

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 24, 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 9:05 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Wesen introduced Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue.

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

Director Logue briefed the Commissioners on budget modification requests from the following:

WSU Extension Center
Facilities Management
Functional Family Therapy and Truancy to Juvenile Court (from Community Services)
Sheriff's Office
Treasurer's Office
Unemployment Fund
Community Services/various funds they monitor
Jail
Geographic Information Services (GIS)

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 9:11 a.m. Seeing no one present to provide testimony, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:12 a.m. which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution amending the 2014 Skagit County budget (**Resolution No. R20140193**) Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Director Logue did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Update from Washington State University Skagit County Extension

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m. and introduced Diane Smith, faculty with WSU Extension Center. Ms. Smith shared information with the Commissioners on the work being performed through the Family Living Programs and partnerships. Jan Curry briefed the Commissioners on the Food \$ense Program. Laura DeFreese briefed the Commissioners on the Diabetes Prevention Program offered through Ideas for Living.

Other classes and programs were discussed. For more information, or to sign up for a class, participants can call (360) 428-4270.

The Commissioners thanked the staff from WSU Extension Center and discussed the farm bill, the nutrition benefits of canning and freezing fresh produce, and local farmers markets.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:30 a.m.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Health & Community Services - Jennifer Kingsley, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:36 a.m. and introduced Operations Manager Bob Hicks.

1. Update: HOME Consortium Process

Mr. Hicks briefed the Commissioners on the cooperative partnership formed between multiple cities, towns and counties in order to qualify for a federal funding opportunity for low-income housing to provide rental assistance and house the homeless. Mr. Hicks said that Skagit County's population was not large enough to apply for funding, so the partnership was formed with other entities.

Mr. Paul Schissler was present and added that 20 entities were entering into an Interlocal Agreement for the consortium and total funding would come to just under \$600,000 per year.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss. Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:50 a.m.

d) 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation: Living Democracy of Skagit County

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:16 a.m. Howard Pellet of Guemes Island was present with a group of citizens who shared the concept of creating a community bill of rights for Skagit County and suggested that it could address issues such as fracking, sewage lagoons, factory farms, etc. More information can be found at celdf.org.

Mr. Bill Bowman of Anacortes shared more information with the Commissioners about personalizing and creating a community bill of rights which could also address water extraction and bottling, bakken oil trains, and other environmental and human issues. He ended by quoting information from author David Orr and attorney Thomas Linzey.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Bowman and Mr. Pellet for the information.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:29 a.m.

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

Howard Pellet of Guemes Island was present to introduce Haley McNeely from Concrete who was recently recognized for her poem that she wrote for a recent creativity contest held to capture young person's reactions to coal terminals.

Ms. McNeely read her poem to the Commissioners.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Dillon announced that a public hearing would be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. to consider testimony regarding a Franchise Agreement for Astound Broadband, LLC.

Commissioner Dahlstedt announced that a community meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. regarding Bay View Ridge.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt and seconded by Commissioner Dillon to approve the following two vouchers and warrants:

- a) Warrants numbered 405400 through 405465 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$154,708.86 (Transmittal No. C-81-14); and
- b) Junior District Payroll warrants numbered 805946 through 806124 in the total dollar amount of \$275,128.96 (Transmittal No. P-25-14).

The motion passed unanimously.

f) *3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Executive Session (Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

The Commissioners attended an executive session on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, from 3:02 p.m. to 3:25 p.m., the purpose of the executive session was Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). (Matters relating to County enforcement actions, actual litigation, or potential litigation.) The following attorneys were present and provided legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners: Prosecutor Rich Weyrich, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea; Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jill Dvorkin; and Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Arne Denny. Other Attendees: Director of Public Health and Community Services Jennifer Kingsley; Risk

Management Donnie LaPlante; and Director of Planning and Development Services Dale Pernula.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:36 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board