

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 28, 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 at 9:02 a.m.

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. Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Rich Weyrich, Prosecutor:

1. Discussion: Private Investigator

The presentation from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office was cancelled and will be re-scheduled to a later date.

a) NEW ITEM - SKAGIT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1:

1. Presentation of Water Transmission Line Project from Judy Reservoir to Sedro-Woolley

Skagit County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter informed the Commissioners that staff from Skagit Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1 were present to update the Commissioners on an emergency repair project that they had been working on.

Skagit PUD No. 1 General Manager Bob Powell informed the Commissioners that they had been investigating repairing one of the water transmission lines coming from Judy Reservoir after a leak had been discovered and that their work would be affecting the South Skagit Highway. Mr. Powell introduced Engineering Manager George Sidhu P.E., and Project Manager Mike Benton to provide more information.

Mr. Sidhu briefed the Commissioners on the Judy WTP transmission line project. He informed the Commissioners that Skagit PUD staff discovered a leak on the line to Sedro-Woolley on March 10, 2015, an emergency was declared by the district on March 17, the transmission line was taken out of service on March 27 and direction was given to replace the leaking section of pipe. He shared that water had been flowing indirectly to Sedro-Woolley through their second transmission pipeline, and that to date no customers had complained about service. Mr. Sidhu briefed the Board on Skagit PUD's work to date to replace the failed section of pipe. He informed the Commissioners that due to the

landscape of the area, limited work space, and aggressive work schedule, the construction company would have to do much of their work directly on the South Skagit Highway and would be completely blocking both lanes.

Project Manager Mike Benton further explained why Skagit PUD needed the road completely closed during construction and installation of the pipeline. Mr. Benton said that it was rare for Skagit PUD to request an entire road closure. Mr. Benton said that the route Skagit PUD identified as the detour route added approximately ten minutes of travel time. He pointed out that one-lane intermittent lane closures could add as much time if not more, and that allowing one lane to remain open was not feasible in the construction area. Mr. Benton requested that Skagit County approve the road closure.

The Commissioners understood Skagit PUD's request and the need to repair the line quickly and safely. The Commissioners requested that Skagit PUD provide a variety of notification regarding the road closure.

Documents presented in session to the Commissioners by Skagit PUD No. 1 can be found here:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04272015>

Mr. Randall-Grutter said that Skagit County Public Works would provide a Resolution for the Commissioners to sign on Monday, May 4, 2015, authorizing the road closure of South Skagit Highway from approximately May 20, 2015, through June 30, 2015.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:33 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Board of Health:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:36 a.m. and introduced Director of the Public Health Department Jennifer Johnson.

1. Population Health Trust Progress Report

Ms. Johnson introduced Community Health Analyst David Jefferson. Mr. Jefferson provided an update on the work performed to date by the Population Health Trust Advisory Committee. He said that the committee had a very aggressive schedule aimed at improving the quality of care, enhancing the quality of patient experience, and reducing excessive healthcare costs in Skagit County. He said the committee had decided to break their goal into two phases with completion date to occur in 2016. The material provided by Mr. Jefferson can be found here:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04272015>

2. Immunization Presentation

Public Health Nurse Amie Tidrington provided information to the Commissioners regarding the benefits of vaccinations. The Commissioners asked Ms. Tidrington to discuss the concerns that some parents had about vaccinations and the thought that they caused autism. Ms. Tidrington informed the Commissioners that the doctor who studied that link had lost his license due to his false connection. She said many institutions and physicians had

studied the claim, including the National Autism Society, and no connection was found that vaccinations caused autism. She encouraged parents to do better research on these types of topics. The materials Ms. Tidrington provided to the Commissioners can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04272015>

3. Sea Water Intrusion Presentation

Environmental Health Manager Corrine Story discussed proposed, upcoming revisions to Skagit County Code regarding sea water intrusion in drinking wells near the shoreline. She briefed the Commissioners on how sea water intrusion occurred and what Skagit County and private citizens did to monitor the problem. The information provided to the Commissioners by Ms. Story can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04272015>

4. On Site Sewage Code Changes

Ms. Story informed the Commissioners that the Public Health Department was working with legal counsel to update and revise Skagit County's code regarding on-site sewage management. She said that more information on the topic would be provided at a later date.

5. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items to discuss. Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:26 a.m.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Skagit Conservation District: Proclamation Recognizing April 26 through May 2, 2015 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:31 a.m. and introduced Skagit Conservation District Manager Carolyn Kelly. Ms. Kelly thanked the Commissioners for providing time for the annual Soil and Water Stewardship proclamation and she invited Youth Education and Data Information Coordinator Cindy Pierce.

Ms. Pierce briefed the Commissioners on Skagit Conservation District's poster contest. She said the theme for 2015 was "Local Heroes, Your Hardworking Pollinators", and she introduced the poster contest winners: Overall Winner: Analia Jissel Lozano of Emerson High School Runner-up Winner: Anali Noemy Lozano of Emerson High School Grade 9-12 Winner: Analia Jissel Lozano of Emerson High School Grade 3 Winner: Kailee McCoy of Evergreen Elementary Grade 2 Winner: Jayden White of Jefferson Elementary Grade K Winner: Heidi Hagen of Summersun Montessori The Commissioners thanked Skagit Conservation District for including Skagit County youth in their work and Commissioner Janicki read the Proclamation recognizing April 26 through May 2, 2015 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week in Skagit County. Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:55 a.m.

d) 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval for the Following Open Space Application:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:01 a.m. and introduced Chief Deputy Assessor Annette DeVoe. Also present

was Current Use Specialist Kiffin Saben.

1. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application of Paula Dekker, to Transfer 10.88 Acres to the Current Use Open Space Program (CU/OS #7-2014)

Ms. DeVoe provided information to the Commissioners regarding Paula Dekker's application to include 10.88 acres in the Current Use Open Space program. Ms. DeVoe said that the parcel was located on the south side of Guemes Island and that the land was currently vacant and open.

Ms. DeVoe answered Commissioner Janicki's questions regarding the process and requirements for including property in an open space program.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Resolution concerning an Open Space Application of Paula Dekker to transfer 10.88 acres to the Current Use Open Space Program (CU/OS #7-2014) (**Resolution No. R20150163**) Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:09 a.m.

- e) 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 to share success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Delinda Baughn of Dunbar Road in Mount Vernon provided information to the Commissioners about each of her neighbors on Dunbar Road to make the point that the marijuana facility that had located in their neighborhood and did not belong in a residential setting. She said that the air quality worsened when they processed marijuana, and, she believed that the size and amount of the greenhouses was unacceptable. Barb Hendrickson of Dunbar Road in Mount Vernon was present to inform the Commissioners that the owner of the marijuana facility was not neighborly and she was concerned that they were not following laws or being held accountable. Sharyn Sowell of Valley View Drive in Mount Vernon was present to inform the Commissioners that State and Federal rules and regulations continued to change regarding marijuana facilities and she asked the Commissioners to enforce the law.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

No miscellaneous items were discussed.

f) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Information Services - Mike Almvig, Director:

1. Introduction of New Employee: Don Rice, System Manager

Mr. Almvig introduced System Manager Donald Rice. The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Rice. Mr. Rice shared that he had over 20 years of I.T. experience and was pleased to be working for Skagit County Information Services.

The Commissioners and Mr. Almvig changed topics and discussed the fiber optic outage experienced by the Public Works Transfer Station over the weekend. It was discovered that fiber had been cut in Burlington. Mr. Almvig shared that his department was able to restore services after they learned about the problem, and, to avoid the problem in the future, Mr. Almvig and the Commissioners agreed that redundant fiber should be installed.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:55 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board