

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 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 8:33 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 Regarding August 6, 2012, Closed Public Hearing/Possible Action: Resolution Adopting the 2013 - 2018 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program

County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter introduced the agenda items and was present to answer questions.

Commissioner Dillon asked whether the County was working with the Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) and the Active Community Task Force (ACT) on the Bicycle Corridor Improvement Project.

Commissioner Wesen said that it was important to have safety features on the bridge but did not support the proposal to build and provide maintenance for another park. He indicated that the Parks and Recreation crew had been reduced substantially during the economic downturn and that the crew did not have the extra time and resources to maintain another park. He suggested that maybe a community group may want to volunteer time to maintain the property.

Engineering Technician Forrest Jones provided supplemental information for the Six-Year TIP Bicycle Corridor Improvement Project. Mr. Jones indicated that Public Works Department had developed and submitted a project proposal on June 29, 2012, in cooperation SCOG and ACT.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Resolution Adopting the 2013 - 2018 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. (**Resolution No. R20120265**) Chairman Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed on a 2 - 1 vote with Commissioner Wesen dissenting.

2. Discussion/Possible Action: Follow-up to May 22, 2012, Meeting Regarding the Future of the Skagit River Basin Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC)

Gary Stoyka, Water Resources Section Manager, provided a brief synopsis of the Skagit River Basin Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC). Mr. Stoyka indicated that he spoke to the Jacque Klug with the Department Ecology (DOE) regarding the legal ramifications if the County disbanded the WRAC. Mr. Stoyka indicated that DOE did not have any legal problems with the County continuing or discontinuing with the WRAC. He said that DOE did like having a group to share information with and to get input from the local community about all the various water rights issues happening in Skagit County. He said that if the WRAC were disbanded, DOE's only other alternative would be to share information with the Skagit River Flow Management Committee.

Mr. Stoyka indicated that the Commissioners had several options; they could continue the WRAC meetings, or dissolve the WRAC membership; or suspend the WRAC pending reinstatement of DOE's water rights permit staff person; or change the scope of the WRAC; or continue with periodic meetings for information sharing purposes only.

Commissioner Dillon said the County needed a way to get information out to the public, possibly by way of continuing with periodic meetings.

Mr. Stoyka indicated that the DOE did not anticipate funding a water rights permitting position in the near future.

Commissioner Wesen said that if there was substantive information to share, the Commissioners would hold a public meeting.

Chairman Dahlstedt said that Commissioners did not need to take any action at this time. He said that if there was information to share with the public in the future, the Commissioners would hold a work session and the information could be shared with all members of the public. He said that the Commissioners appreciated the work of the WRAC and would send out letters thanking them for their service on the committee.

### 3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 8:57 a.m.

## b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Board of Health:

### 1. Pertussis Update: Back to School Shots and Upcoming Flu Season

Communicable Disease Manager Sandi Paciotti provided an update of the 2012 Pertussis (Whooping Cough) outbreak. She announced that to date, 34,000 cases had been reported in Washington State, and that 340 cases had been confirmed in Skagit County. Ms. Paciotti said that anyone with a severe cough, especially if it included fits of coughing and/or caused vomiting, should seek medical care. The best way to prevent Pertussis is to get vaccinated. Fewer than 10 percent of adults nationwide are current with the Tdap vaccine.

Ms. Paciotti provided information about the vaccinations children should receive before going back to school and reminded everyone to get their flu shots. She said that more information could be found by contacting the Skagit County Health Department at 360-336-9380.

### 2. Nurse Family Partnership and Shared Services with Whatcom County

Child/Family Health Nurse Manager Jennifer Walton provided information about the funding for the Thrive by Five Home Visiting Nurse Program the Whatcom County Health Department. There are two nurses in Whatcom County that work closely with the Skagit County Health Department. This cooperation allows for the sharing of services between the health departments to create a strong consistent program in the adjoining counties.

### 3. Shared Services: The Future of Medium to Small Local Health Jurisdictions

Health Director Peter Browning provided information about new ways to meet the public health needs of medium to small local health jurisdictions.

### 4. Update: Skagit County Alliance for Health Care Access (SCAHA)

Executive Director of Skagit County Alliance for Health Care Access (SCAHA) Cynthia Eichner provided an update of the progress of SCAHA. She indicated that SCAHA was working on

compiling a resource directory website to help connect community members to health care services. Ms. Eichner said that the role of SCAHA was to help identify gaps and areas where people use the least appropriate care for the lack of a better option.

Mr. Browning proposed that the Skagit County Health Department join forces with local hospitals to move Ms. Eichner to the Health Department on a full-time basis.

Chairman Dahlstedt suggested a Board of Health work session should be convened and that all three hospitals should be invited to discuss health care issues.

5. Community Transformation Grant (CTG) Program: Carol Hawk, United General Hospital Community Health Outreach Programs Director

United General Hospital Community Health Outreach Programs Director Carol Hawk reported on the Community Transformation Grant (CTG). She said that the purpose of the grant was to improve the health of the community and to reduce chronic disease.

Ms. Hawk said that more information could be obtained by contacting her at carol.hawk@unitedgeneral.org or by calling her at 360-856-7383.

6. Miscellaneous

Mr. Browning spoke about electronic medical records, and the Affordable Care Act.

The Commissioners thanked the Health Department for the presentation.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:39 a.m.

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

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

Seeing no public comment forthcoming, Chairman Dahlstedt closed the public comment period at 11:30 a.m.

d) \*3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Executive Session ( Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Commissioners attended an executive session on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:29 p.m., the purpose of the executive session was Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). (Matters relating to County enforcement actions, actual litigation, or potential litigation.) The following attorneys were present at the executive session and gave legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners: Prosecutor Rich Weyrich, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Arne Denny. Other attendees: County Administrator Tim Holloran.

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:33 a.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