

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 2, 2013, with Chair Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Dillon called the proceedings to order at 10:31 a.m.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

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

**III. AGENDA:**

**b) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:**

Chair Dillon introduced Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue after recognizing Sheriff Will Reichardt, Commissioner of Public Hospital District No. 1, Skagit Regional Health Bruce Lisser, and Mount Vernon Councilmember Dale Ragan.

**1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding the 2014 Preliminary Skagit County Budget**

Ms. Logue presented the proposed 2014 budget to the Commissioners. Chair Dillon opened the public hearing at 10:38 a.m. She asked the audience to keep comments professional and on topic.

Chief Medical Officer of Skagit Regional Health Dr. Connie Davis, of Mount Vernon, discussed the need to retain the knowledge, expertise, and position of the Health Department Director.

Commissioner of Public Hospital District No. 1, Skagit Regional Health Bruce Lisser, of Mount Vernon, discussed the reorganization of the Health Department, and loss of the current director's position. He shared the following concerns: improper response to outbreaks, inadequate delivery of flu shots and vaccinations, improper care for inmates in the jail, and the department's role in the EMS System. Commissioner Lisser discussed the importance of leadership and partnerships. He said that the Skagit County Alliance for Health Care Access (SCAHA) was created to promote population health through partnerships and urged the County Commissioners to fully join and fund the alliance.

Carol Ehlers of Anacortes shared concerns about the reorganization of the Health Department. She said it was difficult to find the Community Services Department in the telephone book. She said that Skagit County would need to update the code as well if the Health Department was reorganized.

Valerie Dekok of Sedro-Woolley shared concerns about the proposed changes to the WSU Extension Center and their ability to serve the public. She asked the Commissioners to keep WSU Extension local, accountable, and sustainable for Skagit County.

Susie Wilson of Mount Vernon shared concerns regarding the reorganization of the Health Department. She said the Skagit County Commissioners/Board of Health relied on the Health Department for information since the Director and employees had the training and expertise in public health matters. She asked the

Commissioners to reconsider the change to the Health Department.

Dr. Rob Zwick of Mount Vernon agreed with Ms. Wilson and said that the Skagit County Health Department was excellent: well trained and provided exceptional care. He recalled when the news stations KING 5 and KOMO 4 interviewed the Health Department during the H1N1 flu outbreak, because Skagit County tracked and responded to the matter effectively. Dr. Zwick said that it would be a shame to dismantle the Health Department.

Sheriff Reichardt was present to discuss his department's budget and the Commissioner's request to cut \$100,000. He said this amount was 25% of his ability to buy equipment and run the department. He said hard choices would have to be made

Roger Mitchell of Bow shared concerns regarding the budget and believed it was irresponsible to combine the Health Department with Community Services. He did not believe consolidating department's worked well. Mr. Mitchell also shared safety concerns about the counties emergency radio system.

Randy and Aileen Good of Sedro-Woolley were present to discuss concerns they had regarding the Capital Facilities Plan and the paving of a portion of the Cascade Trail and whether or not the project should have been included on the Transportation Improvement Program.

Virginia Wolff of Bow shared concerns about the reorganization of the Health Department and the loss of the current director who was highly capable and well trained. She shared some of the accomplishments of the department and director. She asked the Commissioners to partner with the cities and hospitals to adequately fund the director's position since the Skagit County Public Health Departments served all of Skagit County.

John Nelson of Marysville was present to discuss concerns about the changes to WSU Extension. He was concerned about the total loss of the WSU Extension Office which would be detrimental to Skagitonians.

Kari Ranten with Skagit Regional Health was present to urge the Commissioners to support Skagit County's strong public health system and to strengthen partnerships between the County local hospitals for a healthy community.

Bill Aslett of Burlington agreed with Dr. Davis and said that Skagit County needed to retain the knowledge and expertise of the current director of the Health Department, Peter Browning. He said that Mr. Browning knew how to obtain resources from other local and state entities, and, how to manage healthcare issues. He was concerned about the ability of Community Services to continue to run a successful Health Department.

Operations Manager for Community Services Bob Hicks shared that the public would be better served by the reorganization of the Health Department since both Health and Community Services served the public in similar ways and the coordination of care would be improved to those with the greatest need and most vulnerable.

Mount Vernon City Councilmember Dale Ragan of Mount Vernon shared concerns about the EMS System if the Health Department was reorganized.

Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Skagit County Gus Ramos discussed the Health Department's important role in the community and the ability to

maintain the same level of disease management and disaster preparedness if the department was consolidated with Community Services.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for their comments and Chair Dillon announced that a decision would be made at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

Chair Dillon recessed at 11:30 a.m.

