

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 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 9:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

- a) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Presentation: Skagit Council of Governments' Resource Conservation Management Program - Energy Conservation Awards

Kaci Radcliff, Sustainability Coordinator, stated that in 2008 the Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) signed a three-year grant agreement with Puget Sound Energy (PSE) to reduce electricity usage in facilities owned and operated by the participating jurisdictions.

Ms. Radcliff said that SCOG presented Special Recognition Certificates at its Annual Conservation Awards meeting to recognize energy conservation efforts and accomplishments in 2010. The 2010 Outstanding British Thermal Unit (BTU) Reduction in Energy Usage by a Single Facility was presented to Skagit County Courthouse Complex for reduction of 1,524 BTUs in gross energy use. The 2010 Outstanding Reduction in Energy Usage by Group of Facilities of a department in one jurisdiction was presented to Skagit County Parks and Recreation for six facilities with more than 10% reduction in gross energy use (collectively, reduction of 507 Million BTUs.) Ross Bailey, Facility Operations Supervisor; and Brian Adams, Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds Director were present to accept the certificates.

Ms. Radcliff informed the Commissioners that to help support the continuation of the RCM Program, Ric Boge, Resource Conservation Manager, has issued a 2011 Energy Stewardship Challenge to participating jurisdictions. The challenge was to reduce total energy usage in daily operations for the period May through August 2011 by 5% or more, compared to the same time period last year.

Ms. Radcliff reported that the RCM Program was set to end in November 2011. She indicated that Skagit County would like to continue the program and has issued a letter of support for the program.

Commissioner Dahlstedt addressed his concerns that the cost to administer the program could exceed the total savings. He asked for a reporting of the costs versus the savings. He thanked the Port of Skagit County, Public Utility District No. 1, City of Sedro-Woolley, City of Anacortes, City of Burlington, and the Swinomish Tribe for participating in the RCM Program.

Mr. Walters stated that Skagit County has contributed approximately \$10,000 a year from the General Fund to the Program and that some grant funds were also contributed. He said that the County has realized about \$70,000 in energy savings. He said that he would

provide the Board with information about the overall funding of the Program in the near future.

Commissioner Dillon said that the program was beneficial for energy savings and that monitoring energy use was essential. Commissioner Wesen concurred.

Chairman Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:45 a.m.

- b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds - Brian Adams, Director:

Chairman Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:00 a.m.

1. Kickoff to the 2011 Skagit County Fair

Brian Adams, Director, stated that the theme for the 2011 Fair was "Back Home at the Skagit Fair." He introduced the Fairgrounds staff for 2011: Aric Gaither, Fair Event Coordinator; Jim Doyle, Fair Maintenance; Karen Suriano, Fair Staff Assistant; and Katie Horton, Fair Office Assistant. He announced that the goal for 2011 was to have a community supported event, which would rely on sponsors. He reported that in 2010, fair expenses met fair revenue.

Mr. Gaither provided a PowerPoint presentation and announced the Fair would run from August 10 through August 13.

The Commissioners thanked the Fairgrounds staff for the presentation and urged everyone to go and enjoy the Fair.

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

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

Chairman Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island was present to speak about the official map that the County and SKAT uses for the west side of Fidalgo Island and the need for SKAT Dial-A-Ride service in that area. Ms. Ehlers said that the map being used by SKAT was inaccurate because it did not provide a true illustration of the population and the number of roads in the area. She presented a recently published map from the Kiwanis Club, which she said depicted a large number of small private roads. Ms. Ehlers suggested that a large number of the roads on West Fidalgo Island were not built to county road standards, therefore, they were not suitable for Dial-A-Ride bus service, school buses, ambulances and fire trucks.

Ms. Ehlers went on to provide a picture of Boulder Colorado depicting open space between the city and the mountains and explained the benefits of open space. She said that she appreciated the new procedures for the Boundary Review Board. Ms. Ehlers suggested that the Boundary Review Board Clerk should have a fixed location to receive and store documents.

Commissioner Dahlstedt stated that staff were available to receive documents on behalf of the Boundary Review Board.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dillon urged everyone to attend the Skagit County Community Action second annual "Have a Heart Run/Walk" at Edgewater Park on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

Chairman Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:47 a.m.

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ATTEST:

Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board