

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, with Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Chair Sharon D. Dillon present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 9:15 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Planning & Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Dillon introduced Director Pernula.

1. Proclamation: October National Community Planning Month

Planning and Development Services Director Dale Pernula informed the Commissioners that each year cities and counties around the nation recognized October as Community Planning Month.

Mr. Pernula and the Commissioners discussed the benefits provided by planning and zoning.

Chair Dillon read the proclamation recognizing October as Community Planning Month.

2. Miscellaneous

Planning and Development Services did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 9:28 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Skagit Libraries Update

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m. and introduced Maggie Buckholz, Burlington Public Library Director. Ms. Buckholz, Goodwill job training course instructor Felicia Boettger, Mount Vernon Community and Economic Development Director Jana Hanson, Bayside Specialties co-owner Darrell Hooper, and Mount Vernon City Library Director Brian Soneda shared the benefits libraries provided to the communities they served.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:01 a.m.

c) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Board of Health:

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 10:07 a.m. and introduced Public Health Director Peter Browning.

1. Discussion: Affordable Care Act and Obtaining Insurance

Mr. Browning introduced Cynthia Eichner, Director of Skagit County Alliance for Healthcare Access (SCAHA). Ms. Eichner informed the Commissioners of the work she had been doing to help get people signed up for a healthcare plan through the Affordable Care Act.

2. Discussion: State Department of Health - System Reform

Mr. Browning said that the Washington State Secretary of Health was coming to visit their department and discuss the funding system. Mr. Browning shared that deaths from preventable illnesses and injuries were on the rise. He said that the current healthcare system was unsustainable due to funding gaps left over from state and local entities. He said it was important to maintain the public's health and he appreciated that the State Secretary of Health was looking at finding a solution to properly maintaining funding sources.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 10:49 a.m.

3. Miscellaneous

The Board of Health did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

d) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing October as Conflict Resolution Month

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 11:01 a.m. and introduced LaDessa Croucher, Senior Director, Volunteers of America Western Washington. Ms. Croucher showed a three minute video which detailed the services Volunteers of America provided. Additional staff members Sean Conner and Cindy Cohen also shared information with the Commissioners about the services they provided at the Dispute Resolution Center.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Croucher, Mr. Conner and Ms. Cohen for the valuable services they provided and Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation recognizing October as Conflict Resolution Month.

Chair Dillon recessed the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

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

Chair Dillon reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

Randi Randall of Sedro-Woolley was present to discuss her concerns about Dike District No. 12 and asked how they were able to build up the dike without a permit. She was concerned about additional flooding in the Clear Lake area due to the activity.

Larry Nelson of Clear Lake was present to share his concerns about additional flooding in Clear Lake due to the dikes being built up in Burlington and Mount Vernon.

Andrea Xavier of Mount Vernon was present to share her concerns about increased flooding in Sedro-Woolley, Clear Lake, and Big Lake and she asked the Commissioners to protect people and property in those areas.

Mike Newman of Mount Vernon was present to share that the Methow Valley was also experiencing problems with water rights and that the steps they took against the Washington State Department of Ecology should be researched.

George Wolner of Sedro-Woolley was present to request a forum with the commissioners for back-and-forth dialog.

Tina Champeaux-Wolner of Sedro-Woolley was present and agreed with the comments made by Mike Newman and George Wolner.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

- f) *1:00 p.m. Skagit-Island Regional Transportation Planning Organization (SIRTPO)
Meeting/Open Space Study Session (Anacortes City Council Chambers, 6th Street and Q
Avenue, Anacortes)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 11:58 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board