

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2020, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the remotely held proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. AGENDA:

- a) *8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director: (Watch the meeting live on Skagit21 Television, streamed online at www.skagitcounty.net/Skagit21 or listen to the meeting by calling 1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 207 601 597 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/207601597>

County Administrator and Budget Finance Director Trisha Logue presented the proposed budget amendments.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Amending the 2020 Skagit County Budget

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 8:34 a.m. Seeing no one present online to provide public testimony, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing at 8:34 a.m. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. Possible Action - Resolution to Amend the 2020 Skagit County Budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Resolution to Amend the 2020 Skagit County Budget. (**Resolution No. R20200195**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 8:38 a.m.

- b) 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Briefing - County Administrator, Planning and Development Services, Public Works, Public Health and Department of Emergency Management (Listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (646) 749-3122 Access Code: 734 350 413 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/734350413>)

Chair Wesen called the remotely held briefing to order at 8:45 a.m. The purpose of the briefing was for Public Works, Planning and Development Services, Public Health and Emergency Management departments to provide a weekly update.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen
Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt
Commissioner Lisa Janicki
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Kayla Schott-Bresler
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Melinda Miller
Planning and Development Services Director Hal Hart
Public Works Director Dan Berentson
County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter
Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson
Department of Emergency Management Director Bob Dolhanyk
Communications Coordinator Laura Han
Emergency Management Coordinator Vickie Fontaine

Link to briefing documents:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/11162020/>

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

- c) 9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Growth Management Technical Advisory Committee Meetings Briefing from Planning and Development Services and Public Health (Listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 322 048 933 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/322048933>)

Chair Wesen called the remotely held briefing to order at 9:44 a.m.

The purpose of the briefing was for Planning and Development Services and Public Health to provide a Growth Management Technical Advisory Committee meeting briefing.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen
Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt
Commissioner Lisa Janicki
Deputy County Administrator Kayla Schott-Bresler
Planning and Development Services Director Hal Hart
Planning and Development Services Assistant Director Michael Cerbone
Long Range Planner Peter Gill
Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson

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Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:04 a.m.

*10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Consent Agenda, Vouchers, Warrants and Miscellaneous Items (Watch the meeting live on Skagit21 Television, streamed online at www.skagitcounty.net/Skagit21 or listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (872) 240-3212 Access Code: 944 178 613 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/944178613>)

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:31 a.m.

1. CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020 (items 1 through 29):

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 29 including all items requiring ratification, vouchers and warrants, for Monday, November 16, 2020. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

a) COMMISSIONERS:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Friday, November 6, 2020. **(Approved)**
2. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, November 9, 2020. **(Approved)**
3. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, November 10, 2020. **(Approved)**
4. Record of the Proceedings for Friday, November 13, 2020. **(Approved)**

b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

5. Amendment No. 1 to Individual Disaster Relief Employment Contract No. C20200361 with Northwest Workforce Council to provide funding for COVID-19 employment opportunities for dislocated workers to work temporarily at the COVID-19 testing site. This Amendment adds a temporary COVID-19 testing site assistant. Compensation is increased from \$16,000 to an amount not to exceed \$32,000. The term of the Agreement is extended from January 17, 2021, to June 30, 2021. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20200218)**

c) DISTRICT COURT:

6. Resolution to declare a continued public health emergency due to COVID-19 and modified purchasing, bidding, and public notice requirements associated with upgrades to conduct video conferencing hearings in Skagit County District Court. **(Resolution No. R20200196)**

d) HUMAN RESOURCES:

7. Resolution to modify the effective date of Resolution No. R20200188, Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual Policy 4.4 D “Vacation Cash-out”, to become effective on January 1, 2021. **(Resolution No. R20200197)**

e) OFFICE OF JUVENILE COURT:

8. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Mount Vernon School District to jointly fund the BECCA Case Manager position to serve the School District and the Skagit County Office of Juvenile Court in implementing the truancy portion of the BECCA Bill as outlined by RCW and WAC. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$15,735. The Agreement is ratified to commence on September 1, 2020, and shall continue through August 31, 2021. **(Contract No. C20200604)**

f) PARKS, RECREATION AND FAIR:

9. Amendment No. 2 to Funding Agreement No. C20170111 with Skagit Land Trust (SLT) to provide reimbursement funding, at the rate of \$90 per hour, in exchange for the SLT providing assistance with the acquisition and permanent protection of lands in Skagit County that will contribute to a corridor for the County’s planned Centennial Trail. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2022. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendment shall remain in effect including the compensation remaining at an amount not to exceed \$50,000, which is funded through the Special Pathways Fund 102 that is funded directly from gasoline tax revenues. **(Amendment No. A20200219)**

10. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20200023 with Freeland and Associates, Inc. to provide civil engineering, landscape design and project closeout services for the Skagit Valley Playfields project. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2021. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect including the compensation remaining at an amount not to exceed \$65,000, which is based on a fee schedule. **(Amendment No. A20200220)**

11. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20200144 with Graham-Bunting and Associates to attend meeting(s) with the City of Mount Vernon and project team to identify permit applications and environmental review required, provide assistance with the preparation of permit applications and other necessary documents required for the construction of the Skagit Fields project. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2021. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect including the compensation remaining at an amount not to exceed \$9,800, which is based on a fee schedule. **(Amendment No. A20200221)**

12. Amendment No. 3 to Funding Agreement No. C20160015 with Skagit Land Trust to provide funding to secure additional lands through easements or acquisitions to expand open space corridors on Fidalgo Island, the “Fidalgo Open Space Corridors” project. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2022. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect including the compensation remaining at an amount not to exceed \$50,000, which is funded through the Special Pathways Fund 102 that is funded directly from gasoline tax revenues. **(Amendment No. A20200222)**

13. Amendment No. 4 to Funding Agreement No. C20160329 with Skagit Land Trust to provide funding for negotiating and securing a County public trail access to Big Rock Park. The County public trail access route is not yet determined and will need to be negotiated via easement, boundary line adjustment, and/or fee simple purchase. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement from December 31, 2020, to December 31, 2022. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect including the compensation remaining at an amount not to exceed \$50,000, which is funded through the Special Pathways Fund 102 that is funded directly from gasoline tax revenues. **(Amendment No. A20200223)**

g) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

14. Grant Deed of Conservation Easement, for Short Plat PL20-0091 submitted by G and D Wallace, Inc. The proposed land division is in compliance with Skagit County Code 14.16.860, Agricultural Land Preservation will create a 1.13 acre residential lot containing the existing house (Lot 1 on Exhibit B in the conservation easement). The remainder of the acreage, 46.05 acres, will be placed in the conservation easement (Lot 2 on Exhibit B in conservation easement). The property is commonly known as Assessor parcel numbers P36732 and P103332 in Skagit County, Washington. **(Contract No. C20200605)**

h) PUBLIC HEALTH:

