

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 24, 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. Decision: Consideration of Vacating a Portion of County Right-of-Way Known as Similk Bay Road #16010

The Commissioners appreciated the project; however Commissioner Dillon said that she would be opposed to vacating County right-of-way.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners sign and execute the Order to Vacate a portion of County right-of-way known as Similk Bay Road #16010 (**Resolution No. R20120234**) Chairman Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed on a 2 - 1 vote with Commissioner Dillon dissenting.

2. Discussion: Skagit River General Investigation (GI) Update

Director Henry Hash, Watershed Planner Kara Symonds, and Natural Resources Division Manager Dan Berentson updated the Commissioners on the Skagit River General Investigation (GI) which had reached several key milestones. Ms. Symonds informed the Board that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers audited their nationwide portfolio of 653 studies, and only determined that 9 of them were eligible to continue, one of which was the Skagit River GI. Ms. Symonds reported a Project Delivery Team narrowed six scenarios down to three including Sterling spill, Riverbend spill, and levee setbacks which had subcomponents like dam storage, specific levees and floodwalls.

Mr. Berentson updated the Commissioners on the Skagit River GI budget and informed them of another \$700,000 which was obtained as well as the request for Skagit County to make an additional contribution of \$150,000 for 2013 in order to keep the study moving forward.

The Commissioners appreciated the work being performed and the commitment shown on local, state, and federal levels. They were encouraged that Puget Sound Energy was determining what kind of flood storage they would be able to offer during a flood event.

3. Miscellaneous

Public Works did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:08 a.m.

- b) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

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

1. Discussion & Possible Action: Conservation Easement for Short Plat PL11-0109 Submitted by Yolanda Smith and Anita Klein for Parcel No. P321671

Senior Planners Brandon Black and Marge Swint briefed the Board on the short plat which would divide a 39.7 acre lot into 3 lots. Ms. Swint said that this could be accomplished through a Conservation Easement per Skagit County Code 14.16.860. Ms. Swint answered the Commissioners questions about the proposed division.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve to sign the Conservation Easement for Short Plat PL11-0109 submitted by Yolanda Smith and Anita Klein in compliance with Skagit County Code 14.16.860 Agricultural Land Preservation. **(Contract No. C20120329)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Planning and Development Services did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:37 a.m.

- c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Presentation: Spillman Public Safety System

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:00 a.m. and introduced Data Processing Manager Mike Almvig and Sheriff Will Reichardt to discuss the Spillman System which they steward.

Sheriff Reichardt said that the Spillman software system was procured in 1989 and that it has become an important tool allowing law enforcement agencies to view a person's history and share reports.

Sheriff Reichardt said that Snohomish County and Everett were planning on using the software too, and that Skagit County was looking to partnering with San Juan and Island Counties.

Sheriff Reichardt shared the multiple benefits of law enforcement's access to Spillman information and reported that approximately 489,000 names were in the system.

Sheriff Reichardt informed the Commissioners about some of the new tools Skagit County would be using through Spillman to enhance interconnectivity and access to update and view information. The Commissioners asked if the names in the system were only people residing in Skagit County.

Sheriff Reichardt said that most of the names were Skagitonians and that the list included names of witnesses, victims and suspects.

The Commissioners discussed maintenance of Spillman with the Sheriff which was performed by Skagit County Information Services, and that the department put a tremendous amount of resources towards that end.

Chairman Dahlstedt pointed out that Spillman not only serves and benefits Skagit County Sheriff's Deputies, but also other city law enforcement agencies. Mike Almvig reported that Information Services acts on behalf of the policies set by the Sheriff.

Mr. Almvig said that all four cities and two tribal nations used the system which meant there were 350 users and 180 currently on the system at any one time.

He said that Spillman was an excellent example of regionalization.

Mr. Almvig updated the Commissioners on some upcoming changes to Spillman which included the addition of new users, apparatuses, and licenses for Mount Vernon Fire and Sedro-Woolley Fire which received grants to help pay for costs.

The software system will need to be upgraded in order to allow for the jail module, fire module, law module, and evidence tracking system.

Mr. Almvig estimated expenditures from 2012 - 2017. Chairman Dahlstedt said that 80% of population growth was occurring in the cities and since the system benefited the cities the most, he wanted to make sure sufficient cost sharing agreements would be in place.

Mr. Almvig said that the cost sharing breakdown was based on the number of users and apparatuses.

Mr. Almvig reported that cost sharing and system information updates had been reviewed with each city and that each city agreed to continue to partner and move forward with the program and improvements.

Discussion was held on partnering with Snohomish County and Whatcom County, like Skagit County was doing with Island and San Juan County. The Commissioners thanked Sheriff Reichardt and Mr. Almvig for the update and they appreciated fairly distributing costs for the system, its operation, and maintenance.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:37 a.m.

- d) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval for the Following Open Space Applications:

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m. and introduced Current Use Specialist Annette DeVoe to discuss each open space application.

1. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application of Peoples Bank to Transfer 20 Acres from Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Program (CUOS #2-2012)

Ms. DeVoe briefed the Commissioners on the application and answered their questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Open Space Application of Peoples Bank (CUOS #2-2012) transferring 20 acres from Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space on Parcel No. P24856 and P24835 (**Resolution No. R20120235**). Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application of Houser Bypass Trust, Elvan Ray Houser, to Transfer 10.32 Acres from Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Program (CUOS #1-2012)

Ms. DeVoe briefed the Commissioners on the application and answered their questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Open Space Application of Houser Bypass Trust, Elvan Ray Houser, Trustee (CUOS #1-2012) transferring 10.32 acres from Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space on Parcel No. P36617 (**Resolution No. R20120236**). Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chairman Dahlstedt welcomed Ms. DeVoe to Skagit County and said that he appreciated her travelling to each parcel to help confirm its best use.

Commissioner Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:45 a.m.

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

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

Sedro-Woolley Library Director Debra Peterson was present to inform the Board on the petition being circulated to place on the ballot whether or not to create a rural library district. The Commissioners commended her efforts.

Ryan Hagman of Camano Island discussed water rights with the Commissioners.

The Commissioners asked Skagit County to vote. Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:42 a.m.

- f) *5:30 p.m. Guemes Island Community Meeting (Guemes Island Community Center, 7549 Guemes Island Road, Anacortes, WA 98221 (Guemes Island)

(Due to technical difficulties the audio portion of this meeting was not captured during recording).

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:42 a.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