

Commissioners' Record of the Proceedings – Skagit County, Washington

Date: February 18, 2026

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, with Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns present. Chair Ron Wesen’s absence was excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Browning called the proceedings to order at 1:04 p.m.

II. AGENDA:

- a) 9:00 a.m. Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) Transportation Policy Board Meeting (Burlington City Council Chambers, 833 South Spruce Street, Burlington with remote option hosted by SCOG)
- b) 9:30 a.m. Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) Board of Directors Meeting (Burlington City Council Chambers, 833 South Spruce Street, Burlington with remote option hosted by SCOG)
- c) 11:00 a.m. Skagit Transit (SKAT) Board of Directors Meeting (Burlington City Council Chambers, 833 South Spruce Street, Burlington with remote option hosted by SKAT)
- d) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Commissioners Briefing

The purpose of the briefing was for the Commissioners to provide an update on items of interest from meetings they had attended and for Administrative Services to discuss any items of interest with the Board.

Attendees:

- Commissioner Peter Browning
- Commissioner Joe Burns
- County Administrator Trisha Logue
- Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
- Communications Manager Jenn Rogers

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Browning adjourned the proceedings at 1:46 p.m.

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

Ron Wesen, Chair

Peter Browning, Commissioner

Joe Burns, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, with Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns present. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Browning called the proceedings to order at 8:45 a.m.

II. AGENDA:

- a) 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Briefing - Public Works and Department of Emergency Management

The purpose of the briefing was for Public Works and the Department of Emergency Management to provide an update.

Attendees:

Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Public Works Director Mike See
County Engineer Tom Weller
Department of Emergency Management Chief Julie de Losada
Communications Manager Jenn Rogers
Natural Resources Division Manager Jenn Johnson
Public Works Assistant Director Marie Lambert
Member of the public Larita Humble

Commissioner Browning recessed the proceedings at 9:44 a.m.

Link to briefing documents:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/02162026.zip>

- b) 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Briefing - Planning and Development Services and Public Works

Commissioner Browning reconvened the proceedings at 9:47 a.m.

The purpose of the briefing was for Planning and Development Services and Public Works to provide an update.

Attendees:

Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jason D'Avignon
Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore
Building Official Randy Johnson
Public Works Director Mike See
Communications Manager Jenn Rogers
County Engineer Tom Weller
Member of the public Patrick Donnelly

Commissioner Browning recessed the proceedings at 10:15 a.m.

Link to briefing document:

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- c) *11:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Browning reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m. and led the attendees in the salute to the flag.

d) [*11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Consent Agenda, Vouchers, Warrants and Miscellaneous Items](#)

1. [Public Comment \(Specifically related to the agenda item\)](#)

None provided.

2. [CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:](#)

The Commissioners discussed Consent Agenda items 4, 7, 10, 17, 20, 21, and 22.

3. [CONSENT AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 \(items 1 through 23\):](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 23, including all items requiring ratification, vouchers and warrants for Tuesday, February 17, 2026. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

a) COMMISSIONERS:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, February 9, 2026. **(Approved)**
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, February 10, 2026. **(Approved)**
3. Record of the Proceedings for Thursday, February 12, 2026. **(Approved)**

b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

4. Personal Services Agreement with Columbia Policy Advisors to provide pre-meeting preparation, meeting training, facilitation, a written draft post meeting summary, and report for a retreat scheduled for April 10, 2026. Compensation is based on a reimbursement fee schedule and shall not exceed \$5,500. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until May 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260052)**

c) BUDGET AND FINANCE:

5. Resolution to establish Skagit County's Cost Assessment Policy for fiscal year 2025. **(Resolution No. R20260035)**
6. Resolution to establish Skagit County's Insurance Cost Assessment Policy for fiscal year 2025. **(Resolution No. R20260036)**
7. Amendment No. 2 to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement No. C20250368 with Burlington-Edison School District to award \$325,000 of Economic Development/Public Facilities Projects grant funds to support the Westview Early Learning and Community Center. This Amendment extends the term of Agreement from February 28, 2026, to August 31, 2026. Compensation remains the same and shall not exceed \$325,000. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendment shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260025)**

d) FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

8. Vendor Services Agreement with Absolute Plumbing, Inc. to provide necessary sewer repairs and restore/test the system to ensure it is fully operational at the Skagit County Public Defender's Building located at 121 Broadway Street in Mount Vernon. Compensation is based on a fee schedule and shall not exceed \$11,832 including applicable taxes. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260053)**
9. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20240194 with ALL4 LLC, to provide hazardous material surveys and testing at properties designated by the Facilities Management Department. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement from April 22, 2026, to April 22, 2027. Compensation remains the same and shall not exceed \$20,000 plus applicable taxes. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260026)**

