

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, with Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Dahlstedt 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, Public Works Director, and Paul Randall-Grutter, County Engineer were present to introduce the agenda items and answer questions.

1. Presentation of the 2014 Annual Bridge Report

Forrest Jones, Lead Engineering Technician Transportation Programs, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2014 Annual Bridge Report.

Presentation - 2014 Annual Bridge Report:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/02092015/>

Mr. Jones noted that the report satisfied the requirements of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 136-20-060. The report presents a description of the bridge inspection effort and recommendations for the replacement, repair, or load restrictions for deficient bridges. Skagit County has 109 bridges within the County road system. The report is one of the requirements for obtaining the annual Certificate of Good Practice and will be filed with the County Road Administration Board and the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT).

Mr. Jones indicated that the Bridge Inspection Program results provided the data that supported inclusion of deficient bridges on the Six-Year Transportation Program and are the support for grant funding requests to the Federal Bridge Program, Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee.

Mr. Jones reported that Skagit County had six structurally deficient bridges: Burlington Northern Overpass #40111 (BNSF) Railroad Overpass; Anacortes Ferry Dock; Guemes Island Ferry Dock; Friday Creek Bridge; Thomas Creek Bridge; and Samish River Bridge. Three of the structurally deficient bridges have funding allocated to have them repaired or replaced. Skagit County currently has 15 Functionally Obsolete bridges. The other local agency bridges inspected are all in good condition.

There was a discussion about the funding for BNSF Overpass. Skagit County has secured \$12 million in Federal funding to replace the BNSF Railroad Overpass.

2. Presentation from the Survey Crew Regarding the County's Cutting Edge Survey

Program and Equipment

Bob Prater, Lead Survey Technician, provided an overview of the services that the Survey Crew provided for the County and presented the Leica Nova MS50 Multistation surveying station. Chris Hooper, Survey Technician, demonstrated Leica Nova MS50 Multistation's 3D capabilities and indicated that the equipment would be a safety improvement for the survey crew.

There was a discussion about the storage of data, equipment, using technology to improve safety and accuracy.

3. Miscellaneous

Marc Estvold, Project Manager, provided an overview of the Keithly Barber and Associates (KBA) Personal Services Agreement to perform Commissioning Authority (CxA) services and deliverables for the New Skagit County Jail. Mr. Estvold said that KBA were specialized in building commissioning and systems diagnostics. He noted that the building commissioning was a requirement and that the purpose of the Commissioning Consultant was to perform detailed inspections and testing to insure that the mechanical and electrical systems are working as designed. Mr. Estvold said that KBA would be responsible for training the County's maintenance personnel to efficiently and effectively operate the equipment and would create an operation manual to train future staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Personal Services Agreement with Keithly Barber Associates (KBA), Inc. to perform Commissioning Authority (CxA) services and deliverables for the New Skagit County Jail. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2018. Compensation shall not exceed \$225,000 and is based on a fee schedule. **(Contract No. C20150082)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:27 a.m.

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

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:32 a.m.

Annette DeVoe, Chief Deputy Assessor, was present to introduce the agenda item and answer questions.

1. Resolution Concerning the Current Use Open Space Application Submitted by William and Patsey Blunt, to Include 11.49 Acres in Current Use Open Space Program (CU/OS #04-2014)

Ms. DeVoe noted that the application was for 11.49 acres be put into the Open Space Program, excluding the four building lots and parcel B which is the road that services them. There was a discussion about the tax value of the road.

