

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 5, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 5, 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 8:30 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 by the Board of Skagit County Commissioners to the Skagit County Engineer of the County Road Administration Board "Certificate of Good Practice" for 2011**

Director Hash said that the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) issued a "Certificate of Good Practice" to the Skagit County Public Works Department for 2011. He said that this ensured Skagit County would continue to receive the monthly State gas tax allotment from the Office of the State Treasurer.

Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter briefed the Board on the work and reporting Public Works does annually to receive the gas tax allotment.

The Commissioners thanked Public Works for their hard work and Commissioner Wesen read the "Certificate of Good Practice" and presented it to Mr. Randall-Grutter.

- 2. Miscellaneous**

Mr. Hash did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

After hearing about the work Public Works does to obtain annual certification from CRAB, Chairman Dahlstedt suggested putting together a PowerPoint for Skagit 21 showing the projects Public Works had been working on.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 8:44 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

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

- 1. Quarterly Work Session with Ferry Division, Solid Waste Division, and Operations Division**

Mr. Hash introduced Senior Master Ferry Operations Manager Rachel Beck, Solid Waste Division Manager Kevin Renz, Operations Division Manager Cliff Butler, Environmental Specialist Chris Kowitz, Traffic Technician Lead John Davidson, District 1 Road Supervisor Kelly Allen, District 2 Road Supervisor Dale Klinger, District 3 Road Supervisor Tony Crosby.

Each supervisor updated the Board on projects being worked on and some possible updates to policies or procedures.

To report any road or sign problems, Cliff Butler can be called at 360-755-9531 or 360-708-9302.

2. **Miscellaneous**

Environmental Specialist Chris Kowitz presented a Personal Services Agreement and asked the Board to consider executing it in order to complete work on the river bank which was threatening the stability of a portion of Sauk River Road.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Personal Services Agreement with Cardno Entrix to assist Public Works with development of plans (conceptual through final PS&E) for the Sauk River Road Protection Design Project, addressing erosion on the Concrete-Sauk River Road at Milepost 13. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until June 30, 2013. Compensation shall not exceed \$56,965. (**Contract No. c20120233**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:28 a.m.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds - Brian Adams, Director:

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:33 a.m.

1. **Presentation: 2012 Skagit County Fair Kickoff**

Director Brian Adams and Fair Coordinator Aric Gaither discussed plans for the 2012 Skagit County Fair and they showed a slideshow of photographs from fairs in years past. They also discussed the annual Garage Sale and talked about other events regularly held at the fairgrounds. Those interested in volunteering or sponsoring the fair could call Skagit County Parks, Recreation, and Fair at 360-336-9414.

The Commissioners thanked Skagit County Parks, Recreation, and Fair for continuing to hold a successful, fun, self-sustaining fair.

2. **Miscellaneous**

Mr. Adams did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:26 a.m.

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

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

Jim Hinton of Gunderson Road in Mount Vernon was present to speak on behalf of the Noxious Weed Control Board. Mr. Hinton briefed the Commissioners on their work to control the spread of noxious weeds in Skagit County. He informed the Board that they received permission from the State of Washington to order 8 to 10 informational signs free of charge and he discussed the Noxious Weed Control Board's interest to post them along busy roads in Skagit County.

Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:47 a.m.

- e) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Public Hearing: To Consider Testimony Regarding Potential Revision to Skagit County Ordinance No. O20090004, Relating to Central Valley Ambulance Authority

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 1:31 p.m.

Skagit County Administrator Tim Holloran informed the Board that there would be a meeting with the City partners regarding the Central Valley Ambulance Authority Board (CVAA). He stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to listen to partners and entities involved regarding the makeup of the CVAA.

Mayor Jill Boudreau of the City of Mount Vernon was present and said the CVAA needed to move forward efficiently. She said CVAA's representation needed to be distributed fairly and issues needed to be transparent.

Bryan Harrison, Administrator of the City of Burlington, was present and agreed with Mayor Boudreau. He wanted to make sure the organization of the CVAA would be reflective of the service area.

Marty Coble, Chairman of CVAA, was present and understood the County and Cities concerns. He discussed current representation on the CVAA and some of the city vacancies. He expressed concerns about making sure service in the rural parts of Skagit County was not compromised.

The Commissioners discussed the challenges CVAA is faced with due to the high turnover of board representation. They discussed the need to move forward together with the cities as committed partners.

Mayor Mike Anderson of Sedro-Woolley was present and expressed Sedro-Woolley's frustrations which were attributed to the dysfunctional CVAA Board and the perception that Skagit County had too much influence over CVAA. He said that the CVAA Board needed to be more reflective of community.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 1:49 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Wesen. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners agreed that CVAA operations should be evaluated. They thought it would be a good idea to fund an interim director to review CVAA's budget, procedures, operations, and board representation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve funding for CVAA to hire an interim director for six months to help with an operations, work, and financing plan. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt asked if the Commissioners also wanted to make a motion regarding the Commissioners support of the Emergency Medical Services Levy.

Wesen read the Resolution calling for support of the Emergency Medical Services Levy for the Medic 1 System.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the execution of the resolution calling for support of the Emergency Medical Services Levy funding the Medic 1 System (**Resolution No. R20120186**) Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt said that Skagit County Administrator Tim Holloran would meet with CVAA to discuss the Board's actions taken today regarding the support of an interim director to assist them.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 2:00 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