

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 28, 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 8:31 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:

Chair Wesen introduced Public Works Director Dan Berentson.

1. Presentation: 2015-2020 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and the 2015 Annual Construction Program (ACP)

Mr. Berentson introduced Engineering Technician Forrest Jones. Mr. Jones wished his wife of 25 years Happy Anniversary. Mr. Jones explained that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was required pursuant to RCW 36.81.121. He said that it was a project planning tool for regional, state and federal projects. The 2015-2020 TIP had 46 projects and he briefed the Commissioners on 14 new projects being added, 32 projects that were remaining on TIP from the last cycle, and 6 projects that were being removed.

The Commissioners and Mr. Jones discussed comments that had been received on the proposed 2015-2020 TIP. They also discussed the Francis Road Project, and proposed paving of another portion of the Cascade Trail. Chair Wesen thought the estimated amount of \$2 million was high.

Next, Mr. Jones presented the draft Annual Construction Program for 2015. He said it would be finalized once the 2015 budget was set. He also said that some of the projects were dependent on grant funding, and that they would be removed from the list if funding was not awarded.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:08 a.m.

2. Miscellaneous

Public Works did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:08 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval for the Following Open Space Applications:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:32 a.m. and introduced Annette DeVoe, Current Use Specialist.

1. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application of Carol A. Whipple, to Transfer 16 Acres from Current Use Timber to the Current Use Open Space Program (CUOS #2-2014)

Ms. DeVoe informed the Board that the applicant was asking to transfer 16 acres from the Current Use Timber Program to Current Use Open Space. Ms. DeVoe said that the applicant had shared that it was her father's wish that the property not be logged, but that it be available to the public to use and enjoy. She said that locals in the area often took evening walks on the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution concerning an Open Space Application of Carol A. Whipple, to transfer 16 acres from Current Use Timber to the Current Use Open Space Program (CUOS #2-2014) (**Resolution No. R20140316**) Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application of Roger and Leslie Jungquist and Mike Spink, to Transfer 17.15 Acres from the Current Use Farm and Agricultural Program to the Current Use Open Space Program (CU/OS #3-2014)

Ms. DeVoe informed the Commissioners that the Open Space Application process had been started with Gary and Gail Lohman, but that it had recently been transferred to Roger and Leslie Jungquist and Mike Spink. Ms. DeVoe said that the property was located on the north side of the Nookachamp Hills development and that at least 3/4 of parcel was considered to be a critical areas wetland. Since the property cannot be farmed, the current applicant is asking that 17.15 acres be transferred from the Current Use Farm and Agriculture Program to the Current Use Open Space Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Resolution concerning an Open Space Application of Roger and Leslie Jungquist and Mike Spink, to transfer 17.15 acres from the Current Use Farm and Agricultural Program to the Current Use Open Space Program (CU/OS #3-2014) (**Resolution No. R20140317**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:40 a.m.

c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Budget and Finance, Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:15 a.m. and introduced Trisha Logue.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Jail Bond Resolution

Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue said that the Board executed a Resolution in early September to issue and sell bonds up to \$10,000,000 to acquire property and for planning and capital improvements to county facilities. Ms. Logue said that since that time, the county's financing needs had changed and the financial market had improved. She introduced Susan Musselman,

Director of Public Financial Management, Inc. to update the Board on the changes.

Ms. Musselman informed the Board that since September, interest rates had continued to drop, and after further analysis of the current world and local markets, Public Financial Management was recommending issuing the bonds sooner than planned at the lower rate of interest. Ms. Musselman said that they were also recommending an increase from \$10,000,000 to \$61,575,000 (the amount needed for jail financing plus other county financing needs). She said that the term would be for 30-years.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Logue and Ms. Musselman for monitoring the financial climate to get the best rates for Skagit County's needs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Resolution repealing Resolution No. R20140274 and authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of limited tax general obligation bonds of the county in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$61,575,000 for the purpose of acquiring property, planning and capital improvements to county facilities; providing for the annual levy of taxes to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds; and delegating certain authority to the County Administrator and Budget and Finance Director in connection with the sale. **(Resolution No. R20140318)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Ween recessed the proceedings at 10:26 a.m.

d) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Update from Emergency Medical Services, Mark Raaka, Director

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:33 a.m. and introduced EMS Director Mark Raaka. Mr. Raaka informed the Board that they had been working on standardizing procedures among the ambulance providers and first responders.

One update was the way data was collected in the field and in transport to medical facilities. He introduced Joel Pratt who showed the Commissioners the system that would soon be used by responders in the field to collect and transmit data collected on all response calls. Mr. Pratt also discussed the ways the data could be used to help improve the county-wide response system.

130 people had been trained on the technology and the providers and their leadership agreed that the system would be benefited by its implementation.

Another aspect that was being improved by the technology was 3rd Party Billing. Mr. Pratt explained how signatures and authorizations could be collected in the field.

Finally, Mr. Pratt discussed the standardization of ordering medical supplies. He explained that by ordering the same type of supplies for all providers, costs could be reduced, and safety would increase since medical responders would only need to be trained on how to properly use one type of device instead of 3 or 4. Mr. Pratt gave an example of 4 different types of cervical collars currently used in the field, and that each one was applied differently.

Last, Skagit County EMS was working on consolidating protocols for EMT's and paramedics. Mr. Raaka shared that Dr. Slack was due to resign on November 15th and that Dr. Matthew Russell from Skagit Valley Hospital was selected to be Skagit County's next Medical Program Director. Some of the protocols that would be evaluated was the allocation of resources, levels and times of service, and proper transport

responses. Also being evaluated was Skagit Safe Kids, re-implementing the Medical Reserve Corps, and re-mounting ambulance boxes on new chassis.

Finally, after a financial analysis was completed by Public Financial Management, levy cost sharing had been evaluated and it had been decided to cap reimbursement for 911 calls to \$11.50 per call. The Commissioners appreciated the unified system, increase in safety, and lowered costs. Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:19 a.m.

e) 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

No one was present to share success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Randy Good of Sedro-Woolley was present for public comment period to share concerns about errors in materials provided at a recent Planning Commission meeting and how he should go about asking them to be corrected. He also discussed the Cascade Trail, pointing out the use of RCW 47.30.040, and things to consider when planning a public trail system, including the provision of safety for trail users and the protection of property near the trail. Mr. Good asked that the Cascade Trail be removed from the Transpiration Improvement Program (TIP).

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:38 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board