15. Resolution calling for a public hearing regarding the final report on the public service grant component of the 2019-2020 application for Community Development Block Grant funding in which Community Action of Skagit County provided public services. The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible. Attendance will be remote by computer, tablet or smartphone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/428659917> or by phone: 1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 428 659 917. **(Resolution No. R20200198)**
16. Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement with the State of Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families Contract No. 20-1173, Skagit County Agreement No. C20190467, to provide high quality home visiting services to vulnerable families for the purpose of improving outcomes of participants and strengthening coordination of services. This Amendment increases compensation to Skagit County from \$397,975.32 to an amount not to exceed \$801,998.14 and extends the term from July 31, 2020, to July 31, 2021. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20200224)**
17. Amendment No. 4 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20200146 with Parker Corporate Services, Inc. dba Pacific Security to provide security for a quarantine and isolation site due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This Amendment adds funds for coverage of holidays and smoke closure days at the COVID-19 test site. Compensation is increased from \$355,000 to an amount not to exceed \$377,000, which is based on an hourly rate schedule. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20200225)**
18. Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20190428 with Public Hospital District 304, CHOP, to implement a substance use prevention coalition within the town and community of Concrete in order to prevent and reduce the misuse and abuse of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, opioids, and other drugs. This Amendment amends Exhibit A Sections Q Deliverables, and increases compensation from \$219,662 to an amount not to exceed \$238,862.28. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendment shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20200226)**
19. Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Valley Hospitality Association dba Friendship House to implement a shelter program that uses equitable and creative approaches to bring people inside with the goal of exiting residents to permanent housing. Compensation is based on a reimbursement for eligible direct services and administrative overhead costs schedule and shall not exceed \$684,829. The Agreement shall commence on December 1, 2020, and continue until June 30, 2023. **(Contract No. C20200606)**
20. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20190562 with Skagit Valley Hospitality Association dba Friendship House to manage and operate a temporary low-barrier shelter. This Amendment adds language to Exhibit B Scope of Work to include the contractor providing Winter Shelter at motel rooms, transportation to motel and security staffing at motel. Compensation is based on a reimbursement for eligible direct services and administrative overhead costs scheduled and is increased from \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$425,000. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect including the termination date of December 31, 2020. **(Amendment No. A20200227)**
21. Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20200340 with Rancho Alegre to provide additional food services for guests staying in isolation/quarantine at the Burlington Inn. This Amendment extends the date of the Agreement from October 31, 2020, to January 31, 2021. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendment shall remain in effect including compensation remaining at an amount not to exceed \$10,000. **(Amendment No. A20200228)**

i) PUBLIC WORKS:

22. Settlement Agreement and release of claims with Snow Mountain Land Company, LLC (Snow Mountain) for property commonly identified as 9663 South March's Point Road, Anacortes, Assessor tax parcel numbers P19676 and P19713. Skagit County will pay Snow Mountain \$70,000 for the release of claims regarding their portion of the Whitmarsh Landfill. The Settlement Agreement is necessary to guarantee access to portions of Whitmarsh Landfill in order to implement the Department of Ecology's preferred cleanup action plan (CAP). The Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the final signature. **(Contract No. C20200607)**
23. Quit Claim Deed for parcel numbers P19676 and P19713 granted by Snow Mountain Land Company, LLC (Grantor) to Skagit County (Grantee) for the purpose of guaranteeing access to portions of Whitmarsh Landfill in order to implement the Department of Ecology's preferred cleanup action plan (CAP). **(Contract No. C20200608)**
24. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the City of Seattle acting through its Seattle City Light Department to transfer property commonly identified as Assessor tax parcel number P63501 to the City as part of the Seattle City Light's Fish and Wildlife Lands Program and Endangered Species Act Lands Program for use in future City fish and wildlife habitat restoration projects. No funds are associated with this Agreement. The Agreement shall commence on the date of mutual execution and continue for two (2) years. **(Contract No. C20200609)**
25. Settlement Agreement, Policy Buy Back and Mutual Release with Compass Insurance Company for the former March Point Landfill a/k/a Whitmarsh Landfill (Washington Department of Ecology Facility Site I.D. #2662). Compass Insurance Company shall pay Skagit County the Settlement amount not to exceed \$525,000. The Agreement shall become effective as of the date of its last execution by the authorized representatives. **(Contract No. C20200610)**
26. Quit Claim Deed for parcel number P63501 granted by Skagit County (Grantor) to the City of Seattle acting through its Seattle City Light Department (Grantee) for the purpose of transferring real property to the City of Seattle as part of the Seattle City Light's Fish and Wildlife Lands Program and Endangered Species Act Lands Program for use in future City fish and wildlife habitat restoration projects. The Quit Claim Deed shall become effective upon recording with the Skagit County Auditor. **(Contract No. C20200611)**
27. License and Services Agreement with Cyclomedia Technology, Inc. to provide roadway data inventory analysis and data collection targeted to spatially locate Skagit County's road assets for prioritization and identification of projects and maintenance programs within Skagit County. Compensation is based on fee schedule and shall not exceed \$612,755. The Agreement shall commence on the date of mutual execution and shall expire two years from the date of delivery. Should the County decide after that time not to have Cyclomedia re-drive but wishes to continue to access the imagery captured, there is a \$10.00 per mile annual fee. Based on 893 miles, the annual fee for access would be \$8,930. **(Contract No. C20200612)**
28. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the City of Sedro-Woolley and Skagit County to allow each party to provide mutual assistance on minor projects and work and services on a reimbursable basis. The City shall reimburse the County for work performed plus an additional nine percent (9%) of the total cost for overhead costs for accounting, billing, and administrative services. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2025. **(Contract No. C20200613)**

