

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, with Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present. Commissioner Ron Wesen excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order and 9:02 a.m. and excused Commissioner Ron Wesen through the morning session.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing April as Nonprofit Impact Month

Chair Dahlstedt introduced Mary McGoffin, Executive Director of Skagit Community Foundation.

Ms. McGoffin shared that Skagit County boasted over 300 nonprofit organizations and that the reason for their tax exempt status was because the Internal Revenue Service expects them to contribute to the common good. She said they are able to do their job because Skagit County has a good government in place, and a strong economy that supports its government and nonprofits which all work together to build up society.

Ms. McGoffin introduced Joan Penney with Skagit Community Foundation. Ms. Penny thanked the Commissioners for their proclamation and she shared some facts about nonprofits in Skagit County. She said that there were 338 nonprofit organizations, that 110 of them employ over 2,000 people, that nonprofits strengthen democracy and improve the quality of life in Skagit County.

Chair Dahlstedt acknowledged the audience and invited members to the podium to share which nonprofit they were representing. Present was Rob Martin of Chinook Enterprises, Skye Richenderfer of the Celtic Arts Foundation, Roger Gietzen of the Lincoln Theatre, Debra Lancaster of United Way, Bill Henkel of Community Action of Skagit County, Molly Doran of Skagit Land Trust, Cate Anderson of Children's Museum, Jodi Monroe of Home Trust of Skagit, Linda Frizzell, Wendy Ragusa, and Becky Wells of Skagit Valley Hospital Foundation, Dan Clark of Skagit Valley College Foundation, and Wendy Rohrbacher of the Hospice Foundation of the Northwest.

The Commissioners thanked the audience for their work in the community and they encouraged people to support nonprofits. Commissioner Janicki read the proclamation regarding April as Nonprofit Impact Month in Skagit County.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:22 a.m.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt introduced Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding Amending the 2015 Skagit County Budget Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Ms. Logue briefed the Commissioners on the proposed amendments to the 2015 Skagit County budget.

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 10:05 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Janicki made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:06 a.m., which was seconded by Chair Dahlstedt. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve Amending the 2015 Skagit County Budget. **(Resolution No. R20150143)** Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Discussion/Possible Action: Adoption of the First Quarter Amendment to the 2015 Capital Facilities Plan

Planning and Development Director Dale Pernula and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Walters briefed the Commissioners on the Amendments to the 2015-2020 Capital Facilities Plan which needed to be presented and amended concurrent with each budget amendment per Washington State Law. Mr. Walters discussed the changes that were being proposed which had to do with collecting impact fees for the cities of Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley, and the Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley school districts. Mark Freiberger of the City of Sedro-Woolley was present to answer any additional questions.

Mr. Pernula's staff report regarding the update to the Capital Facilities Plan can be found here: <ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04132015>

Chair Dahlstedt pointed out that Urban Growth Areas were meant to be a short-term transitional period between

Skagit County and the nearby city, and that cities needed to annex them within a reasonable amount of time. Commissioner Janicki clarified how fees were collected and dispersed in Urban Growth Areas.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Ordinance adopting amendments to the Capital Facilities Plan and Skagit County Code as proposed. **(Ordinance No. O20150002)** Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:23 a.m.

c) 10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing April as Autism Awareness Month

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:27 a.m. and introduced Kim Smith.

Ms. Smith thanked the Commissioners for considering the proclamation and shared that additional awareness and acceptance of individuals with autism was the goal of Autism Speaks.

Skagit County Administrator Tim Holloran was also present and shared that parents or families looking for more information on autism could contact Parent to Parent or Skagit Preschool & Resource Center (SPARC) at 360-416-7570.

Commissioner Janicki read the proclamation regarding April as Autism Awareness Month.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:41 a.m.

d) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Community Action of Skagit County: Presentation of Annual Report

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:44 a.m. and introduced Director Bill Henkel of Community Action of Skagit County.

Mr. Henkel, acknowledged and thanked his staff Community Services Director Lynn Christofersen, and Donor Development Manager Susan Lange.

Mr. Henkel shared that Community Action was the largest nonprofit and Skagit County “Making Hope Happen” by stabilizing lives, equipping individuals for success, and strengthening the community. He shared that Community Action touched the lives of 1 in 4 people in Skagit County. He briefed the Commissioners on work performed in 2014: <ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04132015>

The Commissioners thanked Community Action for the work they performed changing people’s lives and they thanked Community Actions’ dedicated staff.

Susan Lange shared that May 2, 2015 was the annual Community Action of Skagit County “Have a Heart Run/Walk” and would be held at Edgewater Park in Mount Vernon. For more information, she said people could call 360-588-5737.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:13 a.m.

e) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Auditor - Jeanne Youngquist, Auditor:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:15 a.m. and he introduced Chief Deputy Auditor Barb Leander and Elections Supervisor David Cunningham.

1. Public Hearing: To Consider Testimony Regarding Amending Skagit County Code, Chapter 1.20, Adjusting Boundary Lines of Skagit County Voting Precincts in the Cities of Mount Vernon, Burlington, and Unincorporated Skagit County

Ms. Leander shared that the amendments to Skagit County Code were housekeeping in nature and needed to update boundaries and legal descriptions.

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 11:16 a.m. Seeing no one present to provide testimony, Commissioner Janicki made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:17 a.m., which was seconded by Chair Dahlstedt. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners announced that they would pass the resolution executing these changes on Monday, April 20, 2015 on Consent Agenda.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:18 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
No one was present for success stories.
2. Public Comment Period

Carol Ehlers of Fidalgo Island was present and shared a perspective regarding the effect of World War II on planning, mapping, building roads, and how to frame time in 70-year periods. She shared how a road can make a difference.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:46 a.m.

g) *2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

The Commissioners attended an executive session on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:20 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 Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea. Other attendees included: Skagit County Administrator Tim Holloran.

h) 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Board of County Commissioners

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 2:31 p.m.

1. Decision: Closed Record Appeal PL15-0055 Submitted by Tom Butler Regarding Appeal PL14-0117 of File PL13-0354 and PL13-0117 of Hearing Examiner's Decision Dated February 4, 2015, Regarding Appeal PL14-0117 of Approval of a Reasonable Use Exemption PL14-0026; and Appeal PL13-0354 of Administrative Approval of Reduction in Setbacks in PL13-0146

Commissioner Wesen clarified that he had wanted this matter remanded back to the Hearing Examiner the last time to address Mr. Butler's concerns regarding the development of Holiday Hideaway.

Commissioner Janicki thanked Mr. Honea for briefing her on the closed record appeal and she said that she felt comfortable making a decision on the matter.

Senior Planner Grace Roeder was present and she thanked Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jill Dvorkin for her diligent work on the appeal which included a lot of review and research.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution denying the appeal and upholding the Hearing Examiners decisions. **(Resolution No. R20150144)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

- i) *3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Emergency Medical Services Meeting with Anacortes Representatives (Commissioners Office, 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 2:35 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board