

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 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 8:31 a.m. and announced that Commissioner Dahlstedt would be joining the proceedings a few minutes late.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chair Wesen 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:

Director Dan Berentson introduced the agenda items.

Commissioner Dahlstedt joined the proceedings at 8:33 a.m.

1. BNSF Overpass Project Update

Project Manager Jennifer Swanson provided the following brief update on the project:

- The contractor started work on erosion control;
- Public Works would be submitting the demolition plan to BNSF for approval once they received it back from the contractor;
- Demolition was expected to start at the end of March; and
- Public Works would be meeting today with Fire District No. 6, neighboring districts, Sheriff personnel and ambulance services to review the detour route.

There was a brief discussion about the completion date of the project which was expected to be August 2018.

2. Discussion/Possible Action - Blanchard Quiet Zone

Transportation Programs Section Technician Given Kutz provided a PowerPoint presentation and a brief overview and definition of a quiet zone.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03062017/>

Mr. Kutz noted that out of seven (7) possible alternatives that were previously discussed, three (3) remained viable. He provided a map of Blanchard Quiet Zone crossings and discussed the risk index evaluation alternatives. He indicated that Public Works staff recommended that risk index evaluation alternative #4, which is a supplemental safety measure on Colony Road, South Legg Road, and North Legg Road, or #5 which is a supplemental safety measure on Colony road, South Legg Road, and Closure of North Legg Road.

There was a discussion about Burlington Northern Santa Fe's (BNSF) desire to close the North Legg Road crossing and their willingness to compensate the County for the closure which could cover the costs of other safety measures.

There was a discussion about involving the community in the decision making process about which of the three (3) options they would prefer.

The Commissioners instructed the Clerk to provide Public Works with a few potential

dates for the Blanchard Quiet Zone community meeting.

3. Proclamation to Recognize Monday, March 6, through Friday, March 10, 2017, as Clean Samish Initiative Week

Water Resources Section Manager Michael See said that the months of March through June were critical for the Samish Bay and presented a Proclamation to recognize Monday, March 6 through Friday, March 10 as Clean Samish Initiative Week in an effort to bring public attention to the Clean Samish Initiative (CSI).

Commissioner Wesen read the Proclamation to proclaim the week of Monday, March 6, through Friday, March 10, 2017, as Clean Samish Initiative Week and urged all Skagit County citizens to make changes to reduce bacterial pollution in the Samish Watershed.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:13 a.m.

- b) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Discussion/Possible Action - Decision on Closed Record Appeal #PL16-0552 Submitted by Lori and Paul Lindsay of Case #PL15-0485 Regarding the Hearing Examiner's Decision, Dated October 26, 2016, in the Matter of the Appeal of an Administrative Order to Pay Civil Penalties

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

Commissioner Dahlstedt pointed out that the Board of County Commissioners had the options of denying the appeal and affirming the decision of the Hearing Examiner; or find the Hearing Examiner's decision clearly erroneous, and adopt their own findings, conclusions and decision based on the record before them; or remand the matter for further consideration by the Hearing Examiner.

Commissioner Dahlstedt said that the Appellants did not meet the threshold to prove that the Hearing Examiner's decision was clearly erroneous.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution denying the appeal and affirming the Hearing Examiner's decision. **(Resolution No. R20170051)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:40 a.m.

- c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Board of Health

Chair Wesen convened the Board of Health at 10:32 a.m.

Director Jennifer Johnson introduced the agenda items.

1. Presentation by Population Health Trust's (PHT) Opioid Workgroup Leadership Team (OWLT)

Community Health Planner Kristen Ekstran provided the Commissioners with an update of the community agencies that were implementing the Action Plan of the of the Population Health Trust's (PHT) Opioid Workgroup Leadership Team (OWLT).

Members of the OWLT read the Resolution to Support the Action Plan of PHT's OWLT.

