

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8, 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 8:31 a.m. and excused Chair Janicki's absence.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Dahlstedt 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:

Public Works Director Dan Berentson and County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter were present to introduce the agenda item.

Transportation Section Program Manager Forrest Jones provided a PowerPoint presentation and reported that under the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.81.121, the Skagit County Board of Commissioners must adopt a comprehensive Six-Year (6) Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) each year which should include all anticipated road and bridge construction projects, capital ferry expenditures, paths and trails projects, and any other specified capital outlays for the following 6-year period. Mr. Jones said that after TIP was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners and the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO)/Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board, it would be sent to the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the County Road Administration Board.

Mr. Jones provided a brief overview of the 41 proposed projects under the proposed 2017-2022 TIP and noted 3 were new projects, 38 projects were being carried over from last year's TIP and 5 projects were being removed. He said that the 2017-2022 6-Year TIP had been submitted to the Planning Commission for their review and he provided information about the 6-Year TIP adoption schedule.

PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/11072016/>

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the 2017-2022 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Commissioner Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 8:52 a.m.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island submitted documents and commented on the need for transportation planning for the future for the aging population; roundabouts without the use of traffic signals, traffic data at Sharpes Corner, left-hand turns on Campbell Lake Road, speed limits, stopping distance; Transportation Analysis Districts and census tracks.

Ed Stauffer of rural Skagit County commented on the right to vote and the duty of all citizens to make informed decisions; unanswered questions about the TIP process and which County department was responsible for the Capital Facilities/TIP process; and suggested that the Commissioners review the Planning Commission's Recorded Motion for the 2017-2022 Capital Facilities Plan, dated October 19, 2016.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to

close the public hearing at 9:10 a.m. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about how Public Works determined which projects were included on the TIP; Capital Facilities Plan; communicating with WSDOT; and integrating rural residents in the planning process.

Link to Comments Submitted:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/11072016/>

Commissioner Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:21 a.m.

b) 10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing Friday, November 18, 2016, as National Adoption Day

Commissioner Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:16 a.m.

Superior Court Manager Melissa Beaton provided a brief history of National Adoption Day. Ms. Beaton noted that on National Adoption Day, a number of courts and communities in the United States gathered to finalize thousands of adoptions of children from foster care. She said that Skagit County would be celebrating National Adoption on Friday, November 18, 2016, at 2:30 p.m. in Skagit County Superior Court.

Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator Lisa Tremblay expressed appreciation to the Commissioners for recognizing National Adoption in Skagit County.

Commissioner Wesen read the Proclamation recognizing November 18, 2016, as National Adoption Day in Skagit County and urged all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness of the importance of adoption.

Commissioner Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:25 a.m.

c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Parks, Recreation and Fair - Brian Adams, Director:

1. Discussion Regarding the Dedication and Name of the Veterans Park Shelter at the Skagit County Community Veterans Park, at Northern State Recreation Area (NSRA), in Honor of US Air Corps Veteran Vern Sims

Commissioner Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:01 a.m.

Parks, Recreation and Fair Director Brian Adams noted that a portion of the land at Northern State Recreation Area (NSRA) had been used to construct of a picnic shelter to honor Skagit County veterans. He said that the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board had received an application and heard testimony from the public about naming the newly constructed picnic shelter in honor of U.S. Air Corps Veteran Vern Sims

Doyle Guffie and John Schmidt commented on the picnic shelter project, the work involved and shared stories about Vern Sims' work in the community.

Mayor of Sedro-Woolley Keith Wagoner expressed his appreciation to all the people that worked on the picnic shelter.

Lance Sims thanked Doyle Guffie and John Schmidt on behalf of the Sims family and shared stories about his father.

Other Attendees:

City of Sedro-Woolley Administrator Eron Berg
Former City of Sedro-Woolley Mayor Mike Anderson
Members of the Sims Family

Commissioner Wesen read the Resolution to dedicate and name the Veterans Park Shelter at NSRA in honor of Vern Sims.

Possible Action: Resolution to Dedicate and Name the Veterans Park Shelter at NSRA in Honor of Vern Sims

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution to Dedicate and Name the Veterans Park Shelter at NSRA in Honor of Vern Sims (**Resolution No. R20160283**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

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

Commissioner Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:27 a.m.

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

Commissioner Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:36 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

Rebecca Pratt and Lee Lucky, residents of the Blanchard community, announced that they were able to raise \$25,312.62 in contributions from the Blanchard community to help pay for improvements to railroad crossings and safety in pursuit of a Quiet Zone. They announced that they met the goal of raising the funds within the 180 day timeframe as provided for in the Funding Agreement.

2. Public Comment Period

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island spoke about the German Theologian Martin Luther; the tradition of recognizing significant events and the importance of access to public education.

Ed Stauffer of rural Skagit County noted that Blanchard was a historic rural village and read a brief citation from the Growth Management Act chapter 36.78.011 which defined the meaning of rural.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners reminded everyone to get out and vote.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dahlstedt 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

