

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2011**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, with Commissioners Ron Wesen, Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Sharon D. Dillon present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wesen called the proceedings to order at 9:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Wesen led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

- a) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Sustainability Update: Ryan Walters, Sustainability Administrator and Kathryn Hampton, Sustainability Coordinator

Ryan Walters, Sustainability Administrator, Kathryn Hampton, Sustainability Coordinator, and Ric Boge, Skagit Council of Governments Resource Conservation Manager were present.

Mr. Walters presented the Climate Action and Sustainability Initiative's program goals and the 2010 fourth quarter report. Mr. Walters went on to discuss the success of the Zero Waste Events program. He stated that the public could find information on the Zero Waste program at [www.skagitcounty.net/zwe/](http://www.skagitcounty.net/zwe/). Mr. Walters discussed the installation of the County's rain garden and rain barrel system.

Mr. Walters indicated that since July 2010, Skagit County facilities have significantly reduced solid waste, and have increased composting and recycling. He stated future conservation projects within Skagit County facilities would include a centralized sustainable purchasing department, and a Sustainable Skagit County Home Recognition Program.

Ms. Hampton discussed Skagit County's Energy Conservation Projects. Ms. Hampton stated that the County has contracted with the State of Washington, Department of General Administration, Facilities Division, Engineering & Architectural Services, for contractor McKinstry Essention to conduct an Energy Audit of selected Skagit County facilities and develop an Energy Services Proposal to identify cost-effective energy conservation measures for certain County facilities. She went on to say that a full energy audit has been performed and recommendations have been provided.

Skagit County Parks & Recreation was presented with an Energy Conservation Certificate.

The Commissioners thanked the Mr. Walters and Ms. Hampton for the update of the Sustainability Program.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

- 1) Bid Award Recommendations for the Skagit County Transfer and Recycling Station Project WMP50-11 (Boss Construction, Incorporated in the amount of \$6,054,250)

Chairman Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:01 a.m.

Henry Hash, Director, and Jennifer Swanson, Project Manager, were present to discuss the Skagit County Transfer and Recycling Station Project.

Ms. Swanson stated that the Notice and Call for Bids was advertised in the Skagit Valley Herald and the Daily Journal of Commerce on September 30, October 7, and October 24, 2010. The bid opening took place on Monday, October 25, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., and resulted in eight bidders submitting proposals. Ms. Swanson stated that the Public Works Department recommends that the lowest bid received from Boss Construction, Inc. be awarded the contract.

Ms. Swanson stated that the project consists of a new pre-engineered metal building for solid waste transfer operations, a maintenance and staff building, scalehouse, and pay booth; mechanical, electrical, and plumbing; earthwork; site utilities; roadways, retaining walls, stormwater vault, vehicle scales; demolition of minor structures; and a diesel generator.

The Board of Commissioners thanked the city partners and the Public Works Department for working together on the Transfer Station Project. The Board agreed that the new facility would be more efficient and would enable the County to process a far greater volume of waste. They said the new facility would also increase recycling opportunities and eliminate old equipment that requires expensive routine maintenance and repairs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution awarding bid for the Skagit County Transfer and Recycling Station Project WMP50-11 to Boss Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$6,054,250.00. (**Resolution No. R20110007**) Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Wesen discussed the history of the Skagit County Transfer Station. Chairman Wesen stated the Transfer Station was initially designed as a resource recovery (incineration/waste to energy) facility in 1986. He stated the incinerator ceased operation in 1994 and the building was converted to its current use utilizing the existing crane and grapple system to feed a compactor. He said the new facility would be a safer and more efficient facility.

Mr. Hash introduced David Brinley, Principal, and Jennifer Palmer with KPG, Inc. Mr. Hash stated that Skagit County has entered into an Agreement with KPG, Inc. to provide consultation and administration services for the Skagit County Transfer and Recycling Station.

Kevin Renz, Solid Waste Division Manager, thanked the Commissioners for approving the award of bid and introduced Transfer Station staff who were present in the gallery.

2) Discussion/Possible Direction: Francis Road Realignment Project

Mr. Hash introduced Paul Randall-Grutter, Project Engineer for the Francis Road Realignment Project. Mr. Randall-Grutter discussed the design alternatives for the Francis Road Realignment Project. He stated that Skagit County has taken on the task of designing realignment curves and widening the pavement of Francis Road from milepost 3.75 to milepost 5.14 to meet current County, State, and Federal road and safety standards. Mr. Randall-Grutter indicated that the funding that was secured through federal grants and County Road Administration Board, through the Rural Arterial Program. He stated that the majority of the project was site specific and could not be used at any other locations within the County.

Mr. Randall-Grutter went on to present the Board with design alternatives number 10, 11, and 12. He stated that the Public Works staff recommends design alternative number 11, due its safety design.

Commissioner Dillon stated that she appreciated staff presenting various design alternatives for the Board to consider. Commissioner Dahlstedt stated the road needed to be widened due to the substantive number of traffic using the Francis Road and Highway 9 connection. Chairman Wesen discussed the design of the road and the potential of damage during flooding events.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Board of Skagit County Commissioners recommend moving forward with the Francis Road Realignment Project using Alternative Assignment Number 11 as identified in the design report of November 2010. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

3) Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous for public Works to discuss.

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

Chairman Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

James Essig, Granite Construction Company, Conway Gravel Pit, asked about County owned property on Kellecher Road and whether the County would consider divesting part of the property.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stated that if the County were to consider divesting part of the property, the County would have to go through a public process but no decision has been made. Commissioner Dillon directed Mr. Essig to contact the Public Works Department.

Seeing no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt motioned to close the public comment period at 11:36 a.m. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

d) \*2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Executive Session - (Litigation)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:40 a.m.

The Commissioners attended an executive session from 2:04 p.m. to 3:05 p.m. The topic was Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). (Matters relating to County enforcement actions, actual litigation, or potential litigation.) The following attorneys were present at the executive session and gave legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners, Ryan Walters, and Jill Dvorkin.

The Commissioners attended an executive session from 3:07 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The topic was Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). (Matters relating to County enforcement actions, actual litigation, or potential litigation.) The following attorney was present at the executive session and gave legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners, Will Honea.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Ron Wesen, Chairman

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board