

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 29, 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 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Director Dale Pernula said that Mr. Greenwood had served on the Planning Commission since August 21, 2012, and expressed appreciation for the vast amount of forestry knowledge and experience that he brought to the Commission. Mr. Greenwood resigned from the Planning Commission due to a job transfer and relocation from Skagit County.

Senior Planner Betsy Stevenson thanked Mr. Greenwood for his prospective and hard work on the Shoreline Master Program Update.

Ed Stauffer of Skagit County thanked Mr. Greenwood for his hard work and dedication on the Planning Commission.

1. Presentation: Certificate of Appreciation Recognizing Keith Greenwood's Service on the Skagit County Planning Commission

Commissioner Wesen read the Certificate of Appreciation and presented it to Mr. Greenwood.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:14 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

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

Director Trisha Logue provided the fourth quarter budget amendment for 2015, and noted that it included salary and wage adjustments approved by the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, December 28, 2015.

There was a discussion about the budget process, Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68 requirements for public pensions and pension funding levels.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Budget and Finance Department for their work on the budget.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Supplemental Budget for 2015

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 9:46 a.m., seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:46 a.m. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Resolution to amend the 2015 budget. **(Resolution No. R20150427)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:47 a.m.

c) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Presentation: Quarterly Program Update by Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Extension

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

Director Don McMoran introduced the new logo highlighting the Skagit County portion of WSU Cooperative Extension. Mr. McMoran provided an overview of the winter and spring agricultural workshops; and potato nutrient trial results for 2015 sponsored by Nachurs.

4-H Program Coordinator Dorothy Elsner provided an update of the Program and introduced 4-H State Ambassador Zoe Brunson. Ms. Brunson shared her experience with the 4-H State Ambassador Program.

Master Gardner Program Coordinator Alex duPont provided an update of the Program and reported that over 125 active Master Gardeners in Skagit County had volunteered 15,162.8 hours in 2015. Ms. duPont announced that three Skagit volunteers had received the "President's Call to Service Award" and two volunteers received the "President's Volunteer Service Award" One of the recipients, Judy Callahan, spoke about her 20 years of volunteer service with the Master Gardeners.

Regional Food and Nutrition Specialist WSU - WSU Food and Consumer Science Program Diane Smith provided an overview of the Family Living Program and a progress report on the Skagit Food for Skagit People - Community Food Centers.

Food Sense Program Coordinator Jan Curry provided an overview of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) Education (ED) SNAP-Ed Nutrition Education and Obesity Presented Program.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:55 a.m.

d) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berenson, Director:

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Directing Public Works to Conduct an All-Electrical Ferry Feasibility Analysis and Pursue Funding for Vessel Replacement

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:01 a.m.

Director Dan Berentson introduced the agenda item and Ferry Operations Division Manager Captain Rachel Rowe.

Ms. Rowe provided a brief history of the M/V Guemes and noted that Skagit County had owned and operated the vessel since she was built in 1979. In recent years, due to the age of the vessel, the cost of maintenance had increased significantly. In 2013, Skagit County determined a need to begin planning for a replacement vessel for the M/V Guemes. A study was conducted by Elliott Bay Design Group, which concluded that the estimated year of replacement would be driven in part by the availability of funding as Skagit County did not have a replacement fund to pay for new vessel construction.

Ms. Rowe provided a detailed overview of Task 1 - Propulsion Study/Feasibility Analysis; and Task 2 Support for the Application Process for the Clean Energy Fund. She said that Task 2 was dependent on the results of Tasks 1.

Costs estimate Phase 1, includes Tasks 1 - \$67,560; Tasks 2 - \$42,320;
Total estimated costs would be \$120,868 which includes 10% for contingency and administration.

There was a discussion about the Personal Services Agreement with Art Anderson Associates, Inc. for Naval Architectural and Marine Engineering Services for the Ferry Division of Public Works (**Contract No. C20150646**) signed on Monday, December 28, 2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Resolution Directing Public Works to conduct an all-electrical ferry feasibility analysis and pursue funding for vessel replacement. (**Resolution No. R20150428**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:27 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

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

2. Public Comment Period

There was no one present to provide public comment.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners made comments on past events in 2015 and looked forward to 2016.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:40 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board