

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 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 8:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

Dan Berentson, Director, and Paul Randall-Grutter, County Engineer, were present to introduce the agenda items and answer questions.

1. Work Session: Flood Awareness Week with the Army Corps of Engineers

Catherine DesJardins, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Seattle District Flood Control and Coastal Emergency Program Manager, introduced U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Skagit County Flood Team Lead Skip Green. Ms. DesJardins provided a PowerPoint presentation and shared details about the flood restoration work that had been done to repair the levees after the damage from the November 2014 storms.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Army Corps of Engineers for their help in partnering with the County and Dike Districts in Skagit County.

Commissioner Dahlstedt addressed concerns with the log jams at the Upper Skagit River.

Daryl Hamburg, Dike District No. 17, spoke about the importance of building partnerships with regulatory agencies, the Army Corps of Engineers and the County.

Mr. Berentson mentioned the Flood Awareness Week insert which was published in local periodicals, and reported on the various Flood Awareness Week events.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10192015/>

2. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Vacation of Certain County Rights-of-Way Located Within C.W. Griest's Plat of Grassmere, Section 9, Township 35, Range 8

Shane Whitney, Engineering Technician, provided a map depicting the proposed rights-of-way and provided a brief history of the plat that was recorded in March of 1911. It was noted that John and Shelley Shepherd submitted a petition requesting that the Board of County Commissioners vacate certain sections of right-of-way within C.W. Griest's Plat of Grassmere. Mr. Whitney said that a total of five (5) land owners had an interest in lands over which the right-of-way passed and that they had consented to the vacation. He noted that after the notice was posted, no public comments had been received.

Mr. Whitney said that if the Order to Vacate was approved, the petitioners would then make a payment in the amount of \$41,858.19 to the County Treasurer, then the Final order to Vacate would be brought forward to the Board of County Commissioners for their consideration.

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 9:04 a.m. Seeing no one present to provide public testimony, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing, Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve and execute the Order to Vacate certain County rights-of-way located within C.W. Griest's Plat of Grassmere, Section 9, Township 35, Range 8. **(Resolution No. R20150333)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:05 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Discussion/Possible Action: Veterans Advisory Board - Skagit County Code Update

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m.

Ryan Walters, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, noted that in February, the Board received a letter from Brian Fish of the Skagit County Veterans' Board requesting amendments to Skagit County Code in order to bring it in line with statutory language and allow for a larger pool of applicants to apply for appointment to the Advisory Board.

Mr. Walters noted that a complete copy of the proposal would be available on the Commissioners' website located at: www.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners, or by contacting the Commissioners' office and that pursuant to RCW 36.32.120(7) a full text of the proposal would be mailed upon request.

There was a discussion about the proposed changes and the number of members on the Veterans' Advisory Board.

Brian Fish, current chair of the Skagit County Veterans Advisory Board, spoke about the need to open up the Board membership to allow participation from a broader spectrum of the veteran population and he mentioned the request that board members be reimbursed for reasonable travel expenses; such as attending certain Washington Department of Veteran's Affairs (WDVA) meetings.

Bob Hicks, Public Health and Community Services, spoke about the services provided through Skagit County and Community Action of Skagit County.

Lynn Christopherson, Community Action of Skagit County Community Services Director, spoke about the work of the Veterans' Advisory Board.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Fish for his service to the Veterans' Advisory Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve scheduling a public hearing to consider testimony regarding proposed amendments to Skagit County Code Chapter 2.44 regarding the Veterans' Board. The hearing was set for Monday, November 9, 2015, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:44 a.m.

- c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Update from City of Mount Vernon Library Director Brian Soneda; City of Burlington Public Library Director Sarah Ward, and Teen Services Librarian Jenny Fredriksen; City of Sedro-Woolley Public Library Director Debra Peterson; and Central Skagit Library Director Jeanne Williams

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:00 a.m.

Brian Soneda, City of Mount Vernon Library Director, introduced City of Anacortes Public Library Director Sheri Miklaski, Skagit Valley College Library Director and board member of Central Skagit Library District Mindy Coslor; Upper Skagit Library District Director Brooke Pederson; and Mount Vernon Library Foundation Board of Directors member Chuck Smith. Mr. Soneda thanked the Commissioners for their annual funding support to assist in providing library services to the residents of unincorporated Skagit County.

Jenny Fredriksen, City of Burlington Public Library Teen Services Librarian, spoke about the Skagit Reads program, the book "Spare Parts" and the film festival coming to Skagit County which includes a series of documentaries at the Lincoln Theatre in Mount Vernon.

