

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2016**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 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 8:30 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:

Chair Janicki introduced Ferry Manager Rachel Rowe. Ms. Rowe discussed the steps that had been taken by Public Works in order to determine the best replacement vessel for the current ferry. After the concept of an electric ferry was posed, Public Works determined a propulsion study would be needed to determine if an electric vessel would be feasible.

1. Presentation: Propulsion Study by Art Anderson Associates

Eric Engelbrecht of Art Anderson Associates provided a report to the Commissioners detailing the study performed to determine the type of power needed to depart the dock, navigate the Guemes Channel, and approach the dock. The report can be found here: <ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/06202016>

Due to conditions in Guemes Channel, it was determined that the amount of energy a vessel would require would be 3.189 MWh.

Mr. Engelbrecht discussed and compared two battery options able to achieve 3.189 MWh of power which were lithium ion batteries and vanadium flow batteries, and, he briefly discussed other alternatives to electric power including diesel, liquefied natural gas, and hydrogen fuel cells.

Art Anderson Associates concluded that an all-electric propulsion system was feasible and should be considered.

Discussion followed on ferry design, battery safety, coast guard regulations, and the unique tugboat-like power the ferry would need to safely operate in the Guemes Channel.

Ms. Rowe said that the next step would be to meet with Puget Sound Energy to see what kind of energy was currently available from the grid and said that a packet would be put together to apply for funding for a new vessel in the spring of 2017.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:29 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval for the Following Space Applications:

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 9:33 a.m. and introduced Current Use Specialist Kiffen Saben from the Assessor's Office.

1. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, and Now Currently Owned by Matthew Williams, to Transfer 13.03 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space (CU/OS #02-2015)

Ms. Saben provided the location of the property, said that a conservation easement in favor of Skagit Land Trust was on the property, and that there would be little if any tax shift.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application Submitted by Skagit Land Trust, and Now Currently Owned by Matthew Williams, to Transfer 13.03 Acres from Designated Forest Land to Current Use Open Space (CU/OS #02-2015) (**Resolution No. R20160166**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application Submitted by Shaun Cammock, to Transfer 7.75 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space (CU/OS #02-2016)

Ms. Saben provided the location of the property, said that it was in the Farm and Agricultural program and no longer met the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income and said that the property had wetlands and a slough located on it. She said there would be little if any tax shift.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application Submitted by Shaun Cammock, to Transfer 7.75 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space (CU/OS #02-2016) (**Resolution No. R20160167**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application Submitted by Clint Shearer, to Place 4.04 Acres into Current Use Open Space (CU/OS #03-2016)

Ms. Saben provided the location of the property, said that a Public Utility District Pipeline was located on the property, that the owner wanted to conserve it in its natural state, and was requesting it be placed into Current Use Open Space. She said the tax shift would be \$375 per year.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application Submitted by Clint Shearer, to Place 4.04 Acres into Current Use Open Space (CU/OS #03-2016) (**Resolution No. R20160168**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

4. Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application Submitted by Donald and Diane Feeney, to Transfer 8.82 Acres from Farm and Agriculture to Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation (CU/OS F&A Conservation #04-2016)

Ms. Saben provided the location of the property, said that it had been in the Farm and Agricultural program and no longer met the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income but had a high potential of returning to the Farm and Agricultural program, and said that there would be little if any tax shift.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution Concerning an Open Space Application Submitted by Donald and Diane Feeney, to Transfer 8.82 Acres from Farm and Agriculture to Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation (CU/OS F&A Conservation #04-2016) (**Resolution No. R20160169**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:41 a.m.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 10:31 a.m.

Assistant Planning Director Ryan Walters briefed the Commissioners on the proposed update to the Uniform Building Codes and fee schedule. Discussion was held that most of the proposed changes were required by the state to adopt. A memo with a description of the proposal can be found here:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/06202016>

1. Public Hearing: to Consider Testimony Regarding Adoption of Skagit County Uniform Building Codes and Fee Schedule

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 10:42 a.m.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island provided comments about mildew problems, foundation drain requirements, and fire resistant siding and safety measures.

Commissioner Wesen moved to close the public hearing at 10:48 a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 10:52 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. and excused Commissioner Dahlstedt.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

2. Public Comment Period

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island provided comments on public access and increased tourism in Skagit County.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

EMS Director Mark Raaka informed the Commissioners that law enforcement was being equipped with Narcan overdose kits to help reverse opioid and heroin overdoses. He shared that in June the Sheriff had two successful reversals and said that Swinomish law enforcement had also had successful reversals.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 11:49 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Lisa Janicki, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board
