

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 28, 2012, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Dahlstedt 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. Presentation: Certificates of Commendation - Retirement of Fred Biederman, Rick Pope, Douglas Whitney and Debbie Ensley

Director Henry Hash was present to introduce the agenda items and answer questions.

Division Manager of Operations Cliff Butler said that Fred Biederman started working for Skagit County in 1989 at the Guemes Island Ferry. He transferred to Road Operations in 1997. Fred finished his career as a Maintenance Technician V for District 3. Debbie Ensley started work as a on-call flagger in 1985. In 1990 Debbie was hired full time. Debbie ended her career as a Traffic Technician in the Sign Shop. Rick Pope started working in 1976 for the Engineering Division. In 1992 he transferred to Road Operations where he finished his career as a Traffic Technician in the Sign Shop. Doug Whitney started work for the Resource Recovery Facility in 1990. Doug transferred to Road Operations in 1994. Doug finished his career as a maintenance Technician for District 1.

Mr. Hash said that Mick Martinson was not present but he was also retiring. Mick has worked with Skagit County since 1986 in the sign shop and that he will be missed.

Commissioner Wesen read the certificates of commendation and presented them to Rick Pope, Douglas Whitney, and Debbie Ensley.

2. Presentation: The Guatemala Sustainability Project

Skagit County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter was present to introduce students from Engineers Without Borders Western Washington University Student Chapter President of the Chapter, Lisset Reyes, and Rochelle Zina. Mr. Randall-Grutter said that he was the students' professional mentor. Ms. Lisset discussed the Guatemala Sustainability Project. She discussed the

travel team's visit to Candelaria Camposanto, Guatemala in December of 2011. She indicated that the purpose of the visit was to reconnect with the community and perform various tests to continue the project. There was a discussion about the work being done to get every family a pila, a concrete washbasin. It was indicated that the last part of the project would be to focus on developing a system for the treatment of waste water.

The next step in the process was to work on gathering the funds required to make the project's vision a reality. The group plans to design the filtration system that the community will be using to treat the water from a spring.

The Commissioners thanked the students for the presentation.

3. Miscellaneous

Chairman Dahlstedt recused himself and left the proceedings at 9:19 a.m.

Mr. Hash presented a resolution granting voting authority to execute an extension of the solid waste transportation and disposal service agreement for the Skagit County Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Service Agreement Contract No. C20080306, as subsequently amended pursuant to Amendment No. A20100124.

Solid Waste Division Manager Kevin Renz stated that Skagit County Public Works staff in cooperation with representatives from the cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley met with Allied Waste (formerly Regional Disposal Company) to negotiate improvements to the existing long haul disposal contract with Allied Waste. The panel members unanimously recommended that the contract be extended for ten years. Mr. Renz indicated that Public Works recommends extending the contract for ten years due to the favorable terms in the contract.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve a resolution granting voting authority to exercise extension of solid waste transportation and disposal service agreement (**Resolution No. R20120066**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:23 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Certification of 2011 Annual Inventory

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:31 a.m.

Financial System Analyst Chris Stamey was present to provide the annual report for the Certification of the 2011 Annual Inventory. Mr. Stamey said that this year's report included all the County's capital assets as required by statute. The report included County-owned buildings, land parcels, computer equipment, non-computer equipment, vehicles and their contents, parks, conservation development rights, right-of-ways, roads, bridges, acquisitions, and dispositions. Mr. Stamey reported on the loss of a camera and lawn edger, both items were reported to law enforcement and police reports were filed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve and sign the Certification of the 2011 Annual Inventory. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

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

c) 9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Health Department - Peter Browning, Director:

1. Presentation: Certificates of Commendation - Retirement of Margaret Eisenhardt, and Linda S. Ehrlich

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:47 a.m.

Director Peter Browning and Child/Family Health Supervisor Jennifer Sass-Walton were present to provide a brief history of the careers of Margaret Eisenhardt and Linda S. Ehrlich.