j) SHERIFF:

29. Interlocal Agreement for jail services between Snohomish County and Skagit County pursuant to Chapter 39.34 RCW and Chapter 70.48 RCW. The purpose and intent of this Agreement is for Skagit County and Snohomish County to work together efficiently and effectively in order that Snohomish County may provide Skagit County with Jail Services. The 2021 Booking Fee shall be \$130.78 per inmate, and Daily Maintenance Fee of \$182 per inmate with a Video Court Fee for each scheduled hour of Video Court time of \$216.62. The Booking Fee and Daily Maintenance Fee shall increase on January 1 of each calendar year during the term of this Agreement by three (3) percent. The Agreement shall be effective on January 1, 2021, and continue through December 31, 2023. **(Contract No. C20200614)**

2. VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS:

a. 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) Warrants numbered 523910 through 524199 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$2,514,561.42 (Transmittal No. C-135-20).

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:34 a.m.

*11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Board of Health Special Session (Watch the meeting live on Skagit21 Television, streamed online at www.skagitcounty.net/Skagit21 or listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 632 327 501 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/632327501>)

Chair Wesen convened the Board of Health at and performed the roll call at 11:01 a.m.

Board of Health:

Chair Ron Wesen

Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt

Commissioner Lisa Janicki

Dr. Connie Davis, At Large Board Member

Dr. Aaron Katz, At Large Board Member

Several members of the Population Health Trust Advisory Committee were present at the virtual meeting.

Assistant Public Health Director Bob Hicks provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the change the legislature approved to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.58A.560, which involved the fees that public health agencies charged for the issuance of certifications or informational copies of vital records. He noted that in order to comply with RCW 70.58A.560 Skagit County needed to increase the fee for vital records from \$20 to \$25 per record which would become effective on January 1, 2021.

1. [Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Proposed Amendment to the Existing Public Health Schedule of Charges Regarding Vital Records](#)

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 11:06 a.m. Hearing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Janicki made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:07 a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. [Possible Action - Resolution to Adopt a Revised Public Health Schedule of Charges Regarding Vital Records](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution to adopt a revised Public Health Schedule of Charges regarding Vital Records. **(Resolution No. R20200199)** Dr. Aaron Katz, at large member, seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation and expressed concerns that the number of COVID-19 cases in Skagit County were rising. She said that in the first two weeks of November, Skagit County had 360 confirmed cases of COVID-19 which brought the total number of cases to 1,621, 25 people had died and 116 had been hospitalized. Ms. Johnson noted that Skagit County was not meeting three of the key metrics of Governor Inslee's risk assessment dashboard. She reported that the rate per 100,000 of newly diagnosed cases over the last two weeks was 90.6 and the percentage of cases that tested positives was 3.5%. The goal of positive tests on the risk assessment dashboard was less than 2%. Ms. Johnson said that Skagit County was currently in the third wave of the pandemic and is projected to reach 210.5 cases per 100,000 residents.

