

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 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 10:02 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Chair Dahlstedt introduced Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea.

Mr. Honea reviewed the appeals and discussed the application of Skagit County Code to each issue and the conditions set by the Hearing Examiner, explaining how certain conditions, specifically numbers 5, 6, 7, and 8 needed to be modified, deleted, or replaced.

The Commissioners discussed home-based-businesses 1, 2 and 3 and how they could exist without undue impacts to neighbors. Commissioner Janicki informed Appellant Zagelow that she did not appreciate inaccurate information and the unprofessional use of social media to stir-up drama and emotions and support for their appeal and that her decision was based on facts submitted in the closed record appeal and the application of law.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve approve the Resolution regarding appeal #PL15-0264 and #PL-0283 of Hearing Examiners decision dated May 14, 2015 granting Special Use Permit PL15-0020 with the modification, deletions, and replacement of condition numbers 5, 6, 7, and 8 as outlined by Mr. Honea. **(Resolution No. R20150221)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

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

b) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:31 a.m. and introduced Assessor Dave Thomas.

1. **Render Decision: Proposed Ordinance Terminating the Open Space Timber Land Classification and Consolidating Timber Land Classification with the Designated Forest Land Classification**

Assessor Dave Thomas and Chief Deputy Assessor Annette DeVoe discussed the proposed ordinance and the comment received regarding the change.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Ordinance terminating the Open Space Timber Land Classification and consolidating Timber Land Classification with the Designated Forest Land Classification. **(Ordinance No. O20150004)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

After a brief discussion on the Assessor's Office current property reevaluation schedule, Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:41 a.m.

c) 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:15 a.m. and introduced Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue.

1. **Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding Amending the 2015 Skagit County Budget**

Director Logue briefed the Commissioners on the proposed update to the budget.

Chair Dahlstedt opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Resolution amending the 2015 Skagit County budget as outlined. **(Resolution No. R20150222)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:23 a.m.

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

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

1. **County and Individual Success Stories**

No one was present to share success stories.

2. **Public Comment Period**

David Buchan of 15376 Channel Drive in La Conner was present to discuss his disappointment in Skagit County's response to the Great Wolf Lodge property tax decision which shifted an unprecedented amount of property tax collected from parcels located on tribal land to the remaining parcels within the district not located on tribal land. Mr. Buchan suggested reaching out to the congressional delegation for assistance and/or supporting Mayor of La Conner Ramon Hayes in his efforts for assistance.

Bill Knutzen of Burlington was present to request that proposed plans for residential development in the Bay View Ridge Urban Growth Area be revisited and that Skagit County Codes be adhered to in determining the proposed development.

3. Miscellaneous Announcement

Commissioner Wesen commented on the irrigation needs of farmers on Fir Island and he thanked the City of Anacortes and Skagit County PUD No. 1 for temporarily transferring water rights to the two irrigation districts. He also discussed the tribal tax issue and the meetings Skagit County held to address the decision made by the State of Washington as well as the responsibilities of the taxing districts and tribe to negotiate towards a positive solution for the community.

e) *1:30 p.m. Photograph with 2015 Skagit County Fair Banner

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner 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

