

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, with Chair Lisa Janicki, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Janicki called the proceedings to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Janicki 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:

Mr. Berentson introduced Engineering Technician Shane Whitney.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding Vacating a Portion of County Right-of-Way known as Wilbur Road (Road #41610)

Mr. Whitney provided information from the County Engineer's Report on the vacation of a portion of County right-of-way known as Wilbur Road. Mr. Whitney reported that the application submitted by Mr. Bruce Cornwall had been deemed complete, and that Public Works was recommending the execution of the Order to Vacate.

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 8:38 a.m.

Dave Montague of LaConner asked questions about the proposed vacation regarding the cost valuation of the right-of-way, if private lands would be affected by the vacation, and who was responsible for road maintenance. Mr. Montague further clarified that he wanted to know why the road vacation was being considered: would it equal a cost savings to the county? He asked about the location of the property and if it was off of Reservation Road. He asked if this would be a precedent setting event. And, he asked if the board would be compelled to grant any further vacations if this was approved. Petitioner

Bruce Cornwall of LaConner explained that he needed to install a gate in the area which he had applied for the County to vacate in order to deter criminal activity on his property. He informed the Board that he had recently been robbed three times. Mr. Cornwall also asked that Public Works consider reducing the additional amount he would need to pay for the vacated property in order to take into account a portion of his property that he had been providing to the County for parking and turning around.

Commissioner Wesen moved to close the public hearing at 8:45 a.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The vote passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wesen announced that he was not prepared to execute the Order to Vacate the property due to the need to review the documents, and, answer questions that had been brought up during the public hearing. Mr. Berentson introduced Engineering Technician Given Kutz to discuss the next agenda item.

2. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding Renaming a Portion of Fruitdale Road (Road #91110) to North Fruitdale Road (Road #91050) in Conjunction with a Similar Action by the City Of Sedro-Woolley and to Eliminate Confusion in Addressing and Emergency Response Along the Roadway

Mr. Given Kutz briefed the Commissioners on the action recently taken by the City of Sedro-Woolley to rename a portion of Fruitdale Road to North Fruitdale Road. He said that portions of Fruitdale Road were alternately owned by the City of Sedro-Woolley and Skagit County and that Public Works was recommending Skagit County match the city's change in order to eliminate duplicate addresses along portions of road, comply with the city's current addressing convention, and eliminate confusion for emergency responders and the public when traveling to an address on the roadway.

Commissioner Wesen asked how many property owners would be affected by the change. Mr. Kutz informed the Board that 65 property owners would be affected and that all owners had received a letter with a copy of the public notice and that he had only received one phone call regarding the matter.

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 8:51 a.m. Alice Olsm of 5955 Fruitdale Road in Sedro-Woolley informed the Commissioners that she had come to ask questions that she and her neighbors had about the proposal. She felt it was unfortunate that the city had taken action which seemed to force the county to follow suit. Ms. Olsm said that an address change would be a huge inconvenience for her and many of her neighbors, and she asked that the Commissioners postpone their final decision until additional neighbors who would be affected by the change could submit a comment.

Emergency Medical Services Director Mark Raaka said that the situation was unfortunate, and that he would recommend the road be renamed to eliminate confusing addressing situations and potential delayed responses to medical, police and fire calls.

Alice Olsm spoke again to inform the Board that a previous addressing update had gone into effect on Fruitdale Road many years ago and that old mail was still being delivered by the Post Office.

Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:01 a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. The Commissioners held discussion on whether or not to execute the Resolution renaming a portion of Fruitdale Road to North Fruitdale Road. They decided to allow additional time for written comments and phone calls and to decide on the matter in two weeks.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt render decisions regarding the vacation of Wilbur Road, and the renaming of Fruitdale Road on March 22, 2016 Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

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

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution Authorizing a Nonexclusive Franchise and Order Granting Application for Franchise to the Livingston Family

Mr. Berentson announced that additional time was needed to evaluate and address concerns that had been brought up regarding the Franchise Agreement and he asked the Commissioners to postpone a decision until May 3, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter. The Commissioners agreed to postpone possible action on the matter until May 3, 2016, at 8:30 a.m.

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

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one was present to discuss county and individual success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Lori Scott of Alger read a letter into the record regarding action recently taken by the Chelan County Board of Commissioners regarding marijuana outdoor growing areas. Ms. Scott asked the Board to consider taking similar action. The Resolution from Chelan County provided by Ms. Scott can be found here: <ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03072016> The Commissioners thanked Ms. Scott for the information and informed her that they would request Planning and Development and staff from the legal department review the document and suggest options for Skagit County.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners made miscellaneous announcements regarding tulip traffic safety, the International Day of Women, and an upcoming human trafficking evening discussion being held at the Burlington-Edison High School.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

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Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board