

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Friday, May 24, 2013, with Commissioners Sharon D. Dillon, Ron Wesen, and Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order.

II. AGENDA:

a) *10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Emergency Resolution

Chair Dillon announced that, although it was a closure day, the Commissioners needed to meet due to the event experienced by Skagit County when a portion of the Interstate 5 Skagit River Bridge catastrophically collapsed into the river at approximately 7:00 p.m. Chair Dillon said that the response by emergency responders was fast and there was no loss of life. Chair Dillon said that multiple local, state, and federal agencies were coordinating the response to the event and she appreciated Skagit County's EOC (Emergency Operations Center) method for coordinating the response to the disaster. She thanked the Washington State Patrol who were able to close the freeway and prevent vehicles from driving off the bridge. Chair Dillon announced that Commissioners Ron Wesen and Ken Dahlstedt were attending the meeting by telephone since they were still in Flagstaff, Arizona where they had attended a National Association of Counties Conference. Commissioner Dahlstedt, speaking by telephone, said he was thankful that no lives had been lost. He thanked Governor Inslee, Senator Maria Cantwell, Senator Patty Murray, Representative Suzan DelBene, Representative Rick Larsen, Commissioner Sharon Dillon, and Interim Director of Emergency Management Mark Watkinson for their rapid response and support.

Commissioner Wesen, speaking by telephone, thanked the local responders, State, and Federal partners for their support. Commissioner Wesen said that the bridge was a vital transportation corridor for transportation and people would need to continue to support businesses in the area.

Commissioner Wesen read the Emergency Resolution for the Interstate 5 Skagit River Bridge collapse on Thursday, May 23, 2013.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Emergency Resolution for the Interstate 5 Skagit River Bridge collapse on Thursday, May 23, 2013 (**Resolution No. R20130127**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

The Commissioners urged Skagit County citizens to have patience and to be aware that many controlled intersections would be experiencing timing changes in order to accommodate the new traffic patterns.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said he was pleased that the Anderson/LaVenture road extension project was completed since it would help relieve some of the traffic.

III. 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