

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2016**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 26, 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:

Dan Berentson, Public Works Director, introduced the agenda item.

1. Presentation: Guemes Island Ferry Fare Target Report and Operations Status Report

Rachel Rowe, Ferry Operations Division Manager, presented the 2016 Ferry Fare Revenue Report. Ms. Rowe noted that the report was prepared annually in accordance with Resolution No. R20100050, and amended by Resolution No. R20110382. Ms. Rowe reported that the report was available for public review and was presentation at the April 12, 2016, Guemes Island community meeting. She thanked the Guemes Island Ferry Committee for their input and involvement in drafting the report.

Ms. Rowe said once the report was finalized, it would be submitted to the County Road Administration Board (CRAB).

There was a discussion about including ridership charts into the Ferry Fare Revenue Report.

[Link to PowerPoint Presentation and Ferry Fare Revenue Report:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04252016/)

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Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:08 a.m.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Auditor Jeanne Youngquist:

1. Presentation: Presidential Primary Voter Information

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

Auditor Jeanne Youngquist provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Presidential Primary which will be held on May 24, 2016. She said that the ballots would be mailed by May 6, 2016; and explained that registered voters should read the declarations on the return envelope; make a selection of one political party and mark the declaration box; sign and date the declarations; vote for one candidate from the political party of their choice; and follow steps shown on the insert included with the ballot packet to return the completed ballot.

Ms. Youngquist said that ballots could be mailed or dropped into drop boxes located throughout Skagit County.

She said that the first day for candidates wishing to file for local office was May 16, 2016, and the last day to file was May 20, 2016.

There was a discussion about Proposition No. 1 La Conner School District No. 311, Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy taking place today, April 26, 2016.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

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Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 10:21 a.m.

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

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 10:28 a.m.

Mark Raaka, Director, introduced the agenda items.

Kirk Hale, Director of Central Skagit Medic One, provided an update for Central Skagit Medic One hiring process and introduced Scott Lange, Paramedic and Medical Services Officer (MSO) and MSO Field Program Trainer.

Mr. Lange provided a report on the Field Training Program and the New Hire Manual.

Gary Ladd, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with Fire District 13, provided an update on the "Good Morning" Wellness Check-In Program. He noted that the program had six (6) full-time participants and seven (7) part-time participants and provided statistics about wellness calls and wellness checks.

Mr. Raaka provided an overview of the Delivery Model Advisory Group's first meeting which was held on April 25, 2016. He said that all the agenda and meetings would be available on the Emergency Medical Services' website located at:

<http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/EmergencyMedicalServices/advisorygroup.htm>.

Mr. Raaka provided an update on the EMS levy funding; the year-end levy reserves; and the Code Green Campaign and said that Code Green took its name from combining the color of the mental health awareness ribbon, green, and from the "code alerts" that EMS used.

Kevin Chao, Training Manager and Quality Assurance, provided information about the Skagit County EMT Class and explained the process to become a qualified Senior EMS Instructor through the State of Washington Department of Health. He congratulated Bev Riesland on her recent qualification as a Senior EMS Instructor. Ms. Riesland spoke about EMT Class that graduated on Saturday. She also thanked fellow Senior EMS Instructor Joel Pratt for his mentorship.

Sheriff Will Reichardt and Sarah Hinman, Behavioral Health Coordinator, provided information about the \$8,000 grant that Skagit County recently received from Northwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). They said that the funds were used to purchase Narcan kits for law enforcement officers and that Skagit County EMS had trained law enforcement officers on how to use the kits.

The following individuals were presented the Dr. Ron Richeson Lifesaver Award: Larry Alvord; Danny Cisneros; Joe Ferris; Julie Heim; Michael Hughes; Harvey Moyer; Grant Walde, David Walde; Yvonne North, Joel Pratt; Deputy Steiner; and Deputy Caulk for helping to rescue a man whose car had overturned in deep water. The person that was rescued was present and presented the first responders with the Award and thanked everyone for rescuing him.

The Commissioners thanked everyone for their service to Skagit County.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:20 a.m.

d) 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

There was no one present for County and Individual Success Stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Chair Janicki said that given the number of people present to provide public comment, each person would be given three (3) minutes for their comment.

Tony Harrah of LaConner; Maggie Sullivan of Skagit County; Richard Austin of Mount Vernon; Anne Schwartz of Rockport and a volunteer EMT/firefighter; Steve Monrad of Anacortes and President of the Anacortes Firefighters commented on the EMS Levy funds, the petition to remove the EMS Director Mark Raaka, expressed dissatisfaction of the EMS Director; requested that the paramedics be given an opportunity on camera to make presentations to the Board of County Commissioners; and opposition to the implementation of Basic Life Support (BLS) transport.

Pete Grimlund provided a PowerPoint presentation and submitted information about the status of Sinclair Island access to the Sinclair Island Community Dock. He offered to work with the County to find a resolution to the situation.

Link to Sinclair Island PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04252016/>

Robert Petersen of Sinclair Island expressed frustration about the lack of a dock on Sinclair Island and the public benefit of the Island.

Carol Ehlers spoke about the Shoreline Master Plan and the Comprehensive Plan process; floodplain map; the lack of time given to the Planning Commission to completely read the Plan; and lack of notice given to the public.

Gary Best of Lake Cavanaugh spoke in support of the EMTs being able to communicate with each other, dissatisfaction with the EMS Director's communication with EMTs; and the new law requiring medical marijuana clients to go to recreational marijuana facilities.

Celeste Shipp of Bellingham and a property owner on Sinclair Island spoke about the rising taxes and the lack of public access to the Island.

Link to Celeste Shipp's Public Comment:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04252016/>

Public Comment period closed at 12:10 p.m.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Record of the Proceedings for April 19, 2016. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

e) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Success Stories from Local Non-Profit Organizations

Mary McGoffin, Skagit Community Foundation Executive Director, introduced the non-profit organizations and invited them to share their success stories.

Rebecca Schlaht, Director of Helping Hands Food Bank, provided information about the services provided by the Food Bank and shared stories about the volunteers and community partners.

Michael Frasier, Executive Director of Viva Farms, provided information about the services that they provided.

Brad Tuninga, Assistant Director of the Skagit Valley College Foundation, said that the mission of the College was to provide students with access, achievement, and to build relationships in the community. He said that the College recently became accredited to offer

four (4) degrees.

Amy Muia and Alan Muia, Co-Directors of New Earth Recovery, provided information about the faith-based residential facility in Mount Vernon that provided assistance to residents to help them recover from substance abuse.

Alison Studley, Director of Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, explained that they were a local non-profit organization dedicated to engaging the community in restoring habitat for salmon. Ms. Studley provided information about community restoration projects and education programs.

The Commissioners thanked the non-profit organizations for the presentations.

[Link to Non-Profit Presentations:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04252016/)

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IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Janicki announced that the Commissioners would hold a special meeting on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, at 11:30 a.m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. The purpose of the special meeting would be to consider a resolution authorizing closure of certain sections of the roads on March's Point for public safety.

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 12:54 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Lisa Janicki, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board