

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

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:

1. Presentation: Clean Samish Initiative ~ Results of 90-Day Intensive Effort

Director Dan Berentson; and County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter, were present to introduce the agenda item and answer questions. Mr. Berentson introduced Results Washington Lean Fellowship Program Fellow Stew Henderson and Shellfish Policy Advisor Julie Horowitz from the Washington State Governor's Office. Mr. Berentson reported that in the spring of 2015, Skagit County had partnered with the Governor's Office to embark on a 90-Day Intensive Effort to locate the sources of fecal coliform bacteria in the Samish Watershed. The 90-Day Intensive Effort was led by Pollution Identification Correction Coordinator Karen Dubose.

Ms. Dubose noted that the Clean Samish Initiative team embarked on the 90-Day Intensive Effort in order to find new ways of identifying and fixing sources of fecal coliform bacteria in the Samish watershed. She briefly reviewed the results of the 90-Day Effort and discussed the results from the factsheet.

Mr. Berentson thanked Oscar Lagerlund for his work with the Clean Samish Initiative team and the 90-Day Effort at the three-day workshop that was held in La Conner. Mr. Lagerlund spoke about his experience at the three-day workshop and noted that he had represented the agriculture community at the workshop.

Ms. Horowitz and Mr. Henderson shared their experience with working with Skagit County on the Clean Samish Initiative and the challenges they faced to address bacterial pollution in Washington State.

Mr. Henderson said that they hoped to make a similar presentation to the Governor on December 22, 2015, and invited the Commissioners to attend if their schedules permitted.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for the presentation.

Clean Samish Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/11022015/>

2. Work Session: Burlington Northern Overpass Project - Old Highway 99 North

Mr. Randall-Grutter introduced Project Manager Jennifer Swanson; Construction Section Manager David Walde; Lead Engineering Transportation Technician Forrest Jones and Consultant and Structural Engineer David Shearer.

Ms. Swanson briefly provided information about the history of the bridge and noted that it was constructed in 1936. She noted that due to the age and deterioration from rot, the bridge had undergone a series of temporary repairs in order to keep it open to traffic; it currently had a Federal Bridge sufficiency rating of 3 out of 100 and was considered both structurally deficient and functionally obsolete.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided depicting a brief history of the bridge and alternative design options that were considered. It was noted that after meeting with the Board of County Commissioners on February 18, 2013, it was agreed upon to move forward with the bridge replacement project. The replacement project had received Bridge Replacement Advisory Committee (BRAC) funding in the amount of \$12,000,000 and an additional \$2,000,000 funding from the Connecting Washington Program.

Mr. Shearer briefly discussed the condition of the overpass and reported the cost for the project amounted to approximately \$19,219,526.

There was a discussion about design elements that could reduce the construction costs and design of the project.

3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for Public Works to discuss.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:40 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Quarterly Presentation by Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Extension

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:42 a.m.

Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Extension Executive Director Don McMoran was present to introduce the agenda items and announced that a survey had been sent to the agricultural community to determine if they thought it would be helpful to host an Agriculture Summit. Mr. McMoran said that overall the community thought it would be a good idea to host an Agricultural Summit and that it was scheduled to take place on March 3 and March 4, 2016 at the Best Western Plus (f/k/a CottonTree Inn) Convention Center in Mount Vernon.

WSU Entomology Coordinator Jean Gauthier provided a season end report.

Team Nutrition Educator Jennie Goforth provided information about the Team Nutrition Program.

WSU Alex duPont provided an update of the Shore Steward Program. Ms. duPont said that anyone in Skagit County could

become a WSU Shore Steward volunteer. More information about the Program can be found by visiting the website at <http://shorestewards.cw.wsu.edu/>.

WSU NW Regional Livestock & Dairy Extension Specialist Dr. Susan Kerr provided information about the hierarchy of human food needs; and forage management training.

WSU Low Impact Development (LID) Specialist Anand "Ani" Jayakaran, Ph.D., P.E. provided information about his academic background and noted that he was a licensed Professional Engineer in both South Carolina and Washington State and was based at the Washington Stormwater Center in Puyallup. Dr. Jayakaran discussed the barriers and opportunities of using LID methods.

WSU PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/11022015/>

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

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Board of Health:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:36 a.m.

Director Jennifer Johnson, noted that M.D. Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand was unable to attend the proceedings.

1. Population Health Trust Update

Public Health Analyst David Jefferson reported on the findings of the "quality of life" survey which he indicated included results from surveying more than 1,500 local residents. Mr. Jefferson indicated that the survey had been completed by volunteer respondents and had been conducted on behalf of the Skagit County Board of Health.

There was a discussion about vacancies on the Population Health Trust Board. Mr. Jefferson indicated that there were openings for members from the education, Latino, and tribal communities.

Mr. Jefferson announced the following upcoming community health forums:

December 1, 2015, 5:30-7:45 p.m. at the ESD Building, 1601 "R" Avenue, Anacortes;

December 9, 2015, 5:30-7:45 p.m., Cascade Middle School, Sedro-Woolley;

December 15, 2015, 5:30-7:45 p.m., Mount Vernon High School Cafeteria, Mount Vernon.

Population Health Trust Skagit County Quality of Life Survey Summary Report:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/11022015/>

2. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Authorizing the Recommendations of Skagit County's Allocation Advisory Committee Regarding Skagit County 0.1% Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund Allocations for 2016

Healthy Communities Manager Rebecca Clark provided a PowerPoint presentation about the Treatment Sales Tax Allocation Advisory Committee and background information about the establishment of the sales and use tax in Skagit

County. She said that the purpose of the tax was to provide for the operation or delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services and for the operation or delivery of therapeutic court programs and services. Ms. Clark said that that the Committee consisted of 15 members which were appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

Ms. Clark provided the 2016 Skagit County Treatment Sales Tax Program priorities:

- 1) Individuals in the criminal justice system, including new or expanded therapeutic courts;
- 2) Individuals in need of treatment who do not have access to other forms of funding or benefits to obtain such services;
- 3) Crisis and acute services;
- 4) Intervention and outreach services for children and adolescents;
- 5) Create and expand access to services that support people in recovery.

There was a discussion about the programs that were being funded and the best way to determine if a program was successful.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution authorizing the recommendations of Skagit County's Allocation Advisory Committee regarding Skagit County 0.1% Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund Allocations for 2016 (**Resolution No. R20150350**) Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Discussion: Housing Summit

Operations Manager Bob Hicks announced that in late January Skagit County would be hosting a Housing Summit. He said that a save the date notice will be distributed once a date, time and location have been determined.

4. Presentation Regarding Emerging Population Health Concern

United General District 304 Director of Community Health Outreach Program Carol Hawk addressed concerns regarding electronic cigarette (E-Cig) devices and noted that they were an electronic nicotine delivery system that were not regulated by the federal government. Ms. Hawk addressed concerns that the devices were manufactured overseas and that there was no reliable information provided about the amount of nicotine users were exposed to. She discussed the health effects; social norms; unrestricted marketing; and the impact of youth exposure to E-Cigs.

5. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items for the Board of Health to discuss.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:38 a.m.

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

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:42 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There was no one present to provide County and Individual Success Stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Ed Stauffer of Bow spoke about state, federal program funding and the lack of communication with local communities. He complimented WSU Skagit County Extension and Professor Kevin Zobrist for his work in forestry. Mr. Stauffer addressed his concerns with the Puget Sound Partnership Clean Samish Initiative; that there was no direct local involvement with the work being done in the Blanchard Forest area; and privacy issues related to access to geological information service data. He complimented the Commissioners for staying engaged with all of the issues in Skagit County.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

There were no miscellaneous announcements.

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

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Notice of Intent to Lease the East 1567.5 Square Feet of a County-Owned Building Located at 45770 Main Street in Concrete, Commonly Known as the East County Community Resource Center, to the Upper Skagit Library District

Facilities Management Director Dan Fitting noted that the Upper Skagit Library District currently leased approximately 1,567 square feet of the East County Community Resource Center in Concrete. He indicated that they used these premises to house the Library for the purpose of providing library services to the public and that the current lease expired on December 31, 2015. The Upper Skagit Library District would like to enter into a new two-year lease with an option to extend the term extend for one additional year. The Library was requesting to pay a monthly rent of \$665.

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 11:58 a.m.

Upper Skagit Library Director Brooke Pederson thanked the Commissioners for their support of the Library and spoke about the opportunity for the residents of Concrete to vote to annex the Town into the Upper Skagit Rural Partial County Library District.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 12:00 p.m., Commissioner Janicki seconded motion. The vote passed unanimously.

The Commissioners spoke in support of the partnership with the Town of Concrete residents being annexed into the Upper Skagit Rural Partial County Library District.

Mr. Fitting expected to bring forward a Resolution on a future consent agenda.

f) 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Facilities Management - Marc Estvold, Jail Project Manager, and Roger Howard, Consultant:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 2:30 p.m. and introduced Project Manager Marc Estvold.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Change Order No. 3 for the Truck City Site Remedial Action Project

Mr. Estvold presented Change Order No. 3 for approval said that it would be the last change order on the cleanup project. He noted that there had been more work needed due to additional contamination on the site. Mr. Estvold reported on the additional excavation; cost of the backfill and the cost of products to clean the additional contaminates.

Mr. Estvold mentioned that Skagit County had partnered with the Department of Ecology (DOE) and that DOE had paid for a majority of the cleanup of the Truck City site and that the site was now considered to be clean.

There was a discussion about the amount of time spent; amount of fill that had been brought in; and the treatment of the groundwater.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Truck City Site Remedial Action Project (**Amendment No. A20150162**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Estvold said that preconstruction meeting that took place on Monday, November 1, 2015, with the City of Mount Vernon and the contractor had gone well. He announced that the groundbreaking ceremony for the jail would be on Friday, November 13, 2015, at 12:00 p.m.

g) *3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Department Budget Meetings

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 2:55 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board