Debra Peterson, City of Sedro-Woolley Public Director, spoke about the documentary "The Raising of America". Ms. Peterson noted that they were seeking community partners to help sponsor the documentary events.

Mr. Soneda read a closing statement on behalf of the City of Burlington Public Library Director Sarah Ward.

The Commissioners thanked all of the library districts for the presentations.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:21 a.m.

d) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Services - Mark Raaka, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m.

1. Update with Participating Agencies

Mark Raaka, Director, announced that EMS and provider agencies would be changing the occurrence of their updates to the Board of County Commissioners; moving from every two months to the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Mr. Raaka discussed the future service delivery model study which was expected to begin in early 2016; Electronic Patient Care Reporting (ePCR) system; the importance of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training; development of a Skagit County automated external defibrillator (AED) registry; and 2014 bystander intervention rates. Mr. Raaka said that the public could contact Skagit County EMS by telephone at (360) 416-1830 to register an AED or to obtain information about CPR training.

Mr. Raaka announced that in an effort to recognize first responders and citizen bystanders that had helped to save lives, the Dr. Ron Richeson Lifesaver Award had been created. Mr. Raaka provided a brief history of Dr. Ron Richeson and said that he was the first Skagit County Medical Program Director in Skagit County and he had founded the Skagit County EMS System.

Earl Klinefelter, EMS Transition Coordinator, spoke about Dr. Richeson's work to build the Skagit County EMS structure and his dedication to training and excellence throughout the system. Mr. Klinefelter recognized Dr. Richeson's family who were present in the audience.

Dr. Ron Richeson Lifesaver Awards presented to:

Dr. Richeson's family;

Kellan Herndon, Brian Jackson, Joshua Murdock, Bev Riesland, and Terry Ringhouse, Fire District #13.

Jada Trammell, Central Valley Ambulance Authority Operations Manager, provided information about revenues and expenses for the month ending September 30, 2015. Ms. Trammel reported on the Basic Life Support (BLS) integration with the City of Sedro-Woolley Fire Department.

More information about EMS meeting schedule can be located on the EMS website located at: www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/EmergencyMedicalServices/

EMS PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10192015/>

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:15 a.m.

e) 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

Mary McGoffin, Skagit Community Foundation Executive Director, provided information about a grant from the Foundation that was used to fund conflict mediation training for Mount Vernon police officers and said that the training the officers received would help them to deescalate and resolve conflicts.

Ms. McGoffin provided information about the success of the Interpreter Training Program. Ms. McGoffin noted that there was a shortage of interpreters in Skagit County and that the people in the program were provided with scholarships to attend a forty (40) hour course. She said there were ten (10) successful graduates trained to interpret a variety of languages including, Arabic; Punjabi; Farsi; and Marshallese. The interpreters' skills would provide them with employment which could be utilized in a variety of areas throughout the County, including but not limited to, the court system; hospitals; schools; businesses; and domestic violence shelters.

2. Public Comment Period

Bill Reinard of 12221 Bayhill Drive in Burlington and a member of Wildcat Steelhead Club, spoke in opposition to the Skagit River being designated as a wild stock steelhead gene bank and the lawsuit between the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Wild Fish Conservancy.

Letter submitted by Bill Reinard:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10192015/>

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Mary McGoffin, Skagit Community Foundation Executive Director, announced that they would be hosting a seminar on how to be a wise philanthropist entitled "Planned Giving" taking place on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the City of Burlington Library, located at 820 East Washington Avenue in Burlington.

Skagit Community Foundation - Planned Giving Seminar

Flyer:<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10192015/>

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:43 a.m.

f) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Facilities Management - Dan Fitting, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:45 a.m.

Dan Fitting, Director, said that the Moen Building was approximately 5,000 square feet, of which 3,770 square feet was operational space; it was built in 1972; was appraised in September of 2015 with a current market value of \$325,000. He indicated that the building had been vacated by the County since late summer of 2013 because it did not fit the County's current or anticipated future needs.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Proposed Disposal of Skagit County Real Property located at 315 South Third Street, Mount Vernon, also known as the Moen Building

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 11:48 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing, Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion which passed

unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve a Resolution to schedule a public auction for the purpose of disposing of the real property owned by Skagit County, located at 315 South 3rd Street in Mount Vernon, also known as the Moen Building. **(Resolution No. R20150334)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

g) *1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Department Budget Meetings

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:50 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board