

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2016**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 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 9:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

1. Work Session: Flood Awareness Week

Discussion was held between the Commissioners, Public Works Director Dan Berentson, and Dike District 17 Manager Daryl Hamburg regarding meetings, trainings, activities planned, and other activities and projects already completed for flood preparedness in Skagit County.

Skagit County thanked Mr. Hamburg for their partnership and Mr. Berentson introduced staff in the audience who had received National Incident Management System (NIMS) training and worked with the Emergency Management Division during a flood event and other emergencies. Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:57 a.m.

b) *10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Executive Session (Real Estate Sale - RCW 42.30.110(1)(c))

The Commissioners attended an executive session on Tuesday, October 18, 2016, from 10:04 a.m. to 10:25 a.m. The purpose of the executive session was Real Estate Sale- RCW 42.30.110(1)(c). (Matters relating to real estate sale or lease where public knowledge would impact price negotiations.) Administrator Tim Holloran, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Melinda Miller, Facilities Director Dan Fitting, Treasurer Katie Jungquist, Tax Administration Clyde Williams, and Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue were also in attendance.

c) 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

No one was present to provide success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Dave Buchan of La Conner informed the Commissioners that a certified petition had been submitted to the Auditor's Office to request the transfer of a portion of property from Fire Protection District No. 13 into Fire Protection District No. 2. Mr. Buchan said that the properties made up approximately 25% of Fire Protection District No. 13, provided 7% of the budget for District No. 13, that response times from District No. 2 would be significantly faster, that District No. 2 provided both EMT and paramedic staff, and that District No. 2 was prepared to pass a resolution accepting the properties if Fire Protection District No. 13 approved their release.

Jeff Thibeau of Burlington provided information to the Commissioners regarding the placement of a sign in front of their property within Skagit County right-of-way and

requested that Resolution No. 18089 allowing for the placement of the sign be rescinded and the property returned to topsoil or sod. He described turmoil caused by the sign and tensions between neighbors in the Bayhill Village neighborhood.

Carol Thibeau of Burlington informed the Commissioners that attorney Craig Sjostrom was going to be requesting the county's right-of-way be landscaped on behalf of the Bayhill Village neighborhood. Ms. Thibeau asked that only sod or topsoil be placed in the county's right-of-way and she also asked that the (now missing) sign not be replaced. She asked the Commissioners to rescind the Resolution that allowed the placement of the sign in 2000.

Carol Ehlers of Fidalgo Island provided comments on Homeowners Associations, the unsafe state roads on Fidalgo Island (and provided a map), said that Memorial Highway was well planned with helpful road signs, discussed the need for a process to work with the State of Washington on road safety, and thanked Skagit Council of Governments Transportation Planner Mark Hamilton and Transportation Planner/Modeler Gabe Philips for doing a good job.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Chair Janicki announced that she would be attending a joint forum on October 25, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. regarding regional transportation with the Washington State Department of Transportation, Skagit Transit (SKAT), and the Skagit Council of Governments located at the Burlington City Library.

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