

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 24, 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 8:31 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. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt introduced Dale Pernula.

1. Decision: Annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments 2015 Docket

Mr. Pernula was present to answer questions from the Commissioners regarding the items submitted for consideration for the 2015 docket.

Chair Dahlstedt suggested the Commissioners first make their decisions on the policy suggestions, then the map amendments, and then the department code amendments.

Commissioner Wesen and Commissioner Janicki discussed docketing criteria and the factors that the Commissioners would need to consider in making their decisions.

Chair Dahlstedt discussed having to balance and meet the needs of Skagit County citizens. He thanked the audience for bringing forward suggestions. He asked the Commissioners for motions on the policy suggestions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki defer NC-1 for consideration through a later docket cycle or later work program item. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed on a 2 - 1 vote with Chair Dahlstedt dissenting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki docket NC-2. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed on a 2 - 1 vote with Chair Dahlstedt dissenting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki exclude from the docket NC-3, NC-4, NC-5, NC-6, NC-7, NC-8, NC-9, NC-10, NC-11, NC-12, NC-13, NC-14, NC-15, NC-16, and NC-17. Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

Commissioner Wesen thanked Mr. Good for bringing forward NC-7. He agreed with the spirit of the suggestion. He believed Skagit County was doing a good job with current policies and he briefly discussed drainage and instances when that might not be practical.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve to docket map amendment PL15-0363 from Lake Erie Trucking. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve to docket map amendments PL15-0378 from Concrete Concepts and PL15-0379 from Edison Granary. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve to docket map amendment PL13-0299 from Sedro-Woolley. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve to docket map amendment PL15-0383 from Skagit Partners. The motion failed due to no seconder.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve to defer map amendment PL15-0383 from Skagit Partners. Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Janicki wanted additional information and input on a county-wide housing strategy before committing to a specific location. She spoke of a Housing Summit in January 2016 and also spoke of discussing the proposed UGA with the GMA Steering Committee.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen exclude CP-1 map amendment from Skagit County. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed on a 2 - 1 vote with Chair Dahlstedt dissenting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve to docket map amendment CP-2 from Skagit County.

Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve to docket department code amendment C-28. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve to docket department code amendment C-29. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve to docket department code amendment C-30. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve to docket department code amendments C-31 and C-32. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve to docket department code amendment C-33. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Pernula briefed the Commissioners on two additional items for their consideration: a rural business code amendment (Skagit County Code 14.16.150), and a proposed South Fidalgo Rural Residential Zone.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve to docket the Rural Business Code Amendment as outlined by Mr. Pernula. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to defer the proposed South Fidalgo Rural Residential Zone. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Miscellaneous

Mr. Pernula did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

The supplemental staff report provided by Mr. Pernula can be found here:

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:00 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:32 a.m.

1. Public Hearing: To Consider Testimony Regarding a Proposed Revision of the Skagit County Clean Water (Shellfish Protection) District Rate Structure

Water Resources Section Manager Michael See informed the Board that the public hearing was being held in order to determine the specific rates for the new Clean Water District Rate Structure. Mr. See said that the Treasurer's Office worked with Public Works to analyze a variety of properties in order to determine a fair funding structure.

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 9:43 a.m.

Carol Ehlers of Fidalgo Island believed the new funding structure would make assessments more efficient. She had additional questions regarding assessing city and state roads.

Ellen Bynum of Friends of Skagit County had additional questions on National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits and if citizens were subsidizing NPDES permit holders.

Ed Stauffer of Bow shared thoughts on how the Clean Samish Initiative had evolved over the years. He was concerned about the need and use of the funds and he suggested that genetic testing be performed in order to properly identify the sources of the pollutants.

Bob Linn of Sedro-Woolley had additional questions on whether the cost/benefit had expired on the Clean Samish Initiative. He said that approximately \$16 million dollars had been spent on the program with no positive results and he wondered why genetic testing had not been performed earlier to determine the source of the pollutants.

Seeing no additional public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Janicki made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Wesen. The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt requested that the resolution for the proposed rate structure come before the Commissioners in two weeks for their consideration and he recessed the proceedings at 10:01 a.m.

2. Miscellaneous

Public Works did not have any miscellaneous items to discuss.

c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

1. Work Session: Present the Draft 2016-2021 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Draft 2016

Annual Construction Program (ACP)

Transportation Program Manager Forrest Jones presented the 2016-2021 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the draft 2016 Annual Construction Program (ACP). Materials and presentation can be found here: <ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/11232015>

The Commissioners thanked Public Works for maintaining the TIP and ACP.

2. Miscellaneous

County Engineer Paul Randal-Grutter presented Administrative Assistant Kelley Marriott with a 25 years of service pin.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:41 a.m.

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

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:45 a.m. and introduced EMS Director Mark Raaka.

Mr. Raaka informed the Commissioners that Central Valley Ambulance Authority (CVAA) had an update and he introduced CVAA Director Kirk Hale.

Mr. Hale introduced CVAA Medical Service Officer Danny Weibling who presented a proposed ambulance replacement schedule for their fleet of four ambulances. The proposal can be found here: <ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/11232015>

The Commissioners asked questions about the replacement plans. One plan took the mileage of the vehicle into consideration and the other plan took the amount on engine hours on the vehicle into consideration. Remounting was also discussed. Mr. Weibling informed the Commissioners that once they had a standard fleet of ambulances, remounting would be re-evaluated. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Weibling for the information.

Mr. Hale introduced Medical Service Officer Alexa Bowen. Ms. Bowen shared information with the Commissioners about a new program being sponsored by Central Skagit Medic One called BLS Run Review (Basic Life Support) which was being held for BLS providers to review any calls that they had additional questions about.

Mark Raaka presented information to the Commissioners on the integration of BLS transports and said that they were planning to begin Phase 2 at the beginning of 2016. He also said that the legislature had passed HB 2007 which meant that emergency providers would be able to seek Federal Medicaid dollars to offset the cost of providing services to patients that are not fully covered. Mr. Raaka said that over \$3 million of new annual revenue could be realized.

An update was provided on Skagit County's Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) and that they had registered 391 with Skagit 911. He said that 911 dispatchers would be able to direct callers to the closest available AED.

Mr. Raaka invited Gary Ladd, Richard Shrauner, Dalton Mitchell, Bryce Mazza, Ryan Hiller, and Andrew Lester to receive the

Dr. Richeson Lifesaver Award from Lucinda Ladd who needed CPR and was shocked three times with an AED, after which she had a return of spontaneous circulation and was transported to the hospital.

Mr. Raaka said that CPR classes were being offered and to call (360) 416-1830 to sign up for a class.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:29 a.m.

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

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:33 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one was present to share any county or individual success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Bill Reinard of Burlington was present from the Wildcat Steelhead Club to provide information to the Commissioners and a Resolution for their consideration regarding to not designate the Skagit River as a wild steelhead gene bank.

Dan O'Donnel from La Conner was present to inform the Commissioners that a contract Skagit County had in place with the Swinomish Tribe regarding taxes would be expiring at the end of the year. He requested that the Commissioners renew it.

Carol Ehlers of Fidalgo Island was present to discuss disaster preparedness and the importance of communicating in standard terms that everyone understood.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

No one was present to share any miscellaneous announcements.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:48 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board