

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015**

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dahlstedt called the special meeting proceedings to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 10:00 a.m. Joint Special Meeting with the Port of Skagit Commission, Skagit County Board of Commissioners and the City of Sedro-Woolley City Council Regarding the Northern State Project

1. Hear presentation by Peter Janicki on Janicki Bioenergy and potential siting of Janicki Bioenergy Technology Center and manufacturing facility at Northern State

Peter Janicki, Founder and CEO of Janicki Industries, provided an update on the status of the Omni processor Project, including the VZ machine and Janicki Industries company. Mr. Janicki addressed other technologies including a sustainable toilet and a free water house. He reported that the goal was to produce all of the technology in Skagit County and that 25% of the manufacturing jobs would be located in the county as well. Questions, answers and discussion followed.

2. Hear an overview of the proposal to Department of Enterprise Services for transition of the Northern State property to local control

Patsy Martin, Executive Director of the Port of Skagit, provided a summary of the proposal sent on July 31, 2015 to the State of Washington Department of Enterprise Services. She gave a detailed review of the anticipated next steps for moving the Northern State Redevelopment project forward.

The proposal to the State Department of Enterprise Services can be found on the Port of Skagit website:
<http://www.portofskagit.com/skagit-advantage/north-cascades-gateway-center-project/>

3. Hear an update from Tim Holloran and Denna Vandersloot on Behavioral Health

County Administrator Tim Holloran and Consultant Denna Vandersloot provided an update on the future of

behavioral health at the Northern State campus. The presentation reviewed by Ms. Vandersloot can be found here: <ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/09072015>

A public meeting has been scheduled on October 30, 2015, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Cottontree Inn located in Mount Vernon to discuss mental health issues. Questions and answers with discussion followed.

4. Hear presentation by Patsy Martin on the placeholder name for the Northern State property as agreed on by the Port of Skagit, City of Sedro-Woolley and Skagit County

Patsy Martin, Executive Director of the Port of Skagit, discussed the current name of the site (Northern State Hospital – North Cascade Gateway Center) and a new “placeholder” name for the site. Several Councilmembers expressed concern about a name.

5. Hear public comment regarding the proposal and the Northern State property

Chair Dahlstedt opened the floor for public comment.

Mike Crawford of Anacortes spoke in favor of the project.

Duana Wilkins of Change Addiction Now spoke in favor of the project and discussed some addiction issues.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Final comments from the participants of the special joint meeting were heard.

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:34 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board