

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 27, 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 9:31 a.m.

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. Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds - Brian Adams, Director:

1. Presentation/Possible Action: Padilla Bay Shore Trail - Agreement with Dike District #12

Director Brian Adams discussed the Interlocal Agreement and recognized all of the people who participated in the Agreement's successful completion.

The Board of County Commissioners spoke about the partnership between the County and Dike District #12 and presented John R. Shultz, Dan Lefebber, and Melinda Miller with certificates of appreciation in honor of their time, dedication and commitment in preserving the recreational interests of Skagit County residents, as reflected in their involvement with the partnership agreement between Skagit County Dike District #12 and Skagit County Parks and Recreation in their collaborative work rendered on behalf of the highly regarded Padilla Bay Shore Trail.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Dike District #12 regarding the continued use and maintenance of the Padilla Bay Shore Trail the Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2037. (**Contract No. C20120488**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

The Commissioners presented Dike District #12 with an Outstanding Partner Award in recognition of the Dike District #12 Commissioners and staff and for their commitment in retaining recreational interests of Skagit County residents, as reflected in their collaborative work with Skagit County Parks and Recreation. The Agreement to keep public access to the Padilla Bay Shore Trail is a testament to the Dike District's outstanding commitment to servicing the community.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Parks, Recreation and Fairgrounds to present.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:02 a.m.

b) 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

1. Presentation of the Guemes Island Ferry 2012 Operations Status Report

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

Henry Hash Director thanked the Guemes Island Ferry Committee for their continued support.

Ferry Operations Division Manager Rachel Beck provided a PowerPoint presentation and outlined the 2012 Operations Status Report.

Director of Skagit Information Services Mike Almvig provided a demonstration of the ticket purchasing kiosk. The purchasing system is in the testing phase at the present time and is expected to be ready for passenger use in the near future.

Public Works Interim Controller Jim Martin discussed the Guemes Island Ferry financial information for 2012. He indicated that overall, 2012 revenue was up approximately 7% from 2011 figures. Mr. Martin reported that for the first time ever, revenues were expected to meet their targeted projections as set forth by resolution signed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Glen Veal a Guemes Island Ferry Committee member thanked staff and the Commissioners for the continued public outreach to the Guemes Island residents.

The Commissioners thanked staff and the Guemes Island residents for working together.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:50 a.m.

- c) 10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation: Volunteers of America Program Update

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:53 a.m.

LaDessa Croucher Area Manager Skagit, Volunteers of America (VOA) Dispute Resolution Center of Snohomish, Island, and Skagit Counties provided a PowerPoint presentation and discussed VOA's various programs.

Ms. Croucher said that VOA Skagit Valley Dispute Resolution Center could be contacted at (360) 873-8450.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Croucher for the presentation.

Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:15 a.m.

- d) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. 1. Public Comment Period

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:36 a.m.

David Lowrance of 1114 - 15 Street in Bellingham shared a personal story that he experienced when he recently discussed his family history with his grandson. He encouraged the community to spend time with different generations and to record family history.

Ed Stauffer of 17160 Barrel Springs Lane in Bellingham congratulated Commissioners Dahlstedt and Wesen on winning their recent reelections. He discussed his involvement in and the purpose of the Growth Management Act, the importance of the Commissioners being engaged with the Planning Commission, and said he was encouraged by the Commissioners recent decision to have staff notify them prior to applying for any grants.

## 2. Miscellaneous Announcements

- i. There is a Washington State Ferry Committee meeting taking place in Anacortes at 6:00 p.m.
- ii. There will be a grand opening ceremony for the Burlington Center at Railroad Park taking place in Burlington at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 27, 2012.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:50 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