10. Amendment No. 1 to Vendor Services Agreement No. C20240561 with Elevator Support Company to provide elevator inspections, maintenance and repairs at all applicable Skagit County facilities. This Amendment increases compensation from \$200,000 to an amount not to exceed \$260,000, plus applicable taxes. The increase is required to cover corrective actions and component replacements. The term remains the same and shall continue until November 9, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260027)**
11. Vendor Services Agreement with Skagit Electric LLC, dba Northwest Site Solutions, to provide electrical services, including troubleshooting, inspecting, and repairing all lighting and outlets, as well as repairing and replacing electrical components at various Skagit County facilities. Compensation is based on a rate schedule and shall not exceed \$35,000. The Agreement shall commence on March 15, 2026, and continue for one (1) year, with the option to extend for one (1) additional year. **(Contract No. C20260054)**
12. Personal Services Agreement with Materials Testing & Consulting, Inc. to perform special inspection and materials testing during construction of Hollow Structural Sections (HSS) between the concrete floor and steel ceiling for a Physical Barriers Project at the Community Justice Center located at 201 Suzanne Lane in Mount Vernon. Compensation is based on a fee schedule and shall not exceed \$7,500 plus applicable taxes. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260055)**
- e) HUMAN RESOURCES:
 13. Memorandum of Agreement (Amendment No. 1) to Collective Bargaining Agreement No. C20250596 between Skagit County and Inlandboatmen's Union (IBU) of the Pacific. This Amendment extends the County's temporary Voluntary Resignation and Retirement Incentive Program (Resolution No. R20260003) to IBU members. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260028)**
 14. Memorandum of Agreement (Amendment No. 1) to Labor Agreement No. C20240351 between Skagit County and the Prosecuting Attorney's Guild. This Amendment extends the County's temporary Voluntary Resignation and Retirement Incentive Program (Resolution No. R20260003) to Prosecuting Attorney's Guild members. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260029)**
- f) PARKS, RECREATION, AND FAIR:
 15. Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEG) to partner with the County to restore habitat and improve fish passage in Gribble Creek, with Parcel Nos. P27643, P27663, P27651, P27655, P27660, and P27661, which were acquired by the County through Grant Agreement (No. C20250389) with the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO). Compensation is based on a fee schedule and shall not exceed \$17,500. The Agreement shall commence on the date of mutual execution and continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260056)**
- g) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:
 16. Interagency Agreement with Washington State Department of Commerce through Clean Energy Siting and Permitting CESP-CLEANENERGY25 RFA Contract No. 25-55202-006 for Skagit County Clean Energy Siting and Planning. Skagit County will prepare a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and regulatory updates to clarify siting criteria and create a more efficient permitting process for clean-energy projects. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$770,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on February 1, 2026, and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260057)**
- h) PUBLIC HEALTH:
 17. Amendment No. 4 to Interagency Agreement for Recovery Support Services No. C20230029 with Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA Contract No. K6478) to implement and manage a program to provide State Opioid Response (SOR) services to eligible individuals. This Amendment increases compensation by \$258,500, for a new total compensation amount not to exceed \$1,016,000 and extends

the term to continue until September 29, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260030)**

18. Personal Services Agreement with Catholic Community Services of Western Washington to provide services to individuals enrolled in Skagit County Family Recovery Court and may extend services to individuals involved in a Shelter Care track of Family Recovery Court. Compensation is based on a fee schedule and shall not exceed \$10,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on January 1, 2026, and continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260058)**
- i) PUBLIC WORKS:
 19. Amendment No. 5 to Grant Agreement No. C20250304 with the Washington State Conservation Commission (2025-2027 Biennium Contract No. K2625) for the continued development and implementation of the Skagit County Voluntary Stewardship Program (VSP) work plan. This Amendment increases compensation by \$6,940 for the Roberts Project and the match to \$0.00 under the Intermediate Outcomes and Programs/Projects. Total compensation shall not exceed \$426,540. The term remains the same and shall continue until June 30, 2027. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260031)**
 20. Amendment No. 8 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20230430 with Eurofins Environmental Testing Northwest LLC to analyze water, soil, sediment, and/or sludge samples submitted by the County as directed on the chain-of-custody document. This Amendment reflects the contractor's change in name from Eurofins Environmental Testing Northwest, LLC to Eurofins Drinking Water and Wastewater West, LLC. Compensation remains the same and shall not exceed \$475,000. The term remains the same and shall continue until September 30, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260032)**
 21. Resolution to call for a public hearing to consider testimony regarding the 2026-2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible in the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room located at 1800 Continental in Mount Vernon. Attendance will be in-person, by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980, or remote at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdz09>. **(Resolution No. R20260037)**
 22. Resolution for the approval of maps, plans, and specifications and to call for bids for the 2026 M/V Guemes Pierside Maintenance Project #FEHO26-1. The bid opening is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 11:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible in the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room located at 1800 Continental Place in Mount Vernon. Attendance will be in-person, by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980, or remote at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdz09>. **(Resolution No. R20260038)**
 23. Personal Services Agreement with Regal Air, a division of Morcom Aviation Services, Inc., to provide flight services, including a pilot and a suitable aircraft, for aerial surveying of Skagit County on an on-call basis. Compensation shall not exceed \$10,000. The agreement shall commence on the date of mutual execution and continue until December 31, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260059)**
4. 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 613235 through 613236 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$52,186.26 (Transmittal No. C-36-26); and
 - b) Warrants numbered 613237 through 613586 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$3,879,437.23 (Transmittal No. C-37-26); and

