

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 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 10:01 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Discussion: Proposed Wild Animal Ordinance

Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea, and Deputy Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Walters presented a draft ordinance that would prohibit the possession of potentially dangerous and wild animals. Mr. Honea indicated that the proposed ordinance was based on the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 16.30 which prohibits ownership of potentially dangerous wild animals acquired on or after July 22, 2007. He indicated that local governments were permitted to regulate potentially dangerous wild animals in a manner that was more restrictive than RCW Chapter 16.30, which could include but was not limited to, prohibiting potentially dangerous wild animals that were obtained prior to July 22, 2007.

Mr. Walters stated that the proposed ordinance would be more restrictive than State statute because it would prohibit the possession of all potentially dangerous wild animals, including wolf hybrids and all cougars including animals that were obtained possession prior to 2007.

Animal Control Officer Emily Diaz spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance and indicated that it would be helpful to the Animal Control division to have ordinance in place.

Commissioner Dahlstedt spoke in support of considering the proposed ordinance.

The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:14 a.m.

b) 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation: 2014 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:16 a.m.

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Director Cindy Verge presented the 2014 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival poster in recognition of the County's sponsorship. Ms. Verge mentioned that the MacGregor Directory had provided \$5,000 in sponsorship funds for several years but were unable to provide funding for this year's poster. She indicated that there was still time for an organization to contact her to discuss sponsorship. Ms. Verge spoke about the various events that would be held during the Tulip Festival.

There was a brief discussion about traffic flow around the County during the festival.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:28 a.m.

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

Mike Newman of 1000 South 21 Place in Mount Vernon spoke about the lack of information about when the Skagit River Flow Committee meetings would be taking place. He said that if the County had information on about when and where future meetings would take place that the information should be provided on the County's website.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Future Public Hearings:

Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 11:00 a.m. public hearing to consider testimony regarding amendment the fourth (4) quarter 2013 Skagit County Budget.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. public hearing to consider testimony regarding a notice of intent to lease County-owned property located at 45770 Main Street in Concrete, commonly known as the East Skagit County Community Resource Center.

Clean Samish Initiative public meeting taking place at Padilla Bay National Estuarine Reserve Reserve on Tuesday, January 7, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

The Commissioners reminded everyone to consider getting a flu shot.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:34 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board