

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4, 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 9:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Potentially Dangerous Animals Ordinance

Chair Wesen introduced Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea and Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Walters. Chair Wesen encouraged audience members to sign up to speak during the public hearing, and, he briefed the audience on the process involved with periodically updating chapters of Skagit County Code.

Mr. Walters informed the audience that Skagit County began to update Skagit County Code, Title 7, in 2007 with the operation of kennels, and later in 2012 with updates to the dog barking and dangerous dog chapters. Mr. Walters discussed Washington State law RCW 16.30 and explained that Skagit County's proposed Ordinance would mirror RCW 16.30 with the additional exclusion of the ownership of two additional wild animals (cougars and wolf-hybrids).

Chair Wesen opened the public comment period.

The following people spoke in favor of Skagit County's proposed update to the potentially dangerous animal ordinance: George Hettich of Anacortes, Kana Carman of Anacortes, Ryan Carman of Anacortes, Will Aldridge of Anacortes, Dave Knutzen of Anacortes, Jenny Welch of Anacortes, Ed Borlin of Anacortes, Kevin Welch of Anacortes, Luke Loeffler of Mount Vernon, Robert Pare of Bow, and Dana Keefe of Mount Vernon.

The following people spoke against Skagit County's proposed update to the potentially dangerous animal ordinance:

Kimberly Cole of Anacortes, Jim Caulfield of Mount Vernon, Sunny Lu of Mount Vernon, Cody Connite of Mount Vernon, Mike Mesa of Puyallup, Daniel Overman of Anacortes, Michael Rodd of Mount Vernon, Ashley Carr of Anacortes, Russ Downs of Anacortes, Michelle Nelson of Anacortes, Jason Gross, Dave Coleburn of Anacortes, Lee Christoferson, Doug White of Bellevue, Dawn Huston, Sharon Natal of Burlington, and Gail Cole of Anacortes.

Chair Wesen thanked everyone for their testimony and reminded the audience that additional written comments would be accepted through February 7, 2014.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing, but to continue to allow written comments through Friday, February 7, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:08 a.m.

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:32 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

David Wilder of People First was present to brief the Commissioners about the upcoming functions that People First was hosting.

Marion Flag of Mount Vernon was present to inform the County about the standing water in the Clear Lake area and to express her disappointment that governments were putting the supposed needs of fish in front of the needs of taxpaying citizens. She asked the Commissioners to take care of Skagit County farmers.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners were proud to read a proclamation for a historic event: The Seattle Seahawks Super Bowl XLVIII win, and they proclaimed February 5, 2014 as Seattle Seahawks and the 12th Man Day in Skagit County.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:48 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board