

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, with Chair Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present. Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Wesen called the proceedings to order at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Dillon's absence was excused.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Wesen led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

a) \*8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Briefing - County Commissioners/County Administrator

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Interim Director:

1. Discussion: Edison Slough Drainage Improvement Efforts

Dan Berentson, Interim Public Works Director; Dianne Crane, Project Manager; and Kara Symonds, Watershed Planner, were present to introduce the agenda item and answer questions.

Ms. Symonds noted that the Skagit County Drainage Utility had hired Paul Pittman, a Consultant with Element Solutions, to develop a Drainage Improvement Plan. She indicated that the County would work in collaboration with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife to prepare a maintenance plan, and that Element Solutions would provide help to acquire permits, and implement maintenance and mitigation to improve drainage and manage habitat in the Edison Slough.

Paul Pittman, Consultant with Element Solutions, provided a PowerPoint presentation, and a short history of past Edison Slough projects. Mr. Pittman updated the Board on the survey work that had been done, proposed drainage maintenance plan, and outlined what to expect in the coming year. He provided information about the public meeting with landowners that occurred in September 2013, and provided a map which depicted areas that had reported flooding problems due to small or damaged pipes, or pipes that were partially filled with sediment. Mr. Pittman said that the next step would be to provide a draft plan to regulatory agencies in the fall of 2014 and to consider potential mitigation.

There was a discussion about the fish population in the slough; water levels, tide gate valves; the County's efforts to contact landowners that had not yet signed a Right of Entry form, removal of vegetation, and dredging.

Chair Wesen noted that he was a Drainage and Irrigation Improvement Commissioner for District 16. He said that he lived in the Edison Slough Drainage Improvement area and that his family had been farming in the area for several generations. Commissioner Dahlstedt said that the project was a collaborative effort and encouraged the landowners to get involved.

Dianne Crane said that she would be accepting Right of Entry forms from landowners. She can be reached by telephone at (360) 336-9400 or by e-mail at [diannec@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:diannec@co.skagit.wa.us).

Mr. Pittman can be reached by telephone at (360) 815-4177 or by e-mail at [ppittman@elementsolutions.org](mailto:ppittman@elementsolutions.org).

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:21 a.m.

- c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Information Services - Mike Almvig, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m.

1. Presentation: Deployment of New Skagit County Website

Mike Almvig, Director of Information Services, displayed an article from the Skagit Valley Herald which mentioned the initial launch of the Skagit County website in October 1999. He said that Information Services and Geographic Information Services had been working on the new website and that it would be ready for deployment on Tuesday, January 28, 2014. Mr. Almvig said that all County departments had been involved in helping to build the site and provide input on the data for the site. He thanked the software development team; and Geographic Information Services for their hard work. Brian Young, webmaster and Access Skagit Channel 21 Director provided the Commissioners with an overview of the new <http://skagitcounty.net> website.

John Holmes, System Analyst; and Geoff Almvig, GIS Coordinator, provided an overview of how to navigate the new website.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication in updating the County's website.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:20 a.m.

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m. and excused the absence of Commissioner Dillon and Commissioner Dahlstedt

1. Public Comment Period

Ed Stauffer of Bow commented on the launch on the new County website. He said that the work being done to the website would provide increased information to the public. He encouraged the public to take advantage of the new website. Mr. Stauffer spoke about the Personal Services Agreement with Aero-Metric, Inc., and asked why the county was spending so much money on digitizing aerial maps from 1969. He commented on the annual work programs submitted to the Board of County Commissioners and the Comprehensive Plan Amendments and addressed his concerns that the public have not been provided with background information on items being placed on the Commissioners' agenda.

Seeing no further public comment forthcoming, Chair Wesen closed the public comment period at 11:37 a.m.

Chair Wesen said that the public was invited to provide comments on the ease of use of the new website. He said that the County was spending \$19,000 to have Aero-Metric, Inc., digitize paper prints of photo maps from 1969 in order to make use of current technology. The digital maps would be made available on the County's website and would be made available to County staff and the public. He explained that the County Commissioners had the authority to approve certain departments work plans.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings 11:46 a.m.

- e) 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Consent Agenda, Vouchers, Warrants and Miscellaneous Items

- f) \*2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Executive Session (Real Estate Acquisition - 42.30.110(1)(b))

Chair Ron Wesen and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt attended an executive session on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, from 2:05 p.m. to 2:18 p.m., Commissioner Dillon's absence was excused, the

purpose of the executive session was Real Estate Acquisition - RCW 42.30.110(1) (b). (Matters relating to real estate acquisition or lease where public knowledge would cause a likelihood of increased price.) Other attendees: County Administrator Tim Holloran; Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue; and Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Melinda Miller.

g) \*2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Executive Session (None Scheduled as of the Date of this Notice)

IV. CONSENT AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014 (items 1 through 5):

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 5, Ratification Agenda items 6 and 7, vouchers and warrants for Tuesday, January 21, 2014. Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon's absence was excused

a) COMMISSIONERS:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, January 13, 2014. **(Approved)**
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, January 14, 2014. **(Approved)**

b) GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SERVICES:

3. Master License Agreement with Latitude Geographics Group Ltd. to provide a sixty (60) day evaluation trial license for a web based Geocortex Essentials mapping software. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and shall continue for sixty (60) days. There is no compensation associated with this Agreement. **(Contract No. C20140021)**

c) PUBLIC WORKS:

4. Resolution to award the bid for the purchase of two (2) new oil distributors to Motor Trucks Inc. for the total price of \$318,056.20 including tax. **(Resolution No. R20140010)**
5. Personal Services Agreement with Aero-Metric, Inc. to scan archived negatives of historical aerial images taken in 1969 of Skagit County. The digital data will be used by Skagit County staff and the public. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2014. Compensation shall not exceed \$19,749. **(Contract No. C20140022)**

V. RATIFICATION AGENDA (items 6 and 7):

d) PUBLIC DEFENDER:

6. Resolution authorizing the ratification of a Personal Services Agreement with Shauna L. Bean to provide consultation and representation for a maximum of thirty-five (35) District Court cases for the Skagit County Public Defender. A signed contract was not processed prior to the commencement of service on January 1, 2014. **(Resolution No. R20140011)**
7. Personal Services Agreement with Shauna L. Bean to provide consultation and representation for a maximum of thirty-five (35) District Court cases for the Skagit County Public Defender. The Agreement commenced on January 1, 2014, and shall continue until December 31, 2014. Compensation shall not exceed \$65,000. **(Contract No. C20140023)**

VII. VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS:

1. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

- a) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Trusteed Plans Service Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$74,258.26 (Transmittal No. C-8-14); and
- b) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Trusteed Plans Service Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$96,749.75 (Transmittal No. C-9-14); and
- c) Warrants numbered 396430 through 396785 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$1,426,795.67 (Transmittal No. C-10-14).

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 1:32 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Ron Wesen, Chair

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board