

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 23, 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 8:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Public Works, Dan Berentson, Director:

Chair Wesen introduced Mike Elde, Equipment Division Manager.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding the Sale or Disposal of County Surplus Property Consisting of Vehicles and Equipment

Mr. Elde briefed the Commissioners on the list of vehicles and equipment that were ready to surplus. He shared that local municipalities and school districts had an opportunity to purchase items from the list and everything was ready to send to the James G. Murphy auction company to be sold. Mr. Elde said if the Commissioners approved the disposal of the surplus items, then they would be auctioned on October 4, 2014 in Kent. Those interested in viewing the items could go to www.murphyauction.com. Mr. Elde said that he or Equipment Maintenance Supervisor George Stucks would also be happy to answer people's questions about the items.

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 8:39 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Dillon. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the resolution for the disposal of county surplus property. **(Resolution No. R20140296)**
Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 8:40 a.m.

b) 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Proclamation: Recognizing September as Recovery Month

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:00 a.m. After recognizing Superior Court Judge Meyer, Chair Wesen introduced Human Services Manager Rebecca Clark. Ms. Clark and others including: Corky Hundahl of Phoenix Recovery Center, Cynthia Hoff, Angela, John Wieko, Amy Mua of Tierra Nueva, Jeff Reynolds of the Reach Center, Torey Santos of Catholic Community Services, Sergeant Ron Coakley, and Judge Meyer thanked the Commissioners for their support of mental health and substance abuse services and shared with the Commissioners what services they offered or treatment and support they had received.

The Commissioners voiced their appreciation about hearing how the community had been benefited by the one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax that was implemented in 2005 for the purpose of providing chemical and mental health treatment services. Commissioner Dahlstedt then read two things into the record: a letter to Washington State DSHS the Commissioners were going to sign which supported the reopening of North Sound Evaluation and treatment Center, and, the proclamation recognizing September as Recovery Month. Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:43 a.m.

c) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Board of Health:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:47 a.m. and introduced Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson.

1. The Future: Public Health Improvement Partnership

Jennifer Johnson informed the Board of the changes public health departments would be working through regarding funding and policies. She said entities were working together towards meeting the needs in their communities because funding was never adequate. She briefed the Board on studies performed on the services public health should provide and the Public Health Improvement Partnership found that services should be based on the population, if a primary provider was involved, and if the service was mandated by law. She appreciated the work performed by Skagit County Alliance for Health Care Access and One Community, One Voice.

2. Community Health Plan Progress Report

Community Health Analyst David Jefferson briefed the Board on the Community Health Plan progress report which was required through the Affordable Care Act and which created regional districts throughout the state which were to work together to provide sustainable, healthy programs for their communities. He stressed the importance of a shared regional vision and strong partnerships.

3. Boarding of Individuals with Mental Illness

Human Services Manager Rebecca Clark updated the Board on changes made in the law regarding the involuntary boarding of individuals with mental illness and shared that additional resources/facilities would be needed in the community to accommodate the change.

4. Environmental Health: Blue-Green Algae in the Lakes

Environmental Health Specialist Polly Dubbel briefed the Board on blue-green algae blooms in local lakes. She said that cyanobacteria was responsible for the blooms and that it was an ancient bacteria that could sometimes become toxic. One type of toxin produced by the blooms was harmful over prolonged exposure and affected the liver. The other type of toxin produced by the blooms was worse and could cause cardiac arrest shortly after coming into contact with it.

Ms. Dubbel said that scientists could not accurately predict when the blooms would produce toxins and that the level varied from week to week. In general, the Health Department advises people and pets to stay out of any algae or lake scum.

Notices about water quality concerns would be posted at the lake and online. She encouraged people to call the health department to report blooms or unusual scum on the lake: (360) 336-9474 or eh@co.skagit.wa.us

She ended by encouraging extra nutrients be kept out of lakes which included phosphorus, animal waste, fertilizers, and to be sure septic systems worked properly.

5. Miscellaneous

Ms. Johnson concluded the Board of Health meeting and announced that the next meeting would be held in November.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:36 a.m.

d) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Skagit Library Directors 2014 Update

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:40 a.m. and introduced Sheri Miklaski Director of the Anacortes Public Library.

Ms. Miklaski thanked Skagit County for their support of libraries which was shared according to a funding formula. She said that libraries were more than just books. She said that each library was unique to its community and worked meet the needs in their community. She discussed the early learning movement and Thrive by Five. Then, she introduced Rita Ordonez to update the Board on the revitalization of the Skagit Reads Program and the movement to have the entire community read and learn about the same book which focused on the issue of hunger. Rita Ordonez, Community Action of Skagit County's Community Food Access Manager discussed the county-wide effort at engaging the community on the issue of hunger. She said a movie would be shown at the Lincoln Theatre and that local libraries would be providing free copies of the book. She also said that guest speakers would be discussing the subject. Director of the Mount Vernon Public Library, Brian Soneda, ended by discussing the importance of community partnerships and contributing to the change you want to see. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Mikalski, Ms. Ordonez and Mr. Soneda for the information.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:57 a.m.

e) 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:17 a.m. and introduced Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue.

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

Ms. Logue presented the 3rd quarter proposed budget amendments to the Commissioners. She said that the net impact to general fund would be \$19,766. Ms. Logue briefed the Commissioners on each budget amendment which included requests from: Assessor, Auditor, Civil Service, Prosecuting Attorney, Pest Control, Emergency Management, Centennial Documents, Election Services, Drug Enforcement, Interlocal Drug Task Force, Geographic Information Services, and Central Valley Ambulance Authority. Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 11:22 a.m. Deputy Assessor RC Cavazos was present to ask that the Commissioners redistribute the \$3,500 line item from part-time

to training and explained the request further. Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dillon moved to close the public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The motion passed unanimously. Chair Wesen and Ms. Logue discussed the Auditor's request regarding postage and a mailing sent in the spring.

Commissioner Dillon understood Mr. Cavazos request for the line item change. She said she had concerns about the Auditor's request for the \$3,000 for the Personal Services Agreement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the resolution amending the 2014 Skagit County Budget and making the additional two changes: move \$3,500 from the Assessor's part-time line item to their training line item, and, to exclude the \$3,000 amount for the Personal Services Agreement in the Auditor's budget (**Resolution No. R20140297**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

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

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

None reported.

2. Public Comment Period

Bill Knutzen of Burlington was present to ask the Commissioners to direct to Planning Commission/Planning Department to maintain the Bayview Ridge urban growth boundary and zoning as it exists in the updated 2008 Subarea Plan.

Mike Newman of Mount Vernon was present to ask the Commissioners to support the efforts by the Fox's to legally battle the Department of Ecology over a building permit.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Dillon reminded the general public to be careful in school zones and watch out for kids walking to school.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:41 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board