

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2012**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 18, 2012, with Chairman Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon, and Commissioner 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) \*7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Skagit Conservation District Annual Partnership Meeting (Skagit Valley College - Multi-Purpose Room, Knutzen Cardinal Center, 2405 East College Way, Mount Vernon)

b) 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Community Services - Jennifer Kingsley, Director:

1. Discussion/Possible Action: 2013 Budget Recommendations

Ms. Kingsley was present to brief the Board on funding recommendations for 0.1% treatment sales tax funds, mental health millage funds, and developmental disabilities millage funds.

i. 0.1% Treatment Sales Tax Funds

Ms. Kingsley shared the history of the 0.1% sales tax and said that Washington State Legislature adopted Chapter 504 in 2005, authorizing counties to fix and impose a sales and use tax in amount of one-tenth of one percent to provide new or expanded chemical dependency or mental health treatment services, and for the operation of new or expanded therapeutic court programs.

She said that the Board of Skagit County Commissioners passed an ordinance imposing the tax in Skagit County on December 19, 2005. Money collected by this ordinance may only be used according to RCW 82.14.460. Ms. Kingsley informed the Commissioners that an advisory committee made up of 20 members met quarterly to review funding requests and provide funding recommendations. She said that the advisory committee made recommendations towards programs and entities providing services based on five priorities: 1) individuals in the criminal justice system, including new or expanded therapeutic courts 2) individuals in need of treatment who do not have access to other forms of funding or benefits to obtain such services 3) crisis and acute services 4) early intervention and outreach services for children and adolescents 5) create and expand access to services that support people in recovery.

Ms. Kingsley reviewed each funding recommendation.

Chairman Dahlstedt and Ms. Kingsley discussed what was known about

changes in alcohol tax funding and committed funding from various cities in Skagit County.

ii. Developmental Disabilities Millage Funds

Ms. Kingsley shared the history of the millage funding tax which was budgeted and levied annually in an amount equal to two and one-half cents per thousand dollars of assessed value against the taxable property in the county. These funds are used for local services to individuals with developmental disabilities or mental illness according to RCW 71.20.110 and funding recommendations come from an advisory committee to the Board of Skagit County Commissioners.

Ms. Kingsley said that developmental disabilities millage funding priorities included entities that provided information and referral services, recreation services, employment, individual and family support services, and critical needs services.

She reviewed each funding recommendation.

iii. Mental Health Millage Funds

Ms. Kingsley reviewed the funding recommendations for mental health millage funds.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Kingsley for the presentation.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution authorizing the allocation of Skagit County 0.1% Sales Tax Funds for 2013. **(Resolution No. R20120413)** Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Resolution authorizing the allocation of Millage Mental Health Funds for 2013 **(Resolution No. R20120414)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution authorizing the allocation of Millage Developmental Disabilities Funds for 2013 **(Resolution No. R20120415)** Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Community Services did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss. Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:11 a.m.

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

Henry Hash introduced Ferry Manager Rachel Beck to brief the Commissioners on the fourteen-year plan.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Regarding Approval of the Guemes Island Ferry Fourteen-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2013 - 2026

Rachel Beck said that the fourteen-year Ferry Capital Improvement Plan was a requirement outlined in RCW 36.54.015 and would be submitted to the County Road Administration Board. Ms. Beck reviewed Table 1: Ferry System Current and Replacement Values, and reported that the current book value of the M/V Guemes was \$2,000,000. The replacement value was \$12,000,000. Ms. Beck also reviewed Table 2: Projected Expenditures, Table 3: Capital Facility Improvement Plan, and Table 4: Projected Revenues.

Commissioner Wesen asked Public Works to study maintenance costs and compare them to replacement costs and be sure to make the right choice at the right time and also take into consideration whether or not a larger ferry would be needed. Chairman Dahlstedt believed the plan seemed accurate.

A motion was made by Chairman Dahlstedt to approve the Guemes Island Ferry Fourteen-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2013 - 2026 (**Resolution No. R20120416**) No seconder was required.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Public Works did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

d) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Introduction of Corrections Staff - Robert Meyer

Chairman Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:38 a.m. and introduced Sheriff Will Reichardt. Sheriff Reichardt informed the Board that the Sheriff's Office had been working to recruit several positions within their department. He said it was a long and difficult process due to high standards which had to be met and he was happy to introduce Robert Meyers who had recently passed all testing and was recently hired by Skagit County. Robert Meyers said he appreciated the opportunity to serve Skagit County and he shared some background information with the Commissioners. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Meyers and thanked him for accepting employment with Skagit County. Chairman Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:43 a.m.

e) 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Award and Recognition of Service for Senator Mary Margaret Haugen

Senator Mary Margaret Haugen was thanked for her many years of service and support for citizens in Skagit, Island, and Snohomish Counties. Dale O'Brien from Skagit Transit, Chairman Ramon Hayes of Skagit Council of Governments and Mayor of the Town of La Conner, City of Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau, Skagit County Auditor Jeanne Youngquist, Skagit County Sheriff Will Reichardt, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland (SPF) Director Allen Rozema, Mike Shelby of Western Washington Agricultural Associates, Dave Bauermeister with Northwest Business Ag Association, Island County Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, former Skagit County Commissioner Bill Vaux, farmer David Hedlin, farmer Lyle Wesen, Curtis from the Ag Association, Mayor Dean Maxwell of Anacortes, Director Don Wick of the Economic

Development Association of Skagit County, Glenn Bordner, former Director of SPF Bob Rose, former Skagit Valley College President Jim Ford, former Stanwood elementary school principal Dick, Leadership Skagit participant Kathy Larsen, Carolyn Kelley of Skagit Conservation District, Larry Otis of Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation, Bob Everett, Gary Jones, Doug Faber of Mount Vernon Towing, Cookson Beacher, a letter from Harriet Spanel, and Commissioner Dillon, Wesen and Dahlstedt thanked Senator Haugen for her 30 years of service and advocacy.

The Commissioners read the proclamation regarding December 18, 2012 as Mary Margaret Haugen Day in Skagit County and presented Senator Haugen with a bouquet of flowers and a plaque.

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

No one who was present wanted to provide public comment. The Commissioners continued to visit with Senator Mary Margaret Haugen and other guests.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

No miscellaneous announcements were made.

g) 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Swearing-In Ceremony for Re-Elected Skagit County Commissioners Dahlstedt and Wesen

Judge John M. Meyer swore in Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt and Commissioner Ron Wesen.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings for the day.

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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