

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 8:32 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

Dan Berentson, Director, was present to introduce the agenda item and introduced Esco Bell, City of Mount Vernon Public Works Director who was present in the gallery.

1. Presentation: Project Completion for Anderson/LaVenture Road Extension Project and Pioneer Highway and Fir Island Road Intersection Project

Paul Randall-Grutter, County Engineer, provided an overview of the 2014 construction season. He said the 2014 projects included the Pioneer Highway/Fir Island Road Intersection and the Anderson/LaVenture Road Extension projects. He noted that there would a ribbon cutting ceremony held today, August 19, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. to celebrate the completion of the Pioneer Highway/Fir Island Road Intersection project. He mentioned that the County partnered with the Public Utility District (PUD) of Skagit County on the project.

Mr. Randall-Grutter also provided an overview of the other 2014 construction projects which were either complete or were nearing completion which included the following projects:

2014 Overlay Program;
Calhoun Road Rehabilitation;
Davis Slough Bridge on South Skagit Highway;
Guemes Island Ferry Dolphins Replacement;
Street Waste Facility in the old incinerator building;
Edison Culverts; and
Hansen Creek Pedestrian Bridge.

Commissioner Dillon said she was happy that Anderson/LaVenture was completed noting that traffic had been detoured through that area when the Skagit River Bridge collapsed.

Commissioner Dahlstedt thanked the key partners on the Anderson/LaVenture project former Senator Mary Margaret Haugen and former City of Mount Vernon

Mayor Bud Norris. He commended Public Works for their work on identifying safety projects.

Chair Wesen spoke about the City and County partnership on the Anderson/LaVenture Road project and discussed the maintenance of the project. He explained how to properly maneuver in a roundabout.

The Commissioners thanked Public Works for their hard work.

Other Staff Present:

David Walde, Construction Manager; Jennifer Swanson, Project Manager; Katie McCulloch, Executive Assistant to the Public Works Director; Mike Farthing, Project Manager; and Jim Mickel, Public Works Controller.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:20 a.m.

b) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Proclamation Celebrating Job Corps' 50 Years of Success

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

Brian Hurst, Business and Community Liaison, said that Cascade job Corps Center had been very fortunate for all the support and encouragement they have received over the years from elected officials and community leaders. He said that in addition to academic training, Cascade Job Corps provided career technical training in the following nine vocations: carpentry; cement masonry; certified nurse's aide; clinical medical assistant; facilities maintenance; food service; medical administrative assistant; office administration and painting.

Commissioner Dillon read the proclamation celebrating Job Corps 50 years of success and declared August 18, through 22, 2014, as Job Corps week in Skagit County.

The Commissioners encouraged the community to join them in saluting the Cascade Job Corps Center and the national Job Corps program for 50 years of success and wished them continued success for 50 more years to come.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:12 a.m.

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

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There were no members of the community present to provide success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Seeing no one present to provide public comment, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public comment period at 11:32 a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Dillon congratulated the Town of Concrete for breaking ground on their Public Safety building.

- d) *2:00 p.m. Ribbon Cutting for Pioneer Highway and Fir Island Road Intersection Project

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:33 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board