- c) Warrants numbered 613587 through 613857 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$178,438.18 (Transmittal No. C-38-26).

5. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEMS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore and Senior Planner Robby Eckroth provided additional information about Miscellaneous Agenda item 1.

Public Works Director Mike See and Agricultural Lands Coordinator Sarah Stoner provided additional information about Miscellaneous Agenda Item 2.

6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA (items 1 and 2):

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve Miscellaneous Agenda item 1. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve Miscellaneous Agenda item 2. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

a) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

1. Resolution adopting the 2026 Legislative Work Plan for Planning and Development Services. **(Resolution No. R20260039)**

b) PUBLIC WORKS:

2. Conversion Reimbursement Agreement with Wylie, Inc., to reimburse the County for costs and expenses incurred by the County related to the Farmland Legacy Program (FLP) Conservation Easement conversion request made by Wylie, Inc., for a boundary line adjustment request and potential transfer of approximately 2.15 acres of land, commonly identified as Assessor's Tax Parcel No. P17011, presently included in the Wylie, Inc., Conservation Easement, Skagit County Agreement No. C20160211, to a third-party owner of the adjacent property, identified as Assessor's Tax Parcel No. P17009. Reimbursement to Skagit County is estimated not to exceed \$3,750. The Agreement shall commence on the date of mutual execution and shall continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260060)**

Commissioner Browning recessed the proceedings at 11:23 a.m.

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

Commissioner Browning reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

Elke McCartney of Skagit County commented on the effects of grief, loneliness, and the dangers posed by fires at battery facilities.

Rebecca Peck of Skagit County commented the importance of having the public comment period at a consistent time, public defenders' caseloads, and various protests.

Larita Humble of Skagit County commented on the deterioration of North Shore Drive.

Link to written public comments submitted:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/02162026.zip>

2. County and Individual Success Stories

None provided.

3. [Miscellaneous \(announcements, letters, etc.\)](#)

The Commissioners commented on various past, upcoming meetings, and letters signed for the week of February 9, 2026.

Commissioner Browning recessed the proceedings at 11:46 a.m.

f) [*11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Proclamation Recognizing February 21-26, 2026, as National FFA Week](#)

Commissioner Browning reconvened the proceedings at 11:46 a.m.

Mount Vernon High School FFA Chapter President Sofia Castro, Secretary Annalia García-Munoz, and Sentinel Chance Hallenius provided a PowerPoint presentation that outlined information about their chapter's programming, including community engagement, leadership development, fundraising, program growth, and plans for celebrating FFA Week.

Burlington-Edison High School FFA Chapter President Aspen Gildnes, Secretary Hannah Knott, Treasurer Shelby Taylor, Reporter Bennett Lenz, and Sentinel Sofia Mejia Romero provided a PowerPoint presentation that outlined information about their chapter's programming, including community engagement, leadership development, fundraising, program growth, and plans for celebrating FFA Week.

Sedro-Woolley High School FFA Chapter President Johana Kua, Vice President Grace Dills, Secretary Hannah Silves, Treasurer Dayton Silves, Reporter Maddy Gardner, and Sentinel Owen Beilfuss provided a PowerPoint presentation that outlined information about their chapter's programming, including community engagement, leadership development, fundraising, program growth, and plans for celebrating FFA Week.

Mount Vernon Christian School FFA Chapter President Cheyenne McNelly, Vice President Jaelynn VanValkenburg, Secretary Anika Hibma, Treasurer Avery Oosterwyk, Reporter Emma Hibma, and Sentinel Logan Timmermans provided a PowerPoint presentation that outlined information about their chapter's programming, including community engagement, leadership development, fundraising, program growth, and plans for celebrating FFA Week.

Commissioner Browning read the proclamation recognizing February 21 through February 28, 2026, as National FFA Week.

Link to PowerPoint presentations:

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

There were no executive sessions scheduled for the week of February 17, 2026.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Browning adjourned the proceedings at 12:06 p.m.

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

Ron Wesen, Chair

Peter Browning, Commissioner

Joe Burns, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board