

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 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 9:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Dahlstedt led the gallery in the salute.

III. AGENDA:

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

Howard Leibrand, M.D., Health Officer and Jennifer Johnson, Director, were present to answer questions and introduce the agenda items.

1. Population Health Trust Progress Report

David Jefferson, Community Health Analyst, provided a brief update about the Population Health Trust Report. He reported that the Quality of Life Survey had been completed and provided a brief summary of the results of the survey.

Mr. Jefferson said that the Quality of Life Report should be available for review by the end of August.

The Commissioners discussed looking at the data and how to use it to create an action plan to improve the community's health.

2. Back to School Vaccinations

Amie Tidrington, Public Health Nurse, reminded everyone to have children vaccinated because they were required to have up to date vaccinations in order to attend school. Ms. Tidrington noted that SeaMar Community Clinic and Skagit Regional Clinics could provide vaccinations to immunize children ages 4 to 12 years old. Ms. Tidrington noted that individual vaccination requirement information for school, child care, preschool entry could be found at the Washington State Department's website located at www.doh.wa.gov, then by searching school requirements to show what vaccinations children need to have prior to attending school.

3. Homeless Service System and Housing Affordability

Bob Hicks, Operations Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding homeless service system and housing affordability crisis.

PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/08032015/>

4. Needle Exchange Program

Ms. Johnson reported that the Needle Exchange Program was funded by 1/10 of 1% sales tax for chemical dependency and mental health treatment. She said that Phoenix Recovery provided a mobile needle exchange bus to various locations throughout Skagit County and that the service was more accessible and that there was more opportunity for the service provider to engage with individuals to access their treatment needs.

Corky Hundahl, Phoenix Recovery, provided information about the Phoenix "RISE" Program. She said that the Program included a mobile needle exchange bus that was parked at various locations throughout Skagit County. She noted that the Program had been very successful and that 55,000 needles had been exchanged since June 1, 2015. Ms. Hundahl said that the Needle Exchange Van would be in Concrete on the 3rd Monday of the month from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Concrete Senior Center; 10:00 a.m. to noon, at the Salvation Army in Anacortes and every Tuesday at these locations from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at Christ the King Community Church in Mount Vernon; and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at PeaceHealth United General Medical Center in Sedro-Woolley. Individuals interested in the Needle Exchange Program can call (360) 848-8437 extension 302 for more information.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:48 a.m.

b) 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 present to provide County and Individual Success Stories.

2. Public Comment Period

No one present to provide public comment.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Tuesday, August 4, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. - Leadership Skagit Summer Evening Fun Event at the Port of Anacortes.

Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. Guemes Island Community Meeting.

Wednesday, August 5, 2015, meeting with residents of Janicki Cove.

Thursday, August 6, 2015, 111th Annual Skagit County Pioneer Picnic at 11:00 a.m. at Pioneer Park in La Conner.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 1:30 p.m.

c) 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Executive Session - (Litigation RCW 42.30110(1)(i))

Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen attended an executive session on Tuesday, August 4, 2015, from 1:05 p.m. to 1:30 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 at the executive session and provided legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners: Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Melinda Miller; Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea; Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Ryan Walters. Other attendees: County Administrator Tim Holloran; Public Works Director Dan Berentson; and Planning and Development Services Director Dale Pernula.

c) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Annual Presentation by Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP)

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 1:32 p.m.

Vyrle Hill, Washington Counties Risk Pool Executive Director; and David Goldsmith, Washington Counties Risk Pool Member Services provided a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Goldsmith noted the Washington Counties Risk Pool was "Created by Counties for Counties" in 1988 and pursuant to Chapters 48.62 and 39.34 RCW to provide to member counties programs of joint self-insurance, joint purchasing of insurance and joint contracting for or hiring of personnel to provide risk management, claims handling, and administrative services. He said that there were 26 participating member counties.

Mr. Goldsmith covered other areas including their mission; controlling documents; expectations of appointed Directors/Alternate Directors; Committees Assignments; coverages; organization structure; revenues/expenses and operating income; self-insured liability coverage; joint self-insurance liability program; cyber risk security and how member's assessments are computed.

Mr. Hill presented the Board with a Certificate of Membership in recognition and appreciation for the County's continued participation since August 1, 2003. He announced that this would be his last presentation before the Board as he would be retiring this year.

Jessica Neill Hoyson, Human Resources/Risk Management, spoke about WCRP's resources and the benefits of sharing information among the member counties.

Tim Holloran, County Administrator, thanked WCRP and County staff for their hard work and dedication.

The Commissioners discussed trends in claims; risk process decision making; resources offered by WCRP; premiums and thanked the WCRP for providing the annual update.

PowerPoint Presentation and 2014 Annual Report:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/o8032015/>

d) *5:00 p.m. Leadership Skagit Summer Evening Fun Event (Port of Anacortes, Cap Sante Marina, 100 Commercial Avenue, Anacortes)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 2:30 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board