Mr. William Blunt commented on his concerns about the value of the road being attached to the value of the lots.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution Concerning the Current Use Open Space Application Submitted by William and Patsey Blunt, to Include 11.49 Acres in Current Use Open Space Program (CU/OS #04-2014) **(Resolution No. R20150068)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the

motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Resolution Concerning the Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Application Submitted by David Ferguson, to Transfer 47.9 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation (CU/OS F&A #05-2014)

Ms. DeVoe noted that the property was currently in Current Use Farm and Agriculture Program and that the property owner was requesting a transfer into the Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation Program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Resolution Concerning the Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Application Submitted by David Ferguson, to Transfer 47.9 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agriculture Conservation (CU/OS F&A #05-2014) **(Resolution No. R20150069)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Resolution Concerning the Current Use Open Space Application Submitted by Winston and Elaine Anderson, to Transfer 41.7 Acres from Current Farm and Agricultural to the Current Use Open Space Program (CU/OS #06-2014)

Ms. DeVoe noted that the property was currently in the Current Use Farm and Agriculture Program. The property owner is requesting a transfer into the Current Use Open Space.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve a Resolution Concerning the Current Use Open Space Application Submitted by Winston and Elaine Anderson, to Transfer 41.7 Acres from Current Farm and Agricultural to the Current Use Open Space Program (CU/OS #06-2014) **(Resolution No. R20150070)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Ms. DeVoe provided an overview of the Open Space Taxation programs that are available through the Assessor's office. More information about the Open Space Taxation programs can be located on the Assessor's website: <http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Assessor/main.htm> or by telephone at: (360) 336-9370.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:00 a.m.

c) 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Presentation by Skagit County Historical Museum

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:15 a.m.

Ms. Wolfe introduced Historical Museum Board member Kelley Moldstad and former Board member Muriel Leely.

Ms. Wolfe provided information about various projects that were performed during the winter closure of the museum and thanked board members who helped with tasks and provided expertise on found items and information about current and upcoming exhibits:

- **Northern State Hospital Topic presentation re-scheduled for Sunday, April 12th**

- **Presentation: Lance Burdon: A Photographic Journey** March 8th
- **Doctor Doctor!** A history of Healing in Skagit County

The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. more information can be found at www.skagitcounty.net/museum

Ms. Wolfe said that the Museum was in the process of obtaining bids to repair the observation deck at the Museum with the hope of having the project complete in time for the Tulip Festival.

The Commissioners thanked the Historical Museum for all their hard work.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:28 a.m.

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

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:31 a.m.

1. Presentation by Michael Kirshenbaum, Skagit Land Trust Stewardship Director

Dan Berentson, Director, said that Skagit County Public Works was recently recognized by Skagit Land Trust as Partner of the Year for 2014 at its annual meeting.

Michael Kirshenbaum, Skagit Land Trust Stewardship Director, said that over the past few years, Skagit County Public Works had been instrumental in providing funding and plants for habitat conservation.

Mr. Berentson mentioned that Ryan Walters also received an award for Volunteer of the Year.

The Commissioners congratulated Skagit County Public Works for receiving the award.

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

e) **11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation of Skagit Conservation District's Annual Report by Carolyn Kelly, District Manager**

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

Carolyn Kelly, Skagit Conservation District Manager, provided the 2014 Accomplishments for the Skagit Conservation District:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/02092015/>

Ms. Kelly announced the upcoming Native Plant Sale taking place on March 28, 2015.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Kelly for the presentation and for the voluntary programs.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

Paul Randall-Grutter, County Engineer, reported that the Anderson/LaVenture Road Extension project, designed by with the assistance of Exceltech, and the

Pioneer Highway & Fir Island Roundabout project, designed with the assistance of Reid Middleton, had both received the Best in State Silver Award at the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Washington's 2015 Engineering Excellence Awards ceremony on January 23, 2015.

2. Public Comment Period

Ed Stauffer, rural resident, complimented the work of Skagit Conservation District's Manager Carolyn Kelly. He commented on Ms. Kelly's resourcefulness in helping private landowners to achieve best management practices to conserve the natural resources on their land. He complimented Kevin Zobrist, Area Forestry Extension Education, Washington State University Skagit County, for his work on the small forestry owners' training program. Mr. Stauffer also commented on the recent Snohomish County ruling regarding the lawsuit filed by the Foxes after they sued for the right to drill a well and build a new home on their property in Skagit County.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Wesen mentioned that the Anacortes School District's bond vote was taking place today.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:44 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board