

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 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 8:30 a.m. and mentioned that Commissioner Janicki had a meeting this morning and would be joining the proceedings 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:

County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter introduced the agenda items.

Engineering Division Manager Keith Elefson provided background information and noted that the Revised Code of Washington(RCW) 36.55 provided the Board of County Commissioners with the authority to grant franchises to persons or private municipal corporations. He noted that the Strell's West Beach Tracts Association was a small private water utility service with a little over a dozen homes along the central west coast of Guemes Island. The Association plans to expand and improve their infrastructure, which has triggered the requirement for a Franchise Agreement. The proposed Agreement is for 25 years commencing on the date of execution and the Association has paid the Franchise Application Fee of \$892.12.

Mr. Elefson said that Public Works staff recommends that the Board of County Commissioners approve and execute the Resolution and Franchise Agreement with the Strell's West Beach Tracts Association.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Application for a Franchise Agreement with Strell's West Beach Tracts Association to Install, Operate, and Maintain Facilities for the Purpose of a Water Utility System Across Certain Roads and Rights-of-Way in the Defined Franchise Area

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 8:34 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion closed the public hearing at 8:34 a.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Possible Action - Resolution to Authorize the Execution of a Nonexclusive Franchise Agreement with Strell's West Beach Tracts Association to Install, Operate, and Maintain Facilities for the Purposes of a Water Utility System Across Certain Roads and Rights-of-Way in the Defined Franchise Area

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Execution of a Nonexclusive Franchise Agreement with Strell's West Beach Tracts Association to Install, Operate, and Maintain Facilities for the Purposes of a Water Utility System Across Certain Roads and Rights-of-Way in the Defined Franchise Area (**Resolution No. R20170082**) Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

3. Possible Action - Approval of the Order Granting Application of the Strell's West Beach

Tracts Association Franchise Agreement

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the Order Granting Application of the Strell's West Beach Tracts Association Franchise Agreement **(Contract No. C20170178)** Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

4. Work Session/Possible Action - Tree Topping within the County Road Right-of-Way Located at 18776 West Big Lake Boulevard, Parcel No. P115907

Keith Elefson provided information about Skagit County Tree Cutting Policy, Resolution No. 14211, adopted on February 3, 1992. It was reported that property owners have requested to top 10 trees in the right-of-way that have obscured the view they had approximately 10 years ago. The property owners have consulted with Eager Beaver Tree Services to perform this service.

There was a discussion about liability.

A resolution will be brought forward on the Monday, April 10, 2017, consent agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve the tree topping within the County Road Right-of-Way Located at 18776 West Big Lake Boulevard, Parcel No. P115907. Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 8:49 a.m.

- b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Auditor - Jeanne Youngquist:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:32 a.m. and welcomed Commissioner Janicki to the proceedings.

Elections Supervisor David Cunningham explained the purpose of the hearing and said that voting precinct boundaries were adjusted periodically to stay within the size limits set out in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 29A.16.040. He said that precincts boundaries may also be adjusted due to annexations by cities, towns or other factors set out in the RCW.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Amending Skagit County Code Chapter 1.20 Adjusting Boundary Lines of Skagit County Voting Precincts in the Cities of Mount Vernon, Anacortes, Burlington, and Unincorporated Skagit County

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 9:36 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:41 a.m. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve an Ordinance Amending Skagit County Code Chapter 1.20 Adjusting Boundary Lines of