

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 26, 2012, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Wesen called the proceedings to order at 9:30 a.m.

Chairman Dahlstedt's absence was excused from this portion of the proceedings.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Amending the 2012 Skagit County Budget

County Administrator Tim Holloran was present to answer questions.

Financial System Administrator Chris Stamey indicated the purpose of the public hearing was to amend the 2012 Budget for the following funds in the approximate net amounts noted: General \$1,747,928; Public Health \$0; Emergency Management \$0; Parks, Recreation, and Fairgrounds \$0; Title III Projects \$106,753; Facility Improvement (\$113,113).

Commissioner Wesen opened the public hearing at 9:45 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the supplemental budget as outlined by the Financial System Administrator. **(Resolution R20120204)**. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Budget and Finance to discuss.

Commissioner Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:46 a.m.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Facilities Management - Tim Holloran, Director:

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

1. **Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Skagit County's Notice of Intent to Lease a County-Owned Building, Commonly Known as the Skagit Regional Food Distribution Center, Located at 220 Michael Street, Sedro-Woolley to Skagit County Community Action Agency**

County Administrator Tim Holloran stated that on June 4, 2012, the Commissioners signed a resolution to authorize calling for a public hearing regarding Skagit County's Notice of Intent to lease County-owned building, commonly known as the Skagit Regional Food Distribution Center, located at 220 Michael Street in Sedro-Woolley to Skagit County Community Action. He stated that the purpose of this meeting was to conduct the public hearing. Mr. Holloran stated that pursuant with the intent of state CDBG funding, the building would house the Skagit Food Distribution Center, which provides logistical support and warehousing for food banks, and meal programs.

Commissioner Wesen opened the public hearing at 10:02 a.m.

Skagit County Community Action Agency (SCCAA) Food Distribution Center Coordinator Arielle Stein stated that SCCAA had managed the Center as a centralized facility to support 14 food banks and 6 hot meal programs since late 2006. She stated that hunger in Skagit County has continued to be a growing concern. Ms. Stein said that in 2011 over 50,000 individuals visited food banks to help provide enough food for themselves and their families. She reported that the Center had moved over two million pounds in 2011 and that they had developed programs to bring in more fresh, local produce from local farmers.

Ms. Stein presented the Commissioners with SCCAA's letter of intent to lease the property located at 220 Michael Street, Sedro-Woolley, WA (formerly known as 250 West Moore Street). Ms. Stein indicated that SCCAA would negotiate a lease with the County, which would include rent rate of \$250 per month, with a five-year term with an option to extend the lease. Terms of the lease would include SCCAA responsibility for payment of utilities and routine maintenance, and Skagit County would pay for the major repairs and maintenance to the facility.

Mr. Holloran recommended the lease rate of \$250 per month for a five-year term, which he explained was the same dollar amount that the Helping Hands Food Bank paid to rent the food bank owned by the Upper Skagit Tribe. Mr. Holloran said that no other applications to lease the property had been received.

There was discussion that the grant included a stipulation that the facility must be used as a food bank for ten years with an additional five-year extension.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:06 a.m., Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve an application to lease County property, located at 220 Michael Street in

Sedro- Woolley. (**Resolution No. R20120205**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Chairman Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Facilities Management to discuss.

Commissioner Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:08 a.m.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds - Brian Adams, Director:

1. Recognition: Enforcement Credentials of Park Ranger Kyle Peninger

Director Brian Adams introduced Park Ranger Kyle Peninger, former Park Ranger Michael See, and Skagit Valley College Director of Criminal Justice Bill Overby. Mr. Adams stated that Ranger Peninger would be a working Ranger, his duties would include writing citations at the parks and other park maintenance duties.

Ranger Peninger was sworn in by Sheriff Reichardt with a limited commission, which allows him to write citations, patrol and help maintain park. Uniform presence in the Park is important.

Mr. Overby stated that Ranger Peninger received 720-hours of program training. He stated that Ranger Peninger would be a trustworthy and loyal addition to the park system.

Mr. See expressed his happiness that the Ranger Program was revived and wished Ranger Peninger well in his career.