Commissioner Dillon read the Certificate of Commendation and presented it to Linda S. Ehrlich.

Commissioner Wesen read the Certificate of Commendation and presented it to Margaret Eisenhardt.

The Commissioners thanked them for their years of service with Skagit County and wished them well in their retirement.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:59 a.m.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for the Health Department to discuss.

d) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing March 2012 as Human Rights Month in Skagit County

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:04 a.m.

Coordinator of the Skagit County Human Rights Festival jim justice was present to announce that March 2012 marked the 9th Annual Skagit Human Rights Festival in Skagit County. The theme for 2012 was "Whose Valley is it Anyway?" More information can be found at www.speakupspeakoutradio.org.

The Commissioners were invited to several Human Rights Festival events, including: Human Rights Art Display at the Lincoln Theater Gallery on Friday, March 2; *Corporations and the Rise of Occupy* on Thursday, March 8, at Philip Tarro Theater, Skagit Valley College Campus followed by a movie screening of *Inside Job*; Civil Liberties - Why We All Should Fear E-Verify on Thursday, March 15 - Philip Tarro Theater, Skagit Valley College Campus; *Defending Water*, Thursday, March 22 - Lincoln Theater; Labor films, Thursday, March 29 - Lincoln Theater.

Commissioner Wesen read the Proclamation recognizing March 2012 as Human Rights Month in Skagit County.

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

- e) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing the 100th Year Anniversary of the Girl Scouts

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:35 a.m.

Troop Leader Tammy Roberts, Director of Advocacy for Girls Scouts of Western Washington Ann Muno; Cadette Girl Scouts Mariah and Iva Martinson were present to speak briefly about their involvement in Girl Scouts.

Commissioner Dillon read a Proclamation recognizing 2012 as the "Year of the Girl" and Celebrating 100 Years of Girl Scouting.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:46 a.m.

- f) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation: People 1st of Skagit County

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:02 a.m.

President of People 1st of Skagit County David Wilder was present to speak about their upcoming fund raising events. Mr. Wilder informed the Commissioners that more information can be found by contacting David Wilder at (360)428-0140 or at their website at <http://www.skagitpeople1st.org/>. Mr. Wilder said that there were vacant positions on the People 1st of Skagit County Advisory Board and invited community members to join the Advisory Board. He announced the Applebee's funding raising events on April 13 and August 24.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:13 a.m.

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

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:33 a.m.

Sedro-Woolley High School FFA members were present to speak about the agriculture classes and other programs offered at Sedro-Woolley High School.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Chairman Dahlstedt closed the public comment period at 11:42 a.m.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:42 a.m.

- h) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Presentation: Certificates of Commendation - Retirement of Human Resources Director/Risk Manager Billie Kadrmas, and Accounting Technician Carolyn Vandervegt

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:46 a.m.

Auditor Jeanne Youngquist was present to provide a brief history of Carolyn VanderVegt's employment with Skagit County. Ms. Youngquist indicated that

Carolyn started working with the Skagit County Treasurer's office on March 6, 1978. She transferred to the Auditor's Office on March 1, 2001. Ms. Youngquist presented Carolyn VanderVegt with a plaque of commendation.

County Administrator Tim Holloran was present to recognize Human Resources/Risk Manager Billie Kadrmas on her retirement.

Ms. Kadrmas thanked everyone at Skagit County for the opportunity work in Skagit County Government.

Claims Manager for Washington County Risk Pool Susan Looker presented Ms. Kadrmas with a plaque of appreciation for serving on the Washington County's Risk Pool Board for eight years.

Sheriff Will Reichardt thanked Ms. Kadrmas for her leadership and professionalism throughout her career.

Community Services Director Jennifer Kingsley thanked Ms. Kadrmas for her compassion, professionalism, and her creative thinking in problem solving.

Chairman Dahlstedt read the Certificate of Commendation and presented it to Billie Kadrmas.

The Commissioners wished Ms. Kadrmas well in her retirement.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 12:15 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board