

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 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) *8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Executive Session (Personnel)

The Commissioners attended an executive session on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, from 8:33 a.m. to 9:05 a.m. The topic was Personnel Disciplinary Matters - RCW 42.30.110(1)(f). (Matters relating to complaints against County employee or elected official.) The attendees were Tim Holloran, County Administrator; Billie Kadrmas, Human Resources Director; and Will Honea, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval for the Following Open Space Timber Applications:

Karie Storle, Current Use Specialist Skagit County Assessor's Office, was present to provide a brief synopsis and answer questions regarding the open space applications.

1. Resolution Concerning Shannon Halls And Michael Brann's Application To Include Approximately 4.55 Acres In The Current Use Timber Program - The Property is Located East Of Penn Road And West Of The Skagit River (CU/OT3-2010)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve a resolution concerning Shannon Halls and Michael Brann's application to include approximately 4.55 acres in the Current Use Timber Program.

(Resolution No. R20110133) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Resolution Concerning Jeffrey And Diana Holmes' Application To Include Approximately 15.2 Acres In The Current Use Timber Program - The Property is Located At 13776 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes (CU/OT4-2010)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve Resolution Concerning Jeffrey And Diana Holmes' Application To Include Approximately 15.2 Acres In The Current Use Timber Program - The Property is Located At 13776 Gibraltar Road, Anacortes (CU/OT4-2010). **(Resolution No. R20110134)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution Concerning Russell Akerman's Application To Include Approximately 10 Acres In The Current Use Timber Program - The Property Can Be Accessed By An Easement From Indian Road On The Swinomish Indian Reservation (CU/OT5-2010)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve Resolution Concerning Russell Akerman's Application To Include Approximately 10 Acres In The Current Use Timber Program - The Property Can Be Accessed By An Easement From Indian Road On The Swinomish Indian Reservation (CU/OT5-2010) **(Resolution No. R20110135)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

4. **Resolution Concerning Holly Bowman Green's Application To Include 7.62 Acres In The Current Use Open Space Program - The Property is Located At 5309 Pheasant Run Lane, Guemes Island (CU OS 7-2010)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution Concerning Holly Bowman Green's Application To Include 7.62 Acres In The Current Use Open Space Program - The Property is Located At 5309 Pheasant Run Lane, Guemes Island (CU OS 7-2010) **(Resolution No. R20110136)** Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

5. **Resolution Concerning Lake Cavanaugh LLC's Application To Transfer Approximately 40 Acres From The Classified Forest To The Current Use Open Space Program - The Property is Located West Of Lake Cavanaugh Road And North Of The Granstrom Road (CU OS 6-2010)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve Resolution Concerning Lake Cavanaugh LLC's Application To Transfer Approximately 40 Acres From The Classified Forest To The Current Use Open Space Program - The Property is Located West Of Lake Cavanaugh Road And North Of The Granstrom Road (CU OS 6-2010). **(Resolution No. R20110137)** Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:40 a.m.

6. Resolution Concerning Alan And Darcy Hebert's Application To Include Approximately 16.92 Acres In The Current Use Timber Program - The Property is Located South Of Little Mountain Road (CUTMB6-2010)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve Resolution Concerning Alan And Darcy Hebert's Application To Include Approximately 16.92 Acres In The Current Use Timber Program - The Property is Located South Of Little Mountain Road (CUTMB6-2010). **(Resolution No. R20110138)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Proclamation - Wednesday, April 13th as Washington State Arbor Day and Friday, April 29th at National Arbor Day

Chairman Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m.

Carolyn Kelly, Manager of Skagit Conservation District, introduced Kristi Carpenter, Public Information and Education Coordinator; and Al Craney, Forester, with the Skagit Conservation District.

Kristi Carpenter provided a brief background on the formation of National Arbor Day, noting that Arbor Day was first proclaimed in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton of the Nebraska Board of Agriculture.

Al Craney was present and spoke briefly about the important benefit that trees provide, and the need to maintain healthy trees and manage forests.

The Commissioners thanked Skagit Conservation District for their hard work in conservation.

Commissioner Dillon read a proclamation declaring Wednesday, April 13th as Washington State Arbor Day, and Friday, April 29th as National Arbor Day.

Commissioner Wesen reminded everyone about the Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, and Skagit County Parks and Recreation Earth Day celebration and tree planting event taking place on Saturday, April 23rd at Hansen Creek from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Chairman Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:51 a.m.

d) 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Decision: Proposed Increases to Commercial and Residential Burn Permit Fees

Chairman Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m.

Kelly Blaine, Skagit County Interim Fire Marshal, was present and said that the proposed change to residential burn permit fees for the years 2011 through 2013 were as follows: \$25 for 2011; \$30 for 2012; and \$40 for 2013. He went on to say that commercial burn permit fees, for a pile greater than 10 feet by 10 feet, would cost \$70 for 2011; \$85 for 2012; and \$100 for 2013.

Mr. Blaine explained the duties of the Skagit County Fire Warden. Mr. Blaine stated the Fire Warden helped to reduce illegal burning and incidents of burning, which could create a nuisance to neighborhoods and effect air quality. The Fire Warden provides public education and responds to complaints from the public. He went on to state that the Skagit County Fire Warden serves part time in Skagit County and part time in Island County.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve amending Resolution No. R20050198 and setting new commercial and residential burn permit fees. (**Resolution No. R20110139**) Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:07 a.m.

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

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

David Lowerance of 1114 15th Street in Bellingham, invited the Commissioners to a fund raiser for the Concrete Theatre. He said that once a month, the Concrete Theatre features movies made by independent filmmakers. Mr. Lowerance invited the Commissioners to a film titled "Bellingham Shipyards" on Thursday, April 21, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. He went to present a short trailer from the film.

- f) *2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation)

The Commissioners attended an executive session from 3:27 p.m. to 3:34 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: Rich Weyrich, Prosecuting Attorney; and Melinda Miller, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Tim Holloran, County Administrator; and Billie Kadrmas, Human Resources Director were present during the executive session.

- g) *3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation)

The Commissioners attended an executive session from 3:35 p.m. to 3:47 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: Rich Weyrich, Prosecuting Attorney; and Will Honea, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney. Tim Holloran, County Administrator were present during the executive session.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:38 a.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ron Wesen, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board