- a) \*8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Briefing - County Commissioners/County Administrator
- c) 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Consent Agenda, Vouchers, Warrants and Miscellaneous Items

Chair Dillon reconvened the proceedings at 1:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve consent agenda items 1 through 14, ratification agenda items 15 through 18, vouchers and warrants for Monday, December 2, 2013. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

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

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA (items 1 through 14):

- a) COMMISSIONERS:

- 1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, November 25, 2013. **(Approved)**

- b) COMMUNITY SERVICES:

- 2. Personal Services Agreement with Community Action of Skagit County to pay rental assistance vouchers issued by Compass Health Skagit for enrolled PACT clients. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2014. Compensation shall not exceed \$48,000. **(Contract No. C20130479)**
- 3. Resolution authorizing the allocation of funds for homeless housing and assistance projects for 2014. **(Resolution No. R20130349)**
- 4. Resolution authorizing the allocation of low income housing funds for 2014. **(Resolution No. R20130350)**

- c) HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

- 5. Internet Vehicle/Vessel Information Processing System (IVIPS) Disclosure Agreement with the Washington State Department of Licensing (DOL) Account No. 335568 to continue to provide staff with access to the DOL IVIPS. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until October 31, 2014. The County shall pay \$.04 for each internet query, and \$2.00 for each inquiry that returns a record. **(Contract No. C20130480)**

- d) PUBLIC WORKS:

- 6. Resolution to call for bids for Two (2) New Latest Model Oil Distributor Trucks. The bid opening is scheduled to take place Monday, December 23, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. **(Resolution No. R20130351)**

7. Resolution to call for a public hearing to consider an Ordinance amending Skagit County Code Chapter 12.19, Drainage Utility. The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. **(Resolution No. R20130352)**
8. Resolution to call for a public hearing to consider revision of the Drainage Utility Rate Structure. The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. **(Resolution No. R20130353)**
9. Resolution regarding a Request for Statement of Qualification for Engineering and Land Surveying Services 2014 Consultant Roster. **(Resolution No. R20130354)**
10. Resolution regarding a Request for Statement of Qualification for Personal Services 2014 Consultant Roster. **(Resolution No. R20130355)**
11. Vendor Services Agreement with Reisner Distributor, Inc. for Mobile Marine Services for the Vehicle and Passenger Ferry, M/V Guemes. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue for two years. Compensation shall not exceed \$450,000. **(Contract No. C20130481)**
12. Change Order Number 12 to Skagit County Contract No. C20120132 with Interwest Construction, Inc. to increase compensation by \$34,250 for the Anderson/La Venture Road Extension Projects. Total Compensation shall not exceed \$8,662,826.16. **(Amendment No. A20130141)**
13. Vendor Services Agreement with Dahl Electric Inc. for the installation of new interior and exterior lights with energy efficient fixtures and three outlet receptacles in the newly constructed sand/salt storage building located in the Concrete shop facility. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and shall continue for one year. Compensation shall not exceed \$8,000. **(Contract No. C20130482)**
14. Interagency Agreement No. WCC-13-29-005 with the State of Washington Department of Ecology to provide the Washington Conservation Corps crew to complete natural resource projects in the Samish Watershed in accordance with the Clean Samish Initiative. The Agreement shall commence on December 2, 2013, and continue until September 30, 2014. Total compensation shall not exceed \$48,000. **(Contract No. C20130483)**

V. RATIFICATION AGENDA (items 15 through 18):

e) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

15. Resolution authorizing the ratification of Personal Services Agreement with Corpolongo and Associates, Inc. to provide court reporter services, including a transcription as needed for meetings or hearings regarding the Skagit County Jail Environmental Impact Statement. A signed Agreement was not received from the Contractor prior to August 13, 2013 to finalize and route for consideration. **(Resolution No. R20130356)**
16. Personal Services Agreement with Corpolongo and Associates, Inc. to provide court reporter services, including a transcription as needed for meetings or hearings regarding the Skagit County Jail Environmental Impact Statement. The Agreement commenced on August 13, 2013, and ends on August 15, 2015. Compensation shall not exceed \$4,500. **(Contract No. C20130484)**

f) COMMUNITY SERVICES:

17. Resolution authorizing the ratification of an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Sedro-Woolley School District to jointly fund a Truancy Intervention Specialist position to serve the School Districts and the County Juvenile Court in implementing the truancy portion of the BECCA Bill. Delays in finalizing the Agreement occurred due to the protracted State Budget process that is the primary funding source for Truancy Court. **(Resolution No. R20130357)**

18. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Sedro-Woolley School District to jointly fund a Truancy Intervention Specialist position to serve the School Districts and the County Juvenile Court in implementing the truancy portion of the BECCA Bill as outlined by Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). The Agreement commenced on September 1, 2013, and shall continue through August 31, 2014. The Sedro-Woolley School District will reimburse Skagit County \$6,461. **(Contract No. C20130485)**

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dillon adjourned the proceedings at 1:33 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Sharon D. Dillon, Chair

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board