

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2014**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 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 8:35 a.m. and announced that Commissioner Dahlstedt was running late.

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:

Dan Berentson, Director, was present to introduce the agenda items and answer questions.

1. Presentation: Draft 2014 Ferry Operations Status Report

Ms. Rowe provided a PowerPoint presentation and the Ferry Division's draft 2014 Operations Status Report. She noted that pursuant to Resolution No. R20100050, amended by Resolution No. R20110382, Public Works was required to prepare and present to the Board of County Commissioners an annual ferry operations status report.

Ms. Rowe provided an overview of the Ferry Division and noted that they operated 7 days a week, 365 days a year between Anacortes and Guemes Island and that the ferry had been operating since the early 1960's when it was purchased from a private operator. It was reported that the ferry required eventual replacement, and during 2013 and 2014, Skagit County had worked with Elliott Bay Design Group on a plan specifically for the M/V Guemes. Ms. Rowe discussed the Ferry Divisions' annual accomplishments and noted that \$120,000 in funding had been awarded from the Ferry Boat Program for the purchase of one new main engine which was scheduled to be installed in 2015.

Ms. Rowe reported on the Guemes Island Ferry Committee meetings and said that meetings were open to the community; minutes were taken; action items were discussed and available online on the Public Works website located at:
<http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksFerry/>

PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/12152014/>

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Rowe for the presentation.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings 9:29 a.m.

2. Discussion/possible Action: Resolution Requesting Approval of the Fourteen-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2015-2028

Ms. Rowe noted that the requirement for a fourteen-year capital improvement plan for County-owned ferries was outlined in the Revised Code of Washington (R.C.W.) 36.54.015. Ms. Rowe provided a PowerPoint presentation and said that the Board of County Commissioners are required to adopt a plan to meet statutory requirements. She stated that the plan was a general guide for long range planning and therefore did not require strict adherence.

PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/12152014/>

Commissioner Dahlstedt was present at the proceedings at 8:43 a.m.

There was a discussion about how the County received grants for marine division projects.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Guemes Island Ferry Fourteen-Year Ferry Capital Improvement Plan 2015-2028 Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

c) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:31 a.m.

Dale Pernula, Director; and Kirk Johnson, Senior Planner; were present to introduce the agenda item and answer questions.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution to Establish the Scope of Skagit County's 2016 Update of its Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations

Mr. Pernula discussed the Resolution Establishing the Scope of Skagit County's 2016 Update of its Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations for the Board's consideration.

There was a discussion about the definition of rural character and opportunities for public participation in Skagit County Code 14.08 work sessions with the Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the Resolution establishing the scope of Skagit County's 2016 Update of the Comprehensive Plan and Development Regulations, which reflects the direction given by the Board of County Commissioners in the public session with Planning and Development Services on December 8, 2014. **(Resolution No. R20140374)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:39 a.m.

d) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Services - Mark Raaka, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:32 a.m.

1. Update of Emergency Medical Services Department

Mark Raaka, Director; and Joel Pratt, Training Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/12152014/>

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Raaka for the presentation.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Emergency Medical Services to discuss.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:16 a.m.

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

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

Ellen Bynum of Friends of Skagit County read a comment from Andrea Xavier regarding a July 7, 1995, Skagit Valley Herald titled "Paradise Lost" which dealt with the proposed Skagit County Comprehensive Plan changes and the rezone of certain lands.

Jeannette Anderson of Clear Lake spoke about her personal mental health recovery story and shared a poem titled "How Did I Get Here" She commented on her working career, experience at Skagit Valley College, and the North Sound Mental Health Administration. She spoke in support of opening the Emergency and Trauma (E&T) center at Northern State in Sedro-Woolley.

2. Public Comment Period

The following residents of Skagit County provided comments about the moratorium on new marijuana facilities that was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, December 15, 2014: Delinda Bond; Barb Hendrickson; Crystal Swagger; Joan Schleh; Sharyn Sowell; and Lori Scott.

It was noted that a moratorium was a commonly used technique to preserve the status quo while a community amends its development regulations. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the moratorium on Tuesday, January 6, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon.

For more information about the moratorium, contact Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Walters at ryanw@co.skagit.wa.us or 360-419-3444.

Seeing no further public comment forthcoming, Chair Wesen closed the public comment period at 12:02 p.m.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 12:04 p.m.

Trisha Logue, Budget and Finance Director, presented a Resolution to amend Resolution No. R20140369. Ms. Logue indicated that the amended Resolution included the Central Valley Ambulance Authority.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve a Resolution to amend Resolution No. R20140369 to call for a public hearing to consider an amendment to the 2014 Skagit County budget. The public hearing is scheduled to be held on Monday, December 29, 2014, at 2:30 p.m. in the Skagit County Commissioners' Hearing Room. **(Resolution No. R20140375)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

f) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Certificate of Commendation on the Retirement of Alana Pizzuto from the Skagit County Treasurer's Office

Katie Jungquist, Treasurer, said that Alana Pizzuto was hired in the Treasurer's office on April 25, 1984, and had been serving as the Assistant Treasurer for 15 years.

Ms. Pizzuto spoke about her tenure with Skagit County and said that she felt privileged to have worked with the Treasurer's office over the past 30 years.

Tim Holloran, County Administrator, expressed his heartfelt appreciation for Ms. Pizzuto's hard work and professional service to Skagit County.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Pizzuto for her hard work and dedication.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the certificate of commendation in recognition of dedicated public service rendered on behalf of the people, the community and in the public interest, faithfully and unselfishly by Alana Pizzuto from April 25, 1984 to December 31, 2014.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 12:16 p.m.

g) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Recognition and Appreciation Ceremony for Outgoing Elected Officials: Skagit County Clerk Nancy K. Scott; Skagit County Commissioner Sharon D. Dillon; and Skagit County Assessor Don Munks

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 1:31 p.m.

The following people were present in the gallery: Katie Jungquist, Treasurer; Superior Court Judge Rickert; Superior Court Judge Needy; Superior Court Judge Meyer; Sheriff Reichardt; Keith Rubin, Vice-President Port of Anacortes; Thomas Boucher on behalf of Congressman Rick Larsen; Adam Lemieux on behalf of Congressman Larsen; Commissioner Elect Lisa Janicki; Sedro-Woolley Council Member Rick Lemely; Mavis Betz, Clerk Elect; and Karlee Deatherage on behalf of Congresswoman DelBene.

Chair Wesen presented a plaque in recognition of Assessor Don Munks retirement. Dave Thomas, Skagit County Assessor Elect accepted the plaque in Don Munk's absence.

Commissioner Dillon presented a plaque in recognition of Skagit County Clerk Nancy Scott's retirement to Nancy Scott.

Commissioner Dahlstedt presented a plaque in recognition of Commissioner Sharon Dillon's retirement to Sharon Dillon.

Miscellaneous:

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 2:04 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board