Resolution concerning a Current Use Timber Open Space, Application of Equilon Enterprises, LLC dba Shell Oil Products U.S. (**Resolution No. R20100395**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.  
The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:42 a.m.

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

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

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island commented on and presented a road map of Fidalgo Island, which consultants for the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) compiled. Ms. Ehlers pointed out that a portion of Fidalgo Island had a high percentage of handicapped people, and urged Skagit Transit (SKAT) to consider that portion of the Island's transit needs. She went on to comment about hazards of the proposed roundabout at Sharpe's Corner.

Ms. Ehlers said that she would bring petitions signed by citizens concerned with traffic flow along State Highway 20. Chair Dillon stated that the Commissioners would present the petitions at the next RTPO meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2010, at the Port of Skagit County.

Glean Veal of 4453 Edens Road, and Steve Orsini of 4971 Guemes Island Road on Guemes Island, presented a letter from the Guemes Island Ferry Committee, dated November 14, 2010. They discussed Resolution No. R20100050, which rescinded Resolution No. R20040393, R20080018, and directed the formation of a Guemes Island Ferry Operations Public Forum, and reestablished a Guemes Island Ferry ticket fare methodology. Mr. Veal requested that the County postpone the deadline of January 1, 2011, and requested that cost cutting and other alternatives should be considered before any fare increases.

Commissioner Dahlstedt commented on the 65% target for revenue recovery. He stated that if the fare increases were delayed, it would cause a potentially higher rate of increase in the future.

Commissioner Wesen stated that the Commissioners would review the ferry operating costs, costs savings, and reimbursements received from the State. He mentioned that he planned to attend the Guemes Island Community meeting on Sunday, November 21, 2010.

Chair Dillon discussed the importance of setting a date to meet the 65% target for revenue recovery.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:59.

The Commissioners attended an executive session from 4:04 p.m. to 4:58 p.m. The purpose of the executive session was Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). (Matters relating to County enforcement actions, actual litigation, or potential litigation.) The attendees were Chief Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea, Public Works Director Henry Hash, Planning & Development Services Director Gary Christensen, Natural Resource Administrator Dan Berentson, and Hydrogeologist/Water Resource Project Manager Gary Stoyka.

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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**