2. Possible Action - Resolution to Support the Action Plan of the Population Health Trust's (PHT) Opioid Workgroup Leadership Team (OWLT)

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve Resolution to Support the Action Plan of the Population Health Trust's (PHT) Opioid Workgroup Leadership Team (OWLT) **(Resolution No. R20170052)** Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

The Commissioners thanked PHT and OWLT for their work to take additional action steps to address the severe opioid crisis.

3. Presentation and Update - Mumps

Epidemiologist Lea Hamner provided a PowerPoint presentation and update about the mumps virus. She explained that mumps was a contagious disease caused by a virus. Ms. Hamner said that mumps typically started with a fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness, and loss of appetite. Then, most people had swelling of their salivary glands.

Ms. Hamner said that mumps could be prevented with the MMR vaccine. This vaccine protected against three diseases: measles, mumps, and rubella. She indicated that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended children get two doses of MMR vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12 through 15 months of age, and the second dose at 4 through 6 years of age. Teens and adults also should also be up to date on their MMR vaccination.

Ms. Hamner said that before the U.S. mumps vaccination program started in 1967, mumps was a universal disease of childhood. Since the pre-vaccine era, there has been a more than 99% decrease in mumps cases in the United States. She said that mumps outbreaks could still occur in highly vaccinated U.S. communities, particularly in close-contact settings such as schools, colleges, and camps. However, high vaccination coverage helped to limit the size, duration, and spread of mumps outbreaks.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

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4. Update - Population Health Trust

Health Analyst David Jefferson expressed gratitude to the Board for supporting the work of the PHT, and various community partners for their financial support. Mr. Jefferson presented a PowerPoint presentation and provided an update of the PHT's work.

Link to PowerPoint Presentations:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03062017/>

Chair Wesen adjourned the Board of Health at 11:29 a.m.

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:36 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island commented on the creation of the North Cascades Park in the 1960's.

2. Public Comment Period

Carol Ehlers commented on the mismanagement of the elk herd and asked that the Commissioners request an extension of the public comment period of the Grizzly Bear Restoration Plan.

The Commissioners said that they were working on a comment letter to submit to the National Park Service about the proposed restoration of grizzly bears to the North Cascades Ecosystem.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

There were no miscellaneous announcements.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:48 a.m.

e) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Parks, Recreation and Fair - Brian Adams, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 1:30 p.m. and welcomed all the elected officials who were present in the audience.

The YMCA presented the video "The Boys in the Pool".

Campaign Honorary Co-Chair Cheryl Bishop; Mayor of the City of Sedro-Woolley Keith Wagoner; YMCA member Joe Lindquist; City of Mount Vernon Police Lieutenant Chris Cammock; Jeanette De Goede of Tulip Town; and YMCA Board member Paul Pickering spoke in support of the YMCA's new recreational facility and shared their YMCA experiences.

1. Presentation/Possible Action - Recreational Facility Lease Agreement with Skagit Valley Family YMCA

Skagit County Parks and Recreation Supervisor Tony Tewalt reviewed the youth basketball program and spoke about the need for additional gym space.

Skagit County Parks Director Brian Adams said that the Lease Agreement would provide two full basketball courts for the S.W.I.S.H. Basketball League for at least 15 years.

Commissioner Dahlstedt spoke about the importance of meeting the recreational needs of the community.

Commissioner Janicki spoke about the need for additional recreational facilities and thanked County Administrator Tim Holloran and Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue for helping to find a solution to support the YMCA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Recreational Facility Lease Agreement with Skagit Valley Family YMCA. **(Contract No. C20170125)**  
Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Proclamation Recognizing March 9, 2017, as Skagit Valley Family YMCA Day of Giving

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the Proclamation designating March 9, 2017, as "Skagit Valley Family YMCA Day of Giving" and urged residents to recognize the important role that the "Y" played in providing vital community programs that supported youth, families, and adults throughout Skagit County.

The Commissioners encouraged the community to step forward with a contribution to support the Skagit Valley YMCA "Let's Build it Together" Capital Campaign.

f) \*3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Discussion - Superior Court Facility

g) 6:00 p.m. Joint Meeting with the Skagit County Planning Commission

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 2:20 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Ron Wesen, Chair

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

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Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board