

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 7, 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. Public Works, Dan Berentson, Director:

Chair Wesen introduced Public Works Director Dan Berentson.

1. Proclamation: Flood Awareness Week

Mr. Berentson and Division Manager of Emergency Management Mark Watkinson briefed the Commissioners on the activities performed during flood awareness week.

The Commissioners thanked Public Works and Emergency Management for their continued training and dedication to keeping Skagit County prepared for disasters.

Commissioner Dillon read the proclamation declaring October 20 through 24, 2014 as flood awareness week.

2. Proclamation: Great Washington Shake Out and Take Winter by Storm Campaign

Mr. Watkinson presented the proclamation for the Great American Shake Out and October Disaster Preparedness Month with the campaign Take Winter by Storm. He briefed the Commissioners on the training activities that would be held in October for Skagit County staff and their partners.

Mr. Watkinson also discussed upcoming weather spotter training, which anyone can sign up for by calling (360) 428-3250. And, he and the Commissioners discussed a recent training activity they hosted with representatives from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad company, Shell Oil Refinery, and local first responders.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation declaring October as the Great Washington Shake Out and Take Winter by Storm Campaign.

3. Update: Natural Resource Stewardship Program Video

Habitat Water Resources Technician Emily Derenne shared a video with the Commissioners highlighting the Natural Resource Stewardship Program which began in 2009 when the Department of Ecology awarded funding to Skagit County (which provided a match in funding) for the improvement of the Skagit watershed.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:12 a.m.

- b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Update: WSU Skagit County Extension - Programs

Item rescheduled to October 14, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.

- c) 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Planning & Development Services, Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m. and introduced Planning and Development Services Director Dale Pernula.

1. Proclamation: October as National Community Planning Month

Mr. Pernula shared that, nationwide, October was known as Community Planning Month. Mr. Pernula briefed the Commissioners on the importance of planning, and, provided a synopsis of the divisions working in his department to make sure all development was performed according to Skagit County Code. The Commissioners said they appreciated the staff at Planning and Development Services, and the Planning Commission which helped make Skagit County a wonderful place to live and work. Commissioner Dillon read the proclamation declaring October as National Community Planning Month.

2. Miscellaneous

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:44 a.m.

- d) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Proclamation: Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m.

Heather Milliren, Coordinator of Skagit County Parent to Parent briefed the Commissioners on the support and resources they provided to families, and, shared that the Annual Buddy Walk was scheduled for Saturday, October 11, 2014, which was a fun event that also promoted awareness and acceptance for those with disabilities.

There were several supporters of individuals with disabilities (through the Buddy Walk, Special Olympics, or family members) present that thanked the Commissioners for their support of the annual event.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation declaring October as Down Syndrome Awareness Month. 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 11:31 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories
2. Public Comment Period

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Sheriff Will Reichardt introduced newly hired Sheriff's Office employee Elizabeth Raines to the Commissioners. She had been recently hired as their jail accountant and she was already making remarkable progress in her short time with their department.

The Commissioners thanked Sheriff Reichardt for the introduction and welcomed Elizabeth Raines to Skagit County.

f) *2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Executive Session (Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

The Commissioners attended an executive session on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, from 2:03 p.m. to 3:00 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 and Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Arne Denny. Other attendees included: Skagit County Administrator Tim Holloran, Director of Public Health and Community Services Jennifer Johnson, Environmental Health Manager Corinne Story, Director of Planning and Development Services Dale Pernula, Environmental Health Specialist Alison Mohns, Environmental Health Specialist Ron Palmer, Tax Administration Clyde Williams, and, Environmental Health Specialist David English.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:39 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board