

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 9:34 a.m. and excused Commissioner Sharon Dillon.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Dahlstedt led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

Henry Hash introduced Engineering Technician Forrest Jones to discuss TIP.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: Consideration of a Resolution Adopting the 2013-2018 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Jones briefed the Board on the projects that were being requested to include on the 2013 - 2018 TIP: Bicycle Corridor Improvement, Bradshaw Road Rehabilitation, Calhoun Road Rehabilitation, Green Road Rehabilitation, South Del Mar Road Stabilization. Mr. Jones listed projects which were already on TIP, projects that would remain on TIP, and projects that would be deleted from TIP due to estimated completion in 2012. Chairman Dahlstedt opened the Public Hearing at 9:44 a.m.

John Roozen of 12362 Avon Allen Road in Burlington was present to discuss the roundabout near his business. He also spoke of drainage concerns. He thanked Randy Good for bringing the Bicycle Corridor Improvement project to his attention. Mr. Roozen preferred the County focus on other items to fix and improve and asked that the Commissioners remove the Bicycle project from TIP.

Randy Good of 25512 Minkler Road in Sedro-Woolley was present to share concerns with the process TIP went through this year. He said that in years' past, Public Works held meetings for public awareness and input. He said that did not happen this year. Mr. Good wanted to know if Skagit County staff generated the idea for the Bicycle Improvement Project or if the public generated the idea. He asked that it be removed from TIP.

Carol Ehlers of 3998 Wind Crest Lane in Anacortes said that the transfer of information between employees needed to be improved in Skagit County. She understood that Ann Marie Gutwein previously worked on TIP and held annual meetings, which did not happen this year due to her retirement. She said that the Planning Department would always hold a study session on any issues before having a public hearing so that they could find out and settle any potential issues beforehand. She said that she understood the bicycle project originated from SCOG. Ms. Ehlers discussed the need for storm water management plans at South Del Mar Drive and the road above Lake Erie. She asked the Commissioners to update the South Fidalgo Plan.

Michael Noyes of 14825 Deception Road in Anacortes said he was with the Fire Department in the area and agreed with Ms. Ehlers about the conditions of the roads in the area and asked Skagit County to monitor their deterioration and make improvements.

Seeing no further testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. which was seconded by Chairman Dahlstedt. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the deadline to adopt TIP, and Chairman Dahlstedt reminded everyone that TIP was a list of suggested projects to work on and that there would be more opportunity throughout the year to add or drop items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve that the Commissioners decide on TIP on August 14, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. when Commissioner Dillon would be present to vote as well. Chairman Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon's absence was excused

2. Miscellaneous

Public Works did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

- b) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Meeting to Take Comments For and Against Skagit County - Proposition No. 1, Continuation of Emergency Medical Services Levy (Skagit County Medic 1 System) for Potential Placement on the November 6, 2012 General Election Ballot if Necessary

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:11 a.m. and introduced County Administrator Tim Holloran.

Tim Holloran said that they were present to hear views for and against Proposition No. 1 and to potentially place on the November ballot if, by chance, it did not pass in August.

Michael Noyes, Fire Chief, said that as one of the providers affected by the proposition, should it fail in August, it would need to be brought back to the people in November. He said that the levy was needed to continue providing emergency medical services.

The Commissioners agreed with Chief Noyes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution placing Proposition No. 1 on the ballot in November, if needed, for the continuation of a 6-year emergency medical services levy supporting the Medic 1 system (**Resolution No. R201202610**) Chairman Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon's absence was excused

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:16 a.m.

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

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

Planning and Development Services Director Dale Pernula and County Administrator Tim Holloran were present to share the sad news that Building Official, dedicated employee, and a good friend Tim DeVries had passed. The Commissioners, Mr. Pernula, and Mr. Holloran agreed that none could fill the void that Tim DeVries would be leaving behind and they passed their condolences to his family and co-workers.

Dan Madlung of 848 Bella Vista Lane in Burlington was present to ask why it would take him 11 weeks to get a building permit. He said waiting 11 weeks for a permit would be inconvenient for his contractors and would mean that he would be building in the winter, which he prefers not to do.

Chairman Dahlstedt informed Mr. Madlung that the department was down 1/3 to match the reduction in permitting activity. However, Skagit County had noticed the recent increase in permit applications, and in fact, had recently hired another permit technician.

Commissioner Wesen asked Mr. Madlung if he had submitted his application for a permit. Mr. Madlung had not yet turned it in. The Commissioners and Mr. Pernula asked him to do so at his earliest convenience.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:41 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