

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 29, 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 9:00 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. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Wesen introduced Director Dale Pernula who was present to introduce the agenda item and answer questions.

1. Introduction of Sandy Perkins, Code Compliance Officer

Director Pernula introduced Code Compliance Officer Sandy Perkins and briefed the Board on her qualifications for the position. He also told the Board that the department had been without the position for several years, and that there was a backlog of enforcement cases to manage. Mr. Pernula said that he appreciated Ms. Perkins' ability to effectively communicate to the public about the need to comply with the code without being intimidating.

The Commissioners welcomed Ms. Perkins and said that they appreciated her approach to working with the public.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:08 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval for the Following Open Space Applications:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m. and introduced Deputy Assessor R.C. Cavazos to brief the Board on the two open space applications. Current Use Specialist Annette DeVoe was unable to attend the meeting due to jury duty.

1. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application of Taylor J. Reijm, to Transfer 35.18 Acres from Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Program (CUOS #1-2014)

Mr. Cavazos briefed the Board on the application:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/07282014/> and the findings and recommendation by the Skagit County Hearing Examiner regarding Taylor Reijm's request to transfer 35.18 acres from Current Use Farm

and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation. Mr. Cavazos explained that the previous tenant was unwilling to provide adequate verification of income to prove the property was compliant with the open space program and that the current owner was using the property for a cattle farm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution concerning an Open Space Application of Taylor J. Reijm, to Transfer 35.18 Acres from Farm and Agriculture to the Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Program (CUOS #1-2014) (**Resolution No. R20140238**) Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application of Double Creek Company, LLC, to Include 9.97 Acres of Land in the Current Use Timber Program (C/UTMB #001-2013)

Mr. Cavazos briefed the Board on the application:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/07282014/> and the findings and recommendation by the Skagit County Hearing Examiner regarding Double Creek Company's request to include 9.97 acres of harvested and naturally re-seeded property in the Timber Program. Mr. Cavazos said that a Timber Management Plan had been created and firebreaks had been created around the perimeter to maintain neighborhood safety.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve Resolution concerning an Open Space Application of Double Creek Company, LLC, to Include 9.97 acres of land in the Current Use Timber Program (C/UTMB #001-2013) (**Resolution No. R20140239**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:37 a.m.

- c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Parks & Recreation & Fairgrounds - Brian Adams, Director:

Chair Wesen introduced Director Brian Adams at 11:00 a.m. who was present to introduce the agenda item and answer questions.

1. Introduction of Chad Butterfield, Facilities Maintenance

Director Adams introduced Parks Facilities Maintenance worker Chad Butterfield. Mr. Adams briefed the Board on Mr. Butterfield's past work experience with the department as a seasonal employee. Mr. Adams said that Mr. Butterfield would be in charge of the exterior of all county buildings.

- d) 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Auditor's Office - Jeanne Youngquist, Elected Official:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:15 a.m. and introduced Auditor Jeanne Youngquist who was present to introduce the agenda item and answer questions.

1. Introduction of Lisa Lomsdalen, Elections Office Assistant III

Auditor Youngquist introduced Elections Office Assistant Lisa Lomsdalen and she briefed the Board on her past work experience with the department. The Commissioners welcomed Ms. Lomsdalen.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:19 a.m.

e) 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

Seeing no one present to provide public comments, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close the public comment period, which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Dillon announced that the first day of the Skagit County Fair was next week, starting Wednesday, August 6th. Chair Wesen announced that the Pioneer Picnic would be held on Thursday, August 7th at 11:15 a.m. in La Conner near the Rainbow Bridge.

Commissioner Dahlstedt suggested that the Commissioners add another regular agenda item to their weekly calendar starting August 12th at 11:45 a.m. to hear positive comments and news, about good deeds, and other helpful information about upcoming events. Commissioner Dillon and Chair Wesen agreed with Commissioner Dahlstedt.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:35 a.m.

f) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Appeal of Access Permit Application No. AC13-0101 Submitted by Errol Hanson

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 1:30 p.m. and made introductory remarks outlining the process for the appeal. Attorney for the Appellants, David Day, informed the Board that Judge Rickert had ordered his clients before the Commissioners for their decision on the Access Permit Application. Mr. Day outlined his client's case and ended by saying that, given the circumstances, his clients' application to the Public Works Department was complete and Public Works' decision should be reversed. Attorney representing Skagit County Public Works, Stephen Fallquist, provided a timeline showing that the Appellants failed to cooperate, referred to the Declarations of Paul Randall-Grutter and Judy Keisser, and ended by saying that the Appellants Access Permit Application was not complete, as required by State Law. Chair Wesen asked whether the access would be for a single or multiple family residence. The box indicating that on the application had not been checked. Mr. Day answered that it would be for single family, and he said that a letter had been sent clarifying that information after the application had been turned in. Chair Wesen thanked Mr. Day

and Mr. Fallquist for the presentations. Documents provided by Mr. Day and Mr. Fallquist can be found here:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/07282014/>
Chair Wesen announced that the Commissioners would make a decision on Tuesday, August 5, 2014, at 11:00 a.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 1:57 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board