

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Resolution to Adopt the Department's 2017 Legislative Work Plan

Director Dale Pernula provided a PowerPoint presentation and an overview of the work the Department performed in 2016 and their legislative accomplishments.

Mr. Pernula discussed the 2017 Planning and Development Services work program which included the Shoreline Master Program Update; 2017 Comprehensive Plan Amendments and Development Code Update; Rural Forestry Initiative; Stormwater Code Update; Capital Facilities Plan Annual Update; and Floodplain Management Regulations Update. There was a discussion about potentially improving the permit process by purchasing new permitting software. He mentioned that the Department expected to have five (5) staff members retire in 2017.

The Commissioners discussed the improved permit process; narrowing the focus of the work plan; the work of the Planning Commission; and the potential generation of a channel migration zone map. The Commissioners mentioned that staff should be cross trained in a variety of areas within the Department.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation and Memo:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/01232017/>

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Planning and Development Services Work Plan and direct the Department to move forward. **(Resolution No. R20170012)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:04 a.m.

b) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Health - Kayla Schott-Bresler, Housing Coordinator:

1. Presentation by Senior Policy Analyst Rich Zwicker, Washington State Housing Finance Commission

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:34 a.m.

Housing Coordinator Kayla Schott-Bresler introduced Senior Policy Analyst with the Washington State Housing Finance Commission (WSHFC) Rich Zwicker. She said that

WSHFC was a critical partner in addressing affordable housing development and preservation needs in Skagit County. Ms. Schott-Bresler pointed out that Skagit County's plan for permanent supportive housing was largely dependent on WSHFC's ability to finance the capital construction of the project.

Mr. Zwicker said that he became interested in the work of WSHFC when he was a former Renton City Councilmember. He provided an overview of his career and a PowerPoint presentation about affordable housing needs, and the programs that WSHFC offered. He noted that in 2016, WSHFC invested \$2.6 billion in homeownership, multi-family housing, and community projects across Washington State. WSHFC was responsible for allocating and administering the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) in Washington State. It was also pointed out that the LIHTC was the primary source of funding for affordable housing projects across the nation.

There was a discussion about the federal programs and inspection requirements for the projects.

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Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:05 a.m.

c) *11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Health - Kayla Schott-Bresler, Housing Coordinator:

1. Work Session with Senior Policy Analyst Rich Zwicker, Washington State Housing Finance Commission

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:34 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There was no one present to provide County and Individual Success Stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Ed Stauffer of rural Skagit County commented on the 31 projects funded by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission in Skagit County being primarily based in the cities and whether the WSHFC the for affordable housing in rural areas. He addressed concerns about the lack of transparency of the Rural Forestry Initiative; the Planning and Development Services' Annual Work plan and the CaRD issues; State Forest Board Trust Lands; the Washington State Department of Natural Resources draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Marbled Murrelet.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo commented on the extensive outreach done by the Navy for the EA-180 Growler Draft Environmental Impact Statement. She spoke about the lack of public process to allow the public to participate in the National Park Service (NPS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) series of informational open houses regarding the proposed alternatives for the restoration of grizzly bears to the North Cascades ecosystems; how the Skagit Alpine Club protected the wilderness area at Glacier Peak and the Skagit River from silt; a May 2016 National Geographic article about wildlife, elk and grizzlies and urged the Commissioners to hold a Grizzly Bear public meeting in Skagit County.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

There were no miscellaneous announcements.

e) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Presentation: 2017 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster

Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Executive Director Cindy Verge and Board President and Marketing Director for Judd and Black Appliance Rachael Sylte presented the 2017 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster painted by artist Trish Harding and the 2017 brochures. Intern

Madeline Cavanaugh spoke about the outreach that she was doing for the Tulip Festival.

VII. VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve vouchers and warrants for Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

- 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 455205 through 455244 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$166,203.09 (Transmittal No. C-15-17); and
 - b) Payroll warrants numbered 377444 through 378147 in the total dollar amount of \$1,202,485.46 (Transmittal No. P-03-2017); and
 - c) Junior District Payroll warrants numbered 814765 through 814902 in the total dollar amount of \$261,382.95 (Transmittal No. P-04-2017).

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 12:06 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board