

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, with Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present. Chair Lisa Janicki excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 10:35 a.m. and excused Commissioner Janicki's absence.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Extension Program Update

Don McMoran, Director, provided an update of the 2016 WSU Ag and Natural Resources program. He noted that due to the low number of people that had signed up for the Agriculture Study Tour to Ireland and Scotland, the trip was delayed and would take place September 25, through October 1, 2016, they would only be going to Ireland, and he encouraged people to sign up for the tour. He reported on the first 2016 Skagit Ag Summit and said that it was expected to be an annual event.

Mr. McMoran said that WSU Skagit County Extension's lease at 11768 Westar Lane, Suite A in Burlington would expire in June 2017. He said that they would like to stay in their current location and would be working with the County on a plan to move forward.

Alex duPont, Shore Steward Program Coordinator, provided an update of the Shore Steward Program. She noted that WSU had become a member of the Skagit Watershed Council and would be making their official announcement at the next Skagit Watershed Council meeting on June 15, 2016, and that they would be helping to plan and attend the Skagit River Salmon Festival on September 10, 2016.

Shannon Bachtel, Farmers Market Flash Coordinator, spoke about the three (3) year Farmer's Market Flash project. She noted that WSU Extension had received a Farmers' Market Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Support Grant for the project. The purpose of the project is to encourage seniors and families with children to become frequent shoppers at their local farmer's market. The grant funding would be used to provide training and technical assistance for farmer's market vendors to facilitate Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT); and SNAP card transactions.

Michael Wallace, WSU Youth and Families Programs Associate Professor, Regional Specialist, provided a brief history of his career and noted that Washington's 4-H program was transitioning from a predominately single-county faculty model to a Regional Specialist Model where 4-H Youth Development faculty would provide leadership over multiple counties. He explained that his region consisted of Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, and Island Counties and how the Regional Specialist Model would create a more consistent statewide 4-H system.

Zoe Bronson, 4-H Washington State Ambassador, provided information about the "Teens Getting Involved in their Future" event. Ms. Bronson said that the event would include Whatcom, Island, Skagit, and San Juan Counties and that they would have activities and workshops to help teens to enhance their leadership skills.

Joan DeVries, Skagit-Snohomish-Island County Livestock Advisor Program Coordinator, provided an update of the "Country Living Expo" and explained the challenges that people face in small farming operations.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the presentation.

Commissioner Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:25 a.m.

Link to Meeting Materials and PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/05092016/>

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

Commissioner Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:32 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

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

2. Public Comment Period

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island commented on the following topics: Apollo 8 spaceflight; the need to keep and retain records; 2016 Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Update and the need to have a link to the transcript on the 2016 Skagit County Comprehensive Plan website; adding the Samish Watershed Plan to the list of plans; staff, Planning Commission, and that the public needed more time to review and comment on 2016 Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Update.

Commissioner Dahlstedt indicated that he would reach out to the Planning Commission to see if they needed additional time to bring a recommendation forward on the Comprehensive Plan Update.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Record of the Proceedings for May 2, and May 3, 2016, and Transmittal No. P-18-16 for Tuesday, May 10, 2016. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Chair Lisa Janicki's absence was excused

c) \*4:00 p.m. Celebration of Karen Parnell's 33 Years of Service to Community Action of Skagit County

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:51 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Lisa Janicki, Chair

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board