

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 27, 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:

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution for the Adoption of the 2016 Annual Construction Program (ACP)

Public Works Director Dan Berentson introduced newly hired Division Manager for Engineering Keith Elefson.

County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter was present to discuss the agenda item and answer questions.

Transportation Programs Section Manager Forrest Jones provided a PowerPoint presentation and background information regarding the Resolution for adoption of the 2016 Annual Construction Program (ACP) Revision 1.

He said that the Revised Code of Washington RCW 36.81.130 and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 136.16.018 required that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the Annual Construction by resolution. He explained that the ACP lists the projects that were planned for 2016 and their estimated costs.

Mr. Jones explained that Revision 1 reflected modifications to the November 30, 2015 ACP. The additions included the Concrete-Sauk Valley Road repairs due to the roadway and sub-grade being eroded because of the migration of the Sauk River; Cascade River Road repairs due to a slide at and below the road; and survey work on the Francis Road Segment 1 project.

Mr. Jones said that the projects listed in the 2016 ACP were incorporated in the 2016-2021 Six Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Link ACP PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/09262016/>

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution for the adoption of the 2016 Annual Construction Program, Revision 1. **(Resolution No. R20160247)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Jones discussed the application for the 2016 Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Request for funds for the Upper Finney Creek Bridge Rehabilitation Proposal to perform some work to strengthen the bridge. He said that an e-mail had been received that informed him that the proposal ranked below the cutoff for available funding and was not approved for funding. He said that the project was placed on a waiting list and if

funding became available within the next six months, the project would receive further consideration. He suggested that Public Works would consider other alternative funding for the project.

2. Presentation: County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Flight over Butler Pit

Mr. Randall-Grutter introduced the agenda item and provided information about the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) Design Systems Program for aerial mapping using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV).

Survey Technician Bob Prater provided a PowerPoint presentation about the process used to map Butler Pit using new UAV technology. He noted that in early May 2016 CRAB Professional Engineer (PE) Jim Ayers had come to Skagit County and provided a demonstration of the use of the UAV mapping technology at Butler Pit.

Mr. Prater said the Public Works Engineering/Survey crew was tasked with calculating the amount of "spoils" left over from previous gravel crushing contracts. He explained that the spoils were the material that was considered waste from the crushing process. He explained that using UAVs in certain instances improved safety minimizing risk to county crews when measuring locations such as unstable slopes, pit sites and potential roadway realignment proposals.

Survey Technician Chris Hooper provided information about the process and collection of data from the UAV.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

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3. Proclamation Recognizing October 17, through October 21, 2016, as Flood Awareness Week in Skagit County

Mr. Berentson said that extreme flooding had been a serious threat to the Skagit Valley since the 1800's. He said that in order to assess and implement flood preparedness, Skagit County Public Works and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hold Flood Awareness Week every October. He explained that Flood Awareness Week was a time to go over procedures and acquaint everyone with the area and possible flood scenarios.

Mr. Berentson announced that there was a multi-jurisdictional "Existing Conditions" meeting that was scheduled to take place on Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Skagit County Commissioners' Hearing Room. He said that the meeting would include representatives from Seattle City Light, Puget Sound Energy, Skagit County towns and cities, and Skagit County Public Works staff. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss the existing conditions, the weather, and projects that had been completed over the last year.

Mr. Berentson explained that there were a number of dike districts in Skagit County and that they were all established by Washington State law in 1897. He explained that the dike districts were authorized to impose special assessments on property owners to build and protect areas. He explained that the dike districts played a very important role in protecting areas from flooding. Mr. Berentson pointed out that the dike at Cokereham Island was the only one managed by the County.

Commissioner Wesen explained that each diking district had its own elected board of commissioners who were responsible for setting their levies and that the County's role was to collect the levies through property taxes and then distribute the money collected to the dike districts to manage within their districts.

Commissioner Wesen read the Proclamation recognizing October 17 through 21, 2016 as Flood Awareness Week.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:21 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Presentation and Update from Skagit County Dispute Resolution Center Director of Operations Kathy Rice

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m.

Dispute Resolution Center Director of Operations Kathy Rice and Skagit County Dispute Resolution Center Program Coordinator Maren Anderson provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Dispute Resolution Centers' services.

Ms. Rice provided an overview and background of the Dispute Resolution Center and noted that Volunteers of America established the first Dispute Resolution Center in Washington State in 1982 and in 1986 RCW 7.75 ensured the development of Dispute Resolution Centers in Washington.

Ms. Anderson provided information about the extensive training and practicums that the volunteer mediators went through and noted that mediation services were primarily provided by volunteers. Ms. Anderson noted that anyone interested in becoming a volunteer mediator could telephone the Dispute Resolution Center of Skagit County at (360) 873-8450.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the Proclamation recognizing October as Conflict Resolution Month and urged all County employees to join in recognizing the observance.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

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Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 10:02 a.m.

c) 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

There were no County and Individual Success Stories provided.

2. Public Comment Period

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island commented on several issues: Wall Street Journal article on "A Revolution in EMS Care", information that needed to be added to the telephone directory; and provided a Skagit and Island 2016-2017 telephone book for the Commissioners' office.

Link to Articles Provided by Carol Ehlers:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/09262016/>

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

There was a discussion about the Commissioners implementing "Blue Friday" County-wide for employees that choose to participate in wearing Seahawk colors on Fridays during football season.

The Commissioners discussed Burlington Mayor Steve Sexton's request to lower flags at County buildings to half-mast until sunset on Friday, September 30, 2016, in memorial to the victims of the events at the Cascade Mall in Burlington on Friday, September 23, 2016.

Chair Janicki spoke about the "Light up the Boulevard" candlelight event that she had attended on Monday, September 26, 2016, at the Cascade Mall.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:44 a.m.

d) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:46 a.m.

Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue outlined the amendments to the 2016 Skagit County

Budget.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Amending the 2016 Skagit County Budget

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 11:56 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:56 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. Possible Action: Resolution to Amend the 2016 Skagit County Budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve a Resolution to Amend the 2016 Skagit County Budget. **(Resolution No. R20160248)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 11:58 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Lisa Janicki, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board