Mr. Holloran stated that the Ranger Peninger had positive interactions with the public and commended Ranger Peninger for a job well done.

The Commissioners thanked Ranger Peninger for his hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Dillon read a certification of enforcement credentials of Park Ranger Kyle Peninger.

Ranger Peninger thanked the Commissioners for their support.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous for Parks and Recreation to discuss. Commissioner Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:48 a.m.

Commissioner Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:33 a.m.

d) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation by Sinclair Island Property Owners Regarding

Sinclair Island Dock

Chairman Dahlstedt was present and reconvened the proceedings at 11:03 a.m.

George Akers property owner from Sinclair Island said the dock had recently become detached from float. He indicated that the float was currently upside-down on the beach. Mr. Akers requested that the county spend \$30,000 from the road improvement fund to get the dock back to a working condition. He said he recognized that this was not a permanent solution and asked the county to partner with the residents of Sinclair Island to find a permanent solution to repair the dock. He indicated that the residents were researching the possibility of forming a road improvement district. He asked if the county would be interested in partnering with the residents in a 50/50 partnership.

Mr. Akers asked the Commissioners to work with the residents find other sources of funding to repair the dock. He requested that the Commissioners provide some direction regarding a solution to repair the dock.

Bill Howe a property owner on Sinclair Island addressed his concerns that the residents had no way to get to beach. He said the dock was very crucial to everyone on the Island and that it was imperative that the dock be secured on a permanent basis. Mr. Howe suggested that there was funding that could be secured to repair the dock. He proposed a meeting with county staff to review funding solutions.

Elaine Spencer a property owner on Sinclair Island indicated that with the current situation with the dock was causing a liability for the county. Ms. Spencer indicated that the residents wrote to the Commissioner of Public Lands to make sure that he understood that it was important that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) work with the County to extend the lease. She noted that DNR indicated that they were prepared to work with the County to rebuild the dock so that there would be a public dock.

Office of the Attorney General Lisa Wochos stated that she was present on behalf of Western Washington University. Ms. Wochos said that the University had a cabin on Sinclair Island that was utilized on a frequent basis. She indicated that the University was very interested in having a seasonal access to the island. Ms. Wochos stated that one dock versus multiple private docks was better from an environmental standpoint. Ms. Wochos suggested that this situation was akin to an emergency and that the County could dispense with the competitive bid process. She expressed concerns about the lack of access for disabled.

Jay Tomasko with Carlson Enterprises, Inc. said that the County had contracted with his company to provide maintenance and repair service on Sinclair Island, Skagit County Contract No. C20120282. Mr. Tomasko indicated that the dock needed to be removed from the beach and that his company had extensive experience with concrete floats.

Commissioner Wesen stated he believed there was an emergency situation. He said that there was a need or a temporary solution but a long-term solution was crucial. Commissioner Wesen said that the County should explore funding to help repair and improve the dock.

Commissioner Dillon stated it was important to explore all ideas and to work

together to explore solutions.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said he supported the idea of exploring alternate creative solutions which would help to provide a permanent fix for the dock. He suggested that state agencies and community partners should write letters of support.

There was a discussion about whether the residents would accept a seasonal float, which would help to save money, the frustration with lack of communication with the Public Works Department and the Sinclair Island property owners, the requirement for the public to access land on the Sinclair Island in order to apply for grant money, exploring ideas to replace the dock and breakwater and whether it would be possible to finance the repair dock through a bonding capacity.

Bill Dowe, Skagit County Public Works Department of Natural Resources, reported that Public Works had applied for a grant to remove the creosote pilings from the dock but were not successful in obtaining the grant.

Commissioner Wesen indicated that over the past several years, the County had spent approximately \$20,000 to \$30,000 towards the cost of repairing the dock and he was willing to commit the same amount per year to the dock.

Commissioner Dahlstedt indicated that the County would take the necessary steps to deal with the current emergency.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings 11:57 a.m.

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

Chairman Dahlstedt opened the public comment period at 11:58 a.m. Seeing no public comment forthcoming, Chairman Dahlstedt closed the public comment period at 11:58 a.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:58 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