

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 8, 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:

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

1. **Public Hearing/Possible Action: Regarding Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Franchise Agreement with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, as well a Consideration of Approval of a Franchise Agreement with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe**

Traffic Engineering Technician Torey Nelson provided information on the proposed project. He said the Tribe were proposing to extend an existing water line and sewer line along Helmick Road to increase services on their reservation. The agreement consists of the County granting a nonexclusive Franchise to the Tribe (pursuant to RCW 36.55) authorizing them to make reasonable and lawful use of the County's rights-of-way within the Franchise Area to install, construct, operate, repair, relocate, maintain, and remove facilities for purposes of both a sanitary sewer system and potable water.

Mr. Nelson said that pursuant to the laws of the State of Washington including, but not limited to, RCW 36.55, the Board of County Commissioners may grant franchises to persons or private or municipal corporations. He indicated that the Public Works Department recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve and execute the Resolution and Franchise Agreement with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe.

Upper Skagit Indian Tribal Attorney David Hawkins was present to discuss the project and provided additional information on the project.

Commissioner Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 8:38 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon motioned to close the public hearing 8:38 a.m., Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve and execute the Resolution to authorize execution of a Franchise Agreement the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, as well as, approve and execute a Franchise Agreement with the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, authorizing the reasonable and lawful use of County rights-of-way within the Franchise Area for the purposes of both a sanitary sewer system and potable water system. **(Resolution No. R20120146), (Contract No. C20120187)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. **Public Hearing/Possible Action: Regarding Consideration of a Resolution to Adopt the 2012 - 2017 Six-Year Improvement Program, Revision No. 1**

County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter stated that the revision was necessary to update the 2012-2017 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include new projects.

Chairman Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 8:44 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:44 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution to adopt the 2012-2017 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program, Revision No. 1. **(Resolution No. R20120147)** Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution Adopting the Annual Construction Program, Revision No. 1**

Mr. Randall-Grutter indicated that the adoption of Annual Construction Program was a statutory requirement under by WAC 136.16.018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the 2012 Annual Construction Program, Revision 1. **(Resolution No. R20120148)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

4. **Miscellaneous**

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

- b) **9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds - Brian Adams, Director:**

1. **Recognition: John Semrau 25 Years of Service on the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds Director Brian Adams provided a brief history of John Semrau 25 years of service on the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Adams recognized several Advisory Board members present in the gallery.

The Commissioners thanked John Semrau for his 25 years of service on the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and presented him with an award.

Mr. Semrau thanked the Commissioners for giving him the opportunity to serve on the Advisory Board. He reflected on his 25 years of service and said he hoped to continue to serve on the Board.

Skagit County Administrator Tim Holloran was present to thank Mr. Semrau for his hard work and the passion he displayed while volunteering on the Board.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:54 a.m.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds to discuss.

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:32 a.m.

c) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Gary Christensen, Director:

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

1. Presentation: Report by Consultant Lorelei Juntunen of ECONorthwest - Fiscal Implications of Growth Management Options in Skagit County

Senior Planner Kirk Johnson provided a brief synopsis of the Envision Skagit 2060 project and introduced Senior Planning/Managing Director with ECONorthwest Lorelei Juntunen.

Ms. Juntunen presented the results from the Evaluation of Fiscal Implications of Growth Management Options in Skagit County, Washington analysis that was prepared for the Envision Skagit 2060 project. Ms. Juntunen indicated that ECONorthwest completed the project under a contract with Skagit County. She explained that she was the project manager, the project director was Terry Moore, Tom Soulhas and Whit Perkins provided research assistance. She indicated that Skagit County's purpose in commissioning the study was to better understand the fiscal impacts of various growth patterns within the County.

The project was funded wholly or in part by the United States Environmental Protection Agency under assistance agreement PO-00J08201.

Ms. Juntunen provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the fiscal

impacts of alternative future growth patterns in Skagit County.

There was a general discussion about locating industrial uses that would provide jobs to Skagit County residents, economic development, real estate excise taxes, property taxes, provision of public services, and revenue flows inside and outside city limits.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Juntunen for the information.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Planning and Development Services to discuss.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:04 a.m.

d) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Proclamation: Recognizing May as Community Action Month in Skagit County

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:06 a.m.

Executive Director of Skagit County Community Action Agency Bill Henkel was present to speak about the Third Annual Have a Heart Run, taking place on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at Edgewater Park in Mount Vernon and thanked all the volunteers associated with Skagit County Community Action Agency. Mr. Henkel stressed how important community partnerships were to Skagit County Community Action Agency.

Skagit County Community Action Agency Services Director Lynn Christopherson was present to introduce Joan Hilde a volunteer with Skagit County Community Action Agency. Ms. Christopherson thanked Ms. Hilde and her church for adopting and furnishing three apartments at the William J. Schuler Family Development Center and for all the help they provided in various other areas. Ms. Hilde shared her personal experience with Skagit County Community Action Agency.

Skagit County Community Action WorkFirst Coordinator Pauline Johnson was present to introduce Anna Rivera. Ms. Rivera shared her personal experience with Skagit County Community Action Agency.

Commissioner Wesen read the proclamation recognizing May 2012 as Community Action month in Skagit County.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:25 a.m.

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

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

Director of the Sedro-Woolley Public Library Debra Peterson informed the Commissioners that the Library would be making a proposal to establish a rural partial library district for city and county residents living within the Sedro-Woolley School District boundaries. She indicated that the Library hoped to have the proposal on the November ballot.

Rose Dorn of Nookachamps Hills spoke about her concerns with the Envision Skagit 2060 proposal. She said she was opposed to the thought of the Envision Skagit's recommendations and agenda. Ms. Dorn went on to speak about the water rights issues in Skagit County.

Ed Stauffer of West Alger spoke about the Skagit Envision 2060 agenda. Mr. Stauffer said that the public were not given an opportunity to find out more information about the new Planning Director Dale Pernula. He complimented former Planning Director Gary Christensen for always making time in his schedule to speak to the public.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:45 a.m.

- f) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Proclamation: Recognizing May 6 through May 12, 2012, as Wildlife Awareness Week in Skagit County

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:47 a.m.

Skagit Conservation District FireWise Program Coordinator Jenny Hinderman introduced Department of Natural Resource Fire Suppression Supervisor Tom Smith. Ms. Hinderman provided information regarding the FireWise Program.

Mr. Smith spoke about the seasonal firefighter hiring process and shared the information about fire suppression.

Skagit/Island County Fire Warden Fred Wefer spoke about the educational portion of the Fire Warden Program.

Skagit Conservation District Forester Al Craney recognized the Diobsud Creek Community as a new member to the FireWise Program. A Diobsud Creek Community member Mark Malone was present and was presented with a FireWise Communities sign.

Skagit Conservation District Executive Director Carolyn Kelly expressed appreciation for the support of the Skagit County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Dillon read the Proclamation recognizing May 6 through May 12, 2012, as Wildfire Awareness Week in Skagit County

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 12:08 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chairman

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Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Linda Hammons, Clerk of the Board