

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016**

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

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

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Letter of Support for the Fruitdale Road Arterial Extension Project to the Washington State Improvement Board

Dan Berentson introduced County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter who provided some background information about the planned improvements to Fruitdale Road.

Sedro-Woolley Director of Public Works Mark Freiberger was also present and provided information about the project and grant application. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to partner with the City of Sedro-Woolley and the Port of Skagit on the project and said that they supported signing the joint letter.

Chair Janicki said that she would need to discuss whether or not she should sign the letter, due to the potential appearance of a conflict of interest per RCW 42.23, with Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Melinda Miller.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve signing the letter, and that Chair Janicki's signature would be contingent on receiving approval to sign from legal. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Freiberger provided an update on other construction projects occurring in Sedro-Woolley.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:12 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Public Health - Bob Hicks, Operations Manager:

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 9:31 a.m.

1. Public Hearing: To Consider Testimony Regarding the Final Report for the Public Service Grant Component of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Operations Manager Bob Hicks informed the Commissioners that the public hearing was required at the end of the grant cycle by the Washington State Department of Commerce and he introduced Community Action of Skagit County's Community Services Director Lynn Christofersen.

Ms. Christofersen provided an overview of services provided in Concrete at the East Skagit County Community Resource Center and said that this was the fourth year that Skagit County had partnered with Community Action of Skagit County to provide

services.

Ms. Christofersen shared staffing changes that occurred at the center with the hire of Claudia Marken. Chair Janicki read correspondence received from Community Action Advisory Committee member Bill Pfeifer complementing the service provided by staff at the East Skagit County Community Resource Center.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Christofersen for the presentation and for their partnership.

The presentation provided by Ms. Christofersen can be found here:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/o8o82o16>

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 9:48 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:49 a.m.

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

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 10:31 a.m. and introduced Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Extension Center Director Don McMoran.

Mr. McMoran, Nutrition Educator Amber Phillips, Master Gardener Program Coordinator Alex duPont, and Founding Dean at Washington State University Paul E. Pitre, Ph.D. provided updates to the Commissioners on research, programs, courses currently being offered or recently held in Skagit County, WSU's new facility being constructed in Everett, and where other WSU satellite campuses were located throughout Washington.

The Commissioner's thanked Washington State University Skagit County Extension Center for their partnership.

For more information, Washington State University Skagit County Extension Center can be reached at 360-428-4270. The presentation provided by staff can be found here:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/o8o82o16>

The Commissioners and Mr. McMoran discussed future topics for discussion at the next Agricultural Summit.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:19 a.m.

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

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one presented county and individual success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Ellen Bynum of Friends of Skagit County addressed concerns with one of the projects proposed by Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration and a plan to convert approximately 263 acres of farmland into wetlands along the North Fork of the Skagit River Delta. She said comments were due to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by August 15, 2016, and said that affected property owners had not been properly notified. Also, Ms. Bynum pointed out adjacent government-owned public lands should be considered for conversion instead of privately owned lands, and, that removing and building dikes and levees was a mining activity.

Ms. Bynum also addressed concerns about Skagit County's Shoreline Master Plan. She provided examples where language needed to be improved for adequate farmland

protection.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island echoed Ms. Bynum's concerns with the Puget Sound Nearshore Ecosystem Restoration Plan of the North Fork of the Skagit River Delta and provided comments on drainage, the mismanagement of public lands, and levee setback concerns with the Nearshore plan.

Ms. Ehlers thanked Assessor Dave Thomas for updating the informational book on property tax procedures which was first put together by Assessor Mark Leander in 1996, and, she shared her observations about the Anacortes Arts Festival that had recently occurred.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners announced that they had received additional vouchers and warrants from the Auditor's Office to execute.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve C-103-16, and P-30 and P-31-16. Chair Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence was excused

The Commissioners encouraged attendance at the 2016 Skagit County Fair.

- e) *3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Skagit 911 Financial Planning Meeting (Training Room, 2911 East College Way, Mount Vernon)

IV. VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS:

- a. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:
- a) Warrants numbered 446323 through 446368 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$155,621.40 (Transmittal No. C-103-16); and
- b) Junior District Payroll warrants numbered 813120 through 813257 in the total dollar amount of \$245,884.62 (Transmittal No. P-30-2016); and
- c) Payroll warrants numbered 369512 through 370245 in the total dollar amount of \$1,162,922.37 (Transmittal No. P-31-2016).

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 11:50 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Lisa Janicki, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board