

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2013, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Ron Wesen, and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt 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. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

Chair Dillon introduced Director of Public Works Henry Hash.

1. **Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding the 2013-2018 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Revision No. 2**

Mr. Hash introduced Engineering Technician Forrest Jones who briefed the Commissioners on the projects being added to, or revised on, TIP. The Dodge Valley Road Guardrail and Finney Creek Road Stabilization Projects were being added. The Francis Road Section 3, Hard Creek Bridge, and Pioneer Highway/Fir Island Road Intersection Projects were being revised.

Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 8:36 a.m. Seeing no one present to give testimony, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve Revision 2 of the Resolution to adopt the 2013 - 2018 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (**Resolution No. R20130069**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Dahlstedt thanked Public Works for their work on Pioneer Highway for long over-due improvements.

2. **Discussion/Possible Signature: Resolution Regarding the Adoption of the 2013 Annual Construction Program, Revision 1**

Mr. Jones briefed the Board on the projects being added to, or revised on, the Annual Construction Program. Projects included Finney Creek Road Stabilization, Francis Road Section 3, Hard Creek Bridge Repairs, and Pioneer Highway/Fir Island Intersection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution adopting the 2013 Annual Construction Program, Revision 1. (**Resolution No. R20130070**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Presentation: Life Cycle of a Project

Mr. Hash introduced County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter who briefed the Board on the life cycle of a Public Works project. Mr. Randall-Grutter said that there were four main phases of project: 1. Planning and Programming, 2. Design, 3. Right-of-Way, 4. Construction. He said that each of these four main phases had five additional parts: 1. Initiate, 2. Plan, 3. Execute, 4. Monitor, 5. Close.

Mr. Randall-Grutter, Engineering Technician Forrest Jones, Senior Project Engineer Larry Krueger, and Design/Construction Manager David Walde all discussed different phases of a Public Works project and they pointed out that they welcome and often seek public input when beginning a project. Mr. Randall-Grutter showed a list of 12 projects currently being worked on in Public Works and the sheet showed what stage each project was in.

The Commissioners thanked Public Works for the presentation.

4. Miscellaneous

Public Works did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:49 a.m.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Proclamation: Toastmasters Week in Skagit County - March 17-24, 2013

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:00 a.m. and invited Carl Garrison to share information about Toastmasters.

Mr. Garrison thanked the Commissioners for recognizing Toastmasters Week in Skagit County. He and other members of Toastmasters said that the clubs in Skagit County were open to all and that their focus was to improve speaking and listening skills as well as leadership skills. Mr. Garrison shared that Toastmasters has helped him with his business and personal relations and he said that Toastmasters is a good program for the growth of individuals. Some of the local clubs in Skagit County include the Burlington Better Speakers Club and the Mount Vernon Morning Club.

Commissioner Wesen read the proclamation declaring March 17 – 24, 2013, as Toastmasters Week in Skagit County.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:16 a.m.

c) 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.

Ed Stauffer of Bow was present to inform the Commissioners that he was impressed with the statement made earlier in the day by Public Works Director

Henry Hash about involving the public in their planning processes.

Mike Newman of Mount Vernon was present to submit petitions to the Commissioners requesting that they reject the proposed ordinance updating Skagit County Code, Titles 2 and 14.

Jack Arrington of Anacortes was present to urge the Commissioners to reject the proposed changes to Skagit County Code, Titles 2 and 14, and to please consider his recent email informing the Commissioners about the dangers of reusable grocery bags.

Wylie Clark of Anacortes was present to discuss the TDR Program and RCW 36.70 the Planning Enabling Act. He shared concerns that the TDR program was another method to take away property rights, and he asked the Commissioners to reject the proposed change to Skagit County Code, Chapters 2 and 14.

Tina Champeaux-Wolner of Sedro-Woolley warned the Commissioners that Envision Skagit 2060 was another attempt at taking away people's property rights. She also shared a conversation she had with an 80 year old farmer and his experience with Skagit County working with him to keep his cows away from a ditch in order to prevent the pollution of the waterways. This individual shared with Mrs. Champeaux-Wolner that the Skagit County employee informed him that he would be happy when there were no cows left in Skagit County. Mrs. Champeaux-Wolner said she was worried that this mentality is shared by all in Skagit County Government.

Commissioner Wesen said that he is a dairy farmer and that as farmers and property owners, they have to comply with the State and Federal Clean Water Act which means they have to manage their herd and keep them away from creeks. He said one preferred method was to fence off the creeks in order to allow the grasses to grow which absorb a lot of the nutrients being washed towards the creek during rain events. He said that Skagit County is encouraging property owners to manage their property better.

Commissioner Dahlstedt was curious to know who made those kinds of statements that Mrs. Champeaux-Wolner shared.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Chair Dillon announced the following three future public hearings:
Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 9:30 a.m. to consider testimony regarding amending the first quarter 2013 Skagit County budget.

Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 10:30 a.m. to consider testimony regarding the application for public service grant component of the Community Development Block Grant.

Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. to consider testimony regarding vacating a portion of County right-of-way easement on McFarland Road, No.30900.

- d) *1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Coordinating Council Meeting - Public Safety Jail Project
- e) *2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Skagit-Island Safe Kids Coalition Meeting (Washington Elementary School, 1020 Mclean Road, Mount Vernon)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:49 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board