

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, with Commissioners Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Sharon D. Dillon, and Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Dillon led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

- a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Director Dale Pernula was present to introduce the agenda items and answer questions.

1. Discussion: 2013 Work Program

Mr. Pernula presented a listing of twenty (20) potential projects that have been identified in the 2013 Planning and Development Services (PDS) work program. He indicated that the Planning Commission had reviewed the projects at its January 8, 2013, meeting and made comments for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners. The PDS 2013 work program is as follows:

2013 Planning and Development Services Work Program:

1. 2012 Comprehensive Plan Amendments;
 - a) Application by Anacortes to amend the UGA,
 - b) Adoption of Recreation Plan as an element of the Comprehensive Plan,
2. Shoreline Master Program Update;
3. Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan Implementation;
4. Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) (Planning Commission study sessions are likely but not legislative consideration; that would be 2014 if the Board of County Commissioners moves it forward);
5. Industrial Lands Survey - in coordination with other jurisdictions;
6. NPDES/Low Impact Development;
7. Stormwater Manual;
8. Capital Facilities Plan Update;
9. Wind energy code language (grant);
10. FEMA BiOp compliance work;
11. Rural Forestry Initiative;
12. Wireless Facilities;
13. Medical Marijuana;
14. Annual code amendments;
15. Guemes Island Subarea Plan Implementation;
16. South Fidalgo Island Subarea Plan;
17. Hazard Mitigation project.
18. Review of CaRD standards;
19. Review of accessory uses in agricultural lands; and
20. Begin 2016 Comprehensive Plan update.

There was a discussion about how to budget for staff time for items that are required by law and how to prioritize the work program listing.

2. Introduction of Land Use Legislative Reform Ordinance

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Walters provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding a proposed ordinance that would change the process for amending land use regulations, and would restructure the Planning Commission. Mr. Walters explained that a public hearing on the matter was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, January 29, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioners hearing room.

He explained that the proposed Planning Commission changes included reconfiguring the three (3) year terms of the Planning Commission with evenly staggered terms and consistent end dates for each member. He indicated that all of the current Planning Commissioners would need to be reappointed, with a formal application procedure, the current Planning Commission bylaws would be rescinded, the Planning Commission would adopt and follow Robert's Rules of Order, and the Planning Commission would be required update and continue their education. He further explained the proposed ordinance would not change the term limits of the Planning Commission, the number of Planning Commissioners would remain the same, and they would be reimbursed for mileage but would not receive a stipend.

Mr. Walters indicated that a copy of the ordinance was available at www.skagitcounty.net on the County Commissioners' website. The ordinance was expected to be adopted by February 1, 2013.

The Commissioners discussed the proposed changes and indicated they appreciated the time and work that the Planning Commission, staff had put in to update the process.

3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Planning and Development Services to discuss. Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 9:08 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:31 a.m.

1. Public Hearing to Consider 4th Quarter 2012 Budget Amendments

Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue provided the supplemental 2012 budget amendments.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 9:37 a.m.

Ed Stauffer of Bow commented a new management position he believed had been created at the end of 2012 in the Planning and Development Services Department. He addressed concerns that the position had not advertised in the newspaper or on the County's list serve. Mr. Stauffer went on to say he was on the Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) Committee and addressed concerns that there was not a Growth Management Act expert currently working with the TDR Committee due to a recent departure of the consultant and asked about how the funds from the grant were being managed.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the supplemental budget authorizing the supplemental budget. (**Resolution No. R20130009**) Chairman Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:43 a.m.

- c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Meet and Greet - Associate Dean and Director of Washington State University (WSU) Cooperative Extension Dr. Rich Koenig

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:04 a.m.

Director of Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Cooperative Extension Don McMoran introduced Associate Dean and Director of WSU Extension Dr. Rich Koenig. Dr. Koenig indicated that when he was appointed to the position in September of 2102, one of his goals was to visit all 39 Counties in Washington State and that his visit to Skagit County was his first county visit since his appointment.

The Commissioners welcomed Dr. Koenig to Skagit County and congratulated him on his appointment.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:15 a.m.

- d) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Board of Health:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m.

Director of Public Health Peter Browning was present to introduce the agenda items and answer questions.

1. Flu in Skagit County in 2013

Communicable Disease Manager Sandi Paciotti announced that the flu season had picked up markedly in the last few weeks in Skagit and in the surrounding counties. Most cases were due primarily to the particularly virulent influenza A (H3N2) strain. This year's flu vaccine is well-matched to the strains that are spreading and was expected to be effective. Ms. Paciotti reported that The Center for Decease Control recommended anyone who has not been vaccinated for the flu should do so now.

Ms. Paciotti explained that to date, there had been three (3) flu related deaths in Washington State. She noted that it takes about two weeks to build immunity after a flu shot, frequent hand washing, covering your cough, isolating in your household, and taking antivirals early on in illness were the best ways to prevent the spread of the flu. It was pointed out that a person can spread the flu up to seven days after the onset of illness.

2. Local Code Revisions Necessary to Adopt State Regulation Changes

Environmental Public Health Manager Corinne Story reported on changes to regulations regarding food safety, Group B public water systems and liquid waste gray water systems which had been adopted by the State Department of Health and would require Skagit County to make changes to local code in order to stay current with State law. She explained that modifications to Skagit County Code, Chapter 12 were in the Environmental Health's work plan for 2013.

3. Proposed Increases to Environmental Public Health Divisions Charges

Ms. Story discussed a proposed resolution to set a public hearing on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 10:30, or as soon thereafter as possible in the Commissioners Hearing Room, regarding the increase of fees for the Environmental Public Health Division. She indicated the increases were necessary to more closely reflect actual costs. The increases included food service establishment permits, plan reviews and re-inspections of food service establishments, pools, hourly charges, drinking water program fees and solid waste permit fees.

A motion was made by Chairman Dahlstedt to approve authorizing a call for public hearing to consider testimony regarding revisions to Skagit County Public Health Department schedule of charges on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. in the

Commissioners' Hearing Room. **(The resolution will be brought forward for the Commissioners' signature on the Consent Agenda on January 22, 2013)**

Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

4. Miscellaneous

Mr. Browning discussed future potential Board of Health agenda items.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 11:28 a.m.

e) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

1. Public Comment Period

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

President People 1st of Skagit County David Wilder presented the upcoming 2013 events. For more information Mr. Wilder can be contacted at their website at www.skagitpeople1st.org or by e-mail at dwilder@chinookenterprises.org.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

County Offices will be closed on Friday, January 18, 2013, for a county closure day and on Monday, January 21, 2013 for Martin Luther King Day.

f) *12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) (600 South 3rd Suite 100, Mount Vernon)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

The Commissioners attended an executive session on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, from 12:10 p.m. to 1:03 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, and Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea. Others Present: Sheriff Will Reichardt, Judge Michael Rickert, Judge John Meyer, Judge David Svaren, County Administrator Tim Holloran, and Undersheriff Tom Molitor.

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:46 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board
