

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 28, 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 8:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Board of Health

Chair Wesen introduced Operations Manager Bob Hicks, Health Officer Howard Leibrand, and Environmental Health Manager Corinne Story.

Ms. Story presented a request for a waiver of Skagit County Code 12.48 for the Board to consider from Mr. Stoner for property on Sinclair Island. She said that the Health Department was recommending the waiver be approved. The Board discussed the aspects of Mr. Stoner's situation with Ms. Story and Dr. Leibrand.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the request by Mr. Stoner as outlined by Ms. Story. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Communicable Disease Manager Sandi Paciotti updated the Board on the current flu strain and she encouraged people to remain current on the flu vaccine.

Child/Family Nurse Health Manager Jennifer Sass-Walton shared information about birth defects and what steps women could take to have healthy pregnancies.

Director of Skagit County Alliance for Healthcare Access Cynthia Eichner updated the Board on the In Person Assister Program which was in place to help enroll participants in a healthcare plan. She discussed the work performed to date and the deadlines that were approaching.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:13 a.m.

b) 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

Carol Ehlers of Fidalgo Island was present to inform the Board about her disappointment at the recent Planning Commission meeting, the need for a comprehensive Hazards Mitigation Plan, the importance of completing the 2016 Comprehensive Plan, and the importance of cross-training Skagit County employees.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:45 a.m.

- c) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Public Hearing/Possible Action: Notice of Intent to Lease County Property Located at 45770 Main Street in Concrete, Commonly Known as the East Skagit County Community Resource Center

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 1:32 p.m. and introduced County Administrator Tim Holloran.

Mr. Holloran discussed the leasing of a portion of the East County Resource Center to the Upper Skagit Library District and the current proposed lease. He also discussed the restrictions in the lease since the building was not designed for the normal load of a library and he also shared that the county was assisting them to find a more appropriate place to locate.

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 1:34 p.m.

Laurie Thomas, Chair of the Upper Skagit Library District was present to thank Skagit County for maintaining the lease for a few more years while they looked for a new space.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 1:35 p.m. which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The vote passed unanimously.

The Commissioners appreciated the partnership formed with the library district and agreed to execute the lease.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve approve executing a lease with the library board. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

- d) 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Discussion: Skagit County Chamber Executive Director's Association (SCCEDA) Funding

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 2:32 p.m. and introduced Stephanie Hamilton, Director of the City of Anacortes Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Hamilton; Kristen Keltz, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for the City of Mount Vernon; Pola Kelley, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for the City of Sedro Woolley; Linda Fergusson, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for the City of Burlington; and Heather Carter, Director of the Chamber of Commerce for the Town of La Conner explained why the chamber offices in Skagit County partnered on some of their projects when funding tourism projects. They discussed their lodging tax application with the Board.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 2:50 p.m.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon. Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board