

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 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 8:30 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. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Request by the Swinomish Tribe to Close Reservation Road, #40210, from Milepost 0.0 (Snee-Oosh Road) to Milepost 0.45 for Seven Days, Beginning Monday, July 25, 2011, to Facilitate the 2011 Canoe Journey/Paddle to Swinomish Event

Paul Randall-Grutter, P.E., County Engineer, was present to discuss the agenda items for the Public Works Department.

Jim Sande, Emergency Manager with the Swinomish Indian Tribe, was present to request that the Board of County Commissioners approve bringing forward a resolution to close Reservation Road #40210 from milepost 0.00 (Snee-Oosh Road) to milepost 0.45 for seven days beginning on Monday, July 25, 2011, for the Canoe Journey/Paddle to Swinomish event.

Commissioner Dahlstedt discussed whether there would be an adequate route for traffic to move around the road closure and the need to inform the public in advance of the closure. Mr. Sande indicated that they were in the process of working with volunteers to assist with signage and address alternate routes for traffic.

Given Kutz, Traffic Engineering, discussed the signage for the route around the road closure.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve directing the Skagit County Public Works Department to bring back under the July 11, 2011, Consent Agenda, a resolution to close Reservation Road 40210 from July 25, 2011, through July 31, 2011, for the 2011 Canoe Road Journey/Paddle to Swinomish event. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to amend the previous motion and to direct the Skagit County Public Works Department to bring back under the July 11, 2011, Consent Agenda, a resolution to close Reservation Road 40210 from July 23, 2011, through July 31, 2011, for the 2011 Canoe Road Journey/Paddle to Swinomish event. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. Presentation: County Road Administration Board (CRAB) "Certificate of Good Practice" for the Year 2010 to Skagit County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter, P.E.

Mr. Randall-Grutter stated that the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) issued a "Certificate of Good Practice" to the Skagit County Public Works Department for 2010. He indicated the Certificate would ensure continued distribution of Skagit County's monthly State gas tax allotment from the Office of the State Treasurer.

Commissioner Dillon read the "Certificate of Good Practice" to the Skagit County Public Works Department for 2010.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve that the Certificate of Good Practice for 2010, awarded by the County Road Administration Board, be presented to the Skagit County Engineer in recognition of Skagit County continuing to meet the standards of Good Practice required by State statute and the County Road Administration Board. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

The Commissioners presented Mr. Randall-Grutter with the Certificate of Good Practice and thanked him for his hard work.

Mr. Randall-Grutter thanked the Commissioners and various members of the Public Works staff who were present in the gallery.

The Commissioners thanked the Public Works staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chairman Wesen recessed the proceedings at 8:52 a.m.

- b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Auditor - Jeanne Youngquist:

1. Presentation: Redistricting - 2010 Census Data

Chairman Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m.

Skagit County Auditor Jeanne Youngquist provided a brief history of redistricting census in Skagit County and provided a Washington State Redistricting Map. Ms. Youngquist introduced Katie Blinn from the Washington Secretary of State's Elections office, who was present to provide additional information.

Skagit County Elections Supervisor David Cunningham stated that every 10 years, the Census Bureau conducts a complete count of all persons that reside in the United States. He said that the U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years to allocate or reapportion seats in the House of Representatives fairly among the 50 states. He stated that the census was also used for many other purposes including the allocation of federal and state funds.

Mr. Cunningham explained that Skagit County is responsible for redrawing county commissioner district lines, by population; redrawing precinct boundaries, by registered voters' geography; and incorporating into Skagit County's election system all other district changes.

Mr. Cunningham said that following the census, the boundaries of many political districts change to reflect the current population of that district. He went on to say that this process of changing the boundaries is called "redistricting." He indicated that there are two broad types of redistricting changes that occur: 1) External boundary changes, which changed the external district borders of congressional districts, legislative districts, and precincts; and 2) Internal boundary changes, which changed the boundaries of the internal units, such as city wards, county commissioner districts, school director districts, etc, that comprise larger jurisdictions such as cities, counties school district, etc. that must balance their internal units by population.

Mr. Cunningham said that the State Redistricting Commission, which is appointed by the Legislature, for the purpose of redrawing legislative and congressional district boundaries, would present a proposed plan to the state legislature in 2012.

Mr. Cunningham indicated that more information could be found at <http://www.census.gov>, and at <http://www.redistricting.wa.gov/>. He stated that he would e-mail the redistricting information to Skagit County department heads, elected officials, cities, towns, ports, hospitals, and school districts.

Chairman Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:02 a.m.

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

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

David Lowrance of 1114 - 15th Street in Bellingham commented on how happy he was to live in the United States. He said that we live in a society that recognizes the rights of the individual citizens.

Commissioner Dillon commented on the progress of the Envision Skagit 2060

project. She stated that the Citizens Advisory Committee had worked hard for the last two years to bring forward their recommendations and she felt it was important to consider their recommendations.

Commissioner Dahlstedt spoke about June 14 being Flag Day.

Commissioner Wesen reported that on Wednesday, June 15, 2011, there would be a Shoreline Envisioning meeting taking place in the Commissioners' Hearing Room; and reported that most County offices would be closed on Friday, June 17, 2011, for a County closure day.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:35 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