

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

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

Chair Wesen introduced Director of Planning and Development Services Dale Pernula.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2014 Docket

Mr. Pernula briefed the Commissioners on the following petitions and/or proposals to amend the Comprehensive Plan

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/12232014>:

NC-1 City of Sedro Woolley, urban growth area boundary comprehensive plan map amendment proposal (PL13-0299) (Continuance); and

NC-2 Wilfred Voigt, re-designate an approximate 12 acre parcel from Rural Reserve (RRv) to Small-Scale

Recreation and Tourism (SRT), or as an alternative, Small-Scale Business (SSB) (PL12-0268) (New)

Planning and Development Services was also proposing a county-initiated comprehensive plan program, policy and code amendment:

C-1 Proposal to amend the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan to incorporate Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) program goals, objectives and policies; and, establish Skagit County Code implementing measures (New)

Mr. Pernula and the Commissioners discussed each proposal. The Commissioners agreed with Planning and Development's recommendations regarding NC-1 and whether to consider removing or adding certain areas into or out of the UGA and city limits. The Commissioners agreed to explore NC-2. The Commissioners spoke in favor of the TDR program as long as it did not negatively impact the Farmland Legacy Program, and, Chair Wesen suggested the name be changed from TDR to Purchase of Development Rights.

Mayor Mike Anderson of Sedro-Woolley spoke briefly about NC-1. He said that the city's proposal should be approved as submitted and not altered as Planning and Development Services had recommended. He cited inconsistent city-county development regulations that were problematic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve docketing items NC-1, NC-2, and C-1 as recommended by staff. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Planning and Development Services did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 8:46 a.m.

b) 9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:00 a.m. and introduced Senior Planner Marge Swint.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Conservation Easement George and Donna Tenborg

Ms. Swint briefed the Commissioners on the proposed Conservation Easement for short plat PL14-0242 and answered the Commissioners questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Grant Deed of Conservation Easement for short plat PL14-0242 submitted by George and Donna Tenborg in compliance with Skagit County Code 14.16.860. **(Contract No. C20140624)** Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Planning and Development Services did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

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

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m. and introduced Public Works Director Dan Berentson.

1. Presentation: Certificate of Commendation for Operations Division Manager Cliff Butler

Mr. Berentson, County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter, Assistant Operations Supervisor Andy Shaw, former Skagit County employee Larry Thomas, Equipment Division Manager Mike Elde, Water Resources Section Manager Mike See, former Skagit County Commissioner Bud Norris, and Transportations Programs Forrest Jones shared memories of their time working with Cliff Butler. Operations Division Manager Cliff Butler thanked his co-workers, present and former, and the Commissioners read two certificates to Mr. Butler and presented them to Mr. Butler.

Commissioner Dillon 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 Cliff Butler from January 3, 1972 to December 31, 2014.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the Certificate of Recognition in gratitude as the longest tenure of employment by any employee at Skagit County for 43 years, longer than any employee in recorded history.

2. Miscellaneous

Public Works did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:02 a.m.

d) 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 Amending the 2014 Skagit County Budget in the Amount of \$1,308,748 in Order to Allow for the Early Payment of a Water Quality Loan and to Save Future Interest Payment Expense

Ms. Logue briefed the Commissioners on the proposed budget which would pay off water quality loans from 2003 and 2011 and save Skagit County approximately \$150,000 in interest payments.

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 11:19 a.m. Seeing no one present to provide testimony, Commissioner Dillon made a motion to close public hearing, which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the resolution amending the 2014 Skagit County budget as outlined. **(Resolution No. R20140387)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Budget and Finance did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:20 a.m.

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:33 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

Sharyn Sowell of Mount Vernon was present to share that on December 20, 2014, 350 volunteers gathered at Bethany Covenant church and packaged 60,000 meals to send to Sierra Leon and also raised \$14,000.

2. Public Comment Period

Bill Knutzen of Burlington was present to question the Commissioners docketing decision of the 2014 Comprehensive Plan Amendment by Sedro-Woolley, NC-1, and he pointed out that allowing growth in the Bay View Ridge area made more sense than in Sedro-Woolley.

Sharyn Sowell of Mount Vernon was present to point out that the marijuana operation on Dunbar Lane was using a garage for processing which violated County Code.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the following vouchers and warrants from Auditors Office: Warrants numbered 414825 through 414940 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$210,970.44 (Transmittal No. C-169-14); and Payroll warrants numbered 342158 through 342859 in the total dollar amount of \$1,154,696.73 (Transmittal No. P-49-14); and Junior Payroll warrants numbered 807844 through 808010 in the total dollar amount of \$205,340.17 (Transmittal No. P-50-14). Commissioner Dillon seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

f) 11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Swearing-In Ceremony for Elected Officials

Judge Michael Rickert swore in Jeanne Youngquist, Auditor; Katie Jungquist, Treasurer; Daniel Dempsey, Coroner; Will Reichardt, Sheriff; Mavis Betz, Clerk; David Thomas, Assessor; and Lisa Janicki, Commissioner (District 3).

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:37 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Sharon D. Dillon, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board