She addressed hospital capacity and reported that Washington State was experiencing a surge in hospitalizations and stressed the importance of keeping hospital staff healthy so that they could continue to care for patients. Skagit County had 4.2% of COVID-19 patients in the hospital, although that number met the metric of less than 10%, it was a significant increase from two weeks ago. She said that disease investigation was one of Skagit County's top priorities. Due to the sharp rise in new cases in the last week, Skagit County Public Health requested surge assistance

from the Washington State Department of Health through the Health Central Investigation Team. The Health Central Investigation Team began its work on November 11 to conduct contact tracing and investigation calls on behalf of Skagit County. Skagit County Public Health would continue to perform several tasks which include: notifying positive cases tested through the County operated test site; responding to the needs of quarantined individuals; outbreak investigations; testing at long-term care and adult family homes; infection control, supporting schools through case and contact communications, following-up with employers; case contact isolation and sending out quarantine letters; data review; epidemiology reporting; hiring and training additional temporary disease investigators through the new Department of Health CREST interview online portal.

Ms. Johnson said that the COVID-19 test site would be closed on November 16 and 17 so that they could move from Skagit Valley College parking lot to the Skagit County Fairgrounds in Building F. The entrance for the test site is located at the south gate entrance, at 501 Taylor Street in Mount Vernon. She said that the move was necessary due to winter weather. One of the benefits of relocating to the Fairgrounds was that the site was covered and allowed people to remain in their vehicles while they are being tested and it would help to reduce operating costs. The operating hours for the test site are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursdays from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ms. Johnson expressed sincere appreciation to Skagit Valley College for allowing them to run the test site from their parking lot. She thanked the County Commissioners, Sheriff, Department of Emergency Management, Parks, Recreation, Fair, Public Works, City of Mount Vernon, Northwest Laboratory, Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand and Public Health Analyst Julie De Losada for their efforts to support Public Health and the Unified Command Team to make the move to the new test site possible.

Ms. Johnson provided several statistics and said that Unified Command Team had conducted 29,789 tests to date, of which, 18,182 resided in Skagit County. She noted that several testing sites around the County were reporting that they were currently overwhelmed with people wanting to get tested and encouraged people who were asymptomatic and without a possible exposure to take a pause from getting testing so the those with symptoms and/or with a possible exposure could get tested.

Ms. Johnson noted that Governor Inslee had recently announced new COVID-19 guidance and restrictions in response to the recent rapid spread of COVID-19. The guidance and restrictions would go into effect on Monday, November 16 at midnight and would be in place until at least December 14, 2020.

There are many changes including:

- No indoor social gatherings are allowed. Outdoor social gatherings can have five or fewer people from outside an immediate household.
- Restaurants and bars are open for outdoor dining and takeout only- no indoor dining is allowed (these restrictions will go into effect on Wednesday, November 18).
- Bowling alleys, movie theaters, museums, zoos and indoor fitness facilities are closed.
- Personal services (such as hair dressers, nail salons, etc.) and retail occupancy, including grocery stores are limited to 25 percent of capacity
- Long-term care facilities can only allow outdoor visitation, except in the cases of end of life care and essential support personnel.
- Religious services are limited to 25% indoor occupancy or 200 people, whichever is fewer. No choir, band or ensemble shall perform during these services. Facial coverings must be worn at all times by congregation members, and there cannot be any congregational singing.
- Wedding receptions are prohibited. Wedding ceremonies will be allowed with no more than 30 people in attendance.
- Youth (school and non-school) and adult sporting activities are limited to outdoor only for intra-team practices, and all athletes must wear masks.
- No real estate open houses.

Governor Inslee is also requiring that those who are able to work from home do so. If a business is not able to operate remotely, only 25% of the building's capacity can work from there at one time. Further, no public services should be provided wherever possible. No changes have been made to the guidance's governing schools or childcare facilities.

She said that a full list was available at the Governor's website at: <https://medium.com/wagovernor/inslee-announces-statewide-restrictions-for-four-weeks-cob7da87d34e> and encouraged everyone continue to wear a mask and not to panic.

Ms. Johnson announced that there would be a flu vaccine clinic on November 21 and 22 at the Skagit County Fairgrounds.

Public Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand discussed the new surge in COVID-19 cases; Governor Inslee's new guidelines which include quarantining yourself for 14 days if you do want to attend small Thanksgiving gathering or quarantining for 7 days and getting a negative test; wearing a mask as much as possible; new testing site; concerns with indoor social gatherings and encouraged people to time visits to retail establishments during non-peak hours if they want to avoid waiting in long lines. He also discussed the numerous cases where people contracted COVID-19 at weddings and funerals. He discussed several new tests and said that dentists would soon be able to test patients in their offices prior to having a dental procedure and that paramedics would be receiving point-of-care antigen testing kits so that they could confirm whether they were ill. He went on to address new medicines and treatments that were being developed which include: remdesivir; Eli Lilly's antibody drug treatment; Regeneron; new vaccines that had met efficacy and safety criteria and distribution of a vaccine. Dr. Leibrand reminded everyone to continue to wear masks and practice physical distancing.

A discussion ensued about how COVID-19 was transmitted in Skagit County; whether there was data that supported that the disease was transmitted at non-household events like restaurants, gyms or grocery stores; improving communication with the public to help educate them about the guidance and restrictions that they were being asked to comply with; various methods to protect the community from COVID-19, government's limited capacity to enforce the guidelines and the Washington State Department of Health's COVID-19 vaccine survey which asked for feedback about how the vaccine should be prioritized across Washington, how people would feel about the vaccine in general and how worried and scarred people were at the drive through test site.

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Chair Wesen adjourned the Board of Health at 12:08 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. 911 Board Meeting hosted by Skagit 911

- g) 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Elected Officials and Department Heads Meeting (Listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (224) 501-3412 Access Code: 514 967 445 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/514967445>)

Chair Wesen called the remotely held elected officials and department heads meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss disease activity, symptom screening policy, voluntary quarantines and workforce continuity of operations planning.

Attendees:

Commissioner Ron Wesen
Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt
Commissioner Lisa Janicki
Prosecutor Rich Weyrich
District Court Judge Dianne Goddard
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Kayla Schott-Bresler
Coroner Hayley Thompson
Public Works Director Dan Berentson
Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson
Undersheriff Chad Clark
Geographic Information Services Director Geoff Almvig
Treasurer Jackie Brunson
Chief Deputy Treasurer Tom Molitor
Parks, Recreation & Fair Director Brian Adams
Superior Court Clerk Melissa Beaton
District Court Probation Director James Malcolm
Auditor Sandy Perkins
Information Services Director Mike Almvig
Public Defender Chief Deputy Wes Richard
Auditor Chief Accountant Laura Franklin

Superior Court Chief Deputy Clerk Kris Desmarais
Sheriff Don McDermott
Records Management Director Cori Russell
Emergency Management Director Bob Dolhanyk
Superior Court Judge David Svaren
Superior Court Judge Laura Riquelme
District Court Judge Tom Verge
Systems Administrator Don Rice
Public Defender Office Manager Janelle Gilbert
Civil Service Examiner Gary Shand
Facilities Management Director Ken Hansen
Emergency Medical Services Director Josh Pelonio
Assessor Dave Thomas
Planning and Development Services Director Hal Hart
Financial System Administrator/Data Architect Chris Stamey
County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter
Systems Administrator Brent Shepard
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Donnie LaPlante
Emergency Medical Services Administrative Coordinator Freya Peebles
Office of Assigned Counsel Director Letty Alvarez
Information Services Operations Manager Kristen Stubben
Prosecuting Attorney Chief Civil Deputy Melinda Miller
Communications Coordinator Laura Han
Randy Good, member of the public

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Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 4:29 p.m.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 4:29 p.m.

*Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Ron Wesen

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Dinda Hammer

Clerk of the Board