

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 22, 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:

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Regarding the Approval of the Fourteen (14) Year Ferry Capital Improvement Plan 2016-2029

Director Dan Berentson introduced the agenda item.

Ferry Division Manager Captain Rachel Rowe noted that the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.54.015 required a fourteen-year capital improvement plan for County-owned ferries. Ms. Rowe outlined the Plan and said that if the Board of County Commissioners adopted the Plan, it would be submitted to the County Road Administration Board.

There was a discussion about the ferry system and replacement values; projected expenditures, revenues and the potential replacement of the vessel.

Ms. Rowe confirmed that the Plan had been posted online and that the discussion had been advertised in the Skagit Valley Herald.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Resolution requesting approval of the Fourteen-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2016-2029. **(Resolution No. R20150404)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Ms. Rowe followed up on the discussion from December 8, 2015, regarding the all-electrical ferry. She noted that the next step in the process would be to conduct two tasks; the first task would be to conduct compulsion feasibility study; and then the second task

would be to determine the specific technical requirements needed to obtain State Clean Energy Fund grant.

She said that after the results of the tasks, Public Works would report back in mid-January to the Board of County Commissioners in order to determine whether to move with grant application.

Ms. Rowe noted that in order to perform the tasks mentioned there would be expenses and that Public Works required support from the Board of County Commissioners to expend funds.

The Commissioners expressed their support for Public Works to move forward with gathering additional information and directed Public Works to bring forward a Resolution directing Public Works to conduct an all-electrical ferry feasibility analysis and pursue funding for vessel replacement. The discussion and possible action was scheduled on the agenda for Tuesday, December 29, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:12 a.m.

[Link to Resolution Approving the Fourteen-Year Capital Improvement Plan 2016-2029:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/12212015/)
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b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Discussion Regarding the Skagit County Auditor's Election Tabulation System

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

Chief Deputy Auditor Barbara Leander and Elections Supervisor David Cunningham provided a brief overview of the elections process and noted that elections consisted of two basic components that included voter registration and ballot tabulation and reporting.

Mr. Cunningham provided information regarding the software that allowed Skagit County to interact with the State and Federal databases and the ballot tabulation process. He went on to note that since Skagit County began to vote by mail, the return percentage rates had risen to approximately 83%. Mr. Cunningham noted that there were only three vendors authorized to sell tabulation systems in Washington State.

There was a discussion about the current tabulation system being outdated and the purchase price of a new system upgrade from the current vendor.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Auditor's office for providing the information.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:28 a.m.

[Link to Skagit County Auditor's Election System Tabulation System:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/12212015/)
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c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Emergency Medical Services Update - Mark Raaka, Director

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:32 a.m.

Other Attendees:

City of Mount Vernon Mayor Jill Boudreau
City of Mount Vernon Councilmember Dale Ragan

Emergency Medical Services Director Mark Raaka provided a PowerPoint presentation and said that the goal of the Basic Life Support Transportation Integration system was to implement Basic Life Support (BLS) transports by existing fire department Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) to ensure that paramedics were available for Advanced life Support (ALS) response and transports. He said that the future goal would be to utilize the existing EMT services in order to free up paramedic services to be used for more advanced medical needs. He described the expenses involved if Skagit County had full BLS integration; the call volume in the cities and rural areas and Skagit County EMS Levee.

Training and Quality Assurance Manager Kevin Choa provided the first BLS Transportation Evaluation report.

Mr. Raaka reported on the Criteria Based Dispatch Determinant Study and noted that when a 911 call was received, the call was dispatched within one of the following categories: medical; aid or aid non-priority. He said that the study would help to determine the most effective way to respond to each medical dispatch situation. He expected to review the dispatch versus outcomes from August 1, 2015, through February 29, 2016; and would provide a report and recommendation to Medical Program Director by April 14, 2016.

Tony Smith with Aero Skagit Agency provided an update of their calls, transport and revenues. He expressed Aero Skagit's appreciation for the MSO Program and indicated that it had benefited the east county community.

Kirk Hale with Central Valley Ambulance Authority (CVAA) reported on the MSO Program and provided an update on the CVAA call volume and ALS transfers.

Mr. Raaka reported on the Skagit County EMT Class and noted that they recently completed Class #58 and noted that there were 19 graduates from various agencies; Skagit County Automatic External Defibrillators; (AED) Registry; EMS working with law enforcement to provide Naloxone (Narcan) kits to help reverse the effects of narcotic drug overdose.

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

[Link to Skagit EMS Meeting Materials:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/12212015/)

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

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

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

2. Public Comment Period

Bill Reinard of the Wildcat Steelhead Club spoke in opposition to designating the Skagit River as a Steelhead gene bank and requested that the Board of County Commissioners support the resolution that he drafted declaring opposition to designating the Skagit River a wild Steelhead gene bank.

Dennis Rushman of Skagit County commented on the bus barn.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Paul Weisz, 2015 Chair of the Board of Directors for North Puget Sound Association of Realtors; and Dominic Pettruzzelli, 2016 Chair of the Board of Directors for North Puget Sound Association of Realtors presented Commissioner Dahlstedt with the 2015 Realtor Citizen of the Year in Recognition of Outstanding Services.

Commissioner Dahlstedt thanked the North Puget Sound Association of Realtors for the award.

The Commissioners commented on the upcoming Housing Summit taking place in January of 2016.

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