

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2013, with Chair Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner 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. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

Mr. Hash introduced Engineering Technician Torey Nelson to discuss the details of the Franchise Agreement.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: Application for a Franchise Agreement with Sewer District No. 1

Mr. Nelson informed the Commissioners that the term of the Agreement was for 15 years. He showed the area covered by the Agreement on a map on the overhead projector. Mr. Nelson stated that Sewer District No. 1 would comply with all Skagit County Codes and standards, would give notice of work, apply for any necessary permits for work, and, would restore any surfaces disturbed by improvements to the sewer line to similar or better condition.

The Commissioners and Mr. Nelson discussed the term and Mr. Nelson confirmed that Sewer District No. 1 had been a good partner. Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 8:35 a.m. Seeing no one present to provide public testimony Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:35 a.m. and Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution to authorize the execution of a nonexclusive Franchise Agreement with Skagit County Sewer District No. 1 (**Resolution No. R20130121**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve and execute a Franchise Agreement with Skagit County Sewer District No. 1, a Washington special purpose district, to construct, maintain, and operate facilities for the purposes of a sanitary sewer system across

County roads and right-of-way within the Franchise area (**Contract No. C20130207**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Proclamation: May 19 - 25, 2013, National Public Works Week

Mr. Hash introduced County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter to discuss the variety of services and infrastructure Public Works provides their communities.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation regarding May 19 through May 25, 2013 as National Public Works Week, and the Commissioners thanked Skagit County Public Works for providing excellent service to the citizens of Skagit County.

3. Presentation: County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Certificate of Good Practice to Skagit County Engineer

Commissioner Wesen read the Certificate of Good Practice to Skagit County Engineer from the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) and the Commissioners presented the certificate to Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter.

Mr. Randall-Grutter thanked the Commissioners as well as all staff of Public Works. He said that it takes everyone working together to receive the annual certificate from CRAB.

4. Miscellaneous

Public Works did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:02 a.m.

- b) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Works - Henry Hash, Director:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m. and introduced Mr. Hash.

1. Proclamation: Recognizing 2013 "Click it or Ticket"

Mr. Hash introduced Traffic Safety Coordinator Ken Bergsma to discuss the campaign to educate and prevent people from driving without a seatbelt and while distracted.

Mr. Bergsma discussed the coordination and outreach performed state-wide and at the local level to spread the message and perform intensive patrols. He said that Click it or Ticket was organized by the Washington Traffic Safety Committee which began the campaign to reduce traffic accident fatalities, injuries, and medical costs. Mr. Bergsma reported that Washington State now leads the nation with the highest rate of seatbelt use at 97.5%.

Washington State Patrol Lieutenant Jason Armstrong briefed the Commissioners on seatbelt and distracted driving statistics. He said that three years ago, our region (Skagit, Island, Whatcom, and Snohomish County) led the state in non-seatbelted deaths, which is no longer the case.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Bergsma and Lieutenant Armstrong

for the presentations and Commissioner Wesen read the proclamation recognizing the 2013 "Click it or Ticket" campaign.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 11:21 a.m.

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

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

1. Public Comment Period

During the public comment period, students from Mount Vernon High School, enrolled in an American Government class learning about civic action and influencing public policy with Ms. Bobbie Miller Harris, asked the Commissioners questions about the Skagit County public safety jail facility project. Questions included what would happen with the current facility should a new facility be constructed, whether the facility could be used to house the juvenile detention unit, and why the City of Mount Vernon chose not to review the Gunn Road site.

Randy Good of Sedro-Woolley shared concerns about an item recently approved by the Commissioners on April 29, 2013 (Resolution No. R20130107 approving maps, plans, and specifications and calling for bids for the Cascade Trail Mile One (1) Trailhead Project #ES97-74) which was to pave 0.7 miles of the Cascade Trail. Mr. Good informed the Commissioners that the public did not have an opportunity to comment on the project and that the project should have been added to TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) in order to satisfy legal requirements and include the public in the process. Mr. Good also shared that the Cascade Trail, which was part of the "Rails to Trails" program, should not be considered permanent since the corridor could be used by the railroad once again to reinstate service to Concrete and beyond.

Roger Mitchell of Bow echoed Mr. Good's concerns about Resolution No. R20130107 and asked that the Commissioners start over and follow all applicable procedures. Mr. Mitchell also requested that the Commissioners formally take action on the proposed Ordinance that was presented to the Commissioners January 2013 which addressed portions of Skagit County Code in relation to the operation of the Planning Commission. He reported that the Planning Commission took action on the proposed Ordinance in March: rejecting some portions and adopting others.

Jack Arrington of Anacortes reminded the public to stand up for their rights.

Ed Stauffer of Bow reported that he had been reelected to serve another term for the Alger Watershed and that he would be meeting with Commissioner Dahlstedt to discuss water issues. Mr. Stauffer asked the Commissioners to consider the advice of Mr. Good regarding the Cascade Trail.

Ellen Cooley of Bow was present to endorse Randy Good's remarks on the Cascade Trail.

Wayne Baccus of Sedro-Woolley was present to discuss his experience with the Cascade Trail as a property owner who has the trail intersecting his parcel(s) and informed the Commissioners that the trail is not properly maintained, vegetation is not properly managed, and fences are not maintained or repaired.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Chair Dillon announced an executive session on Thursday and real estate acquisition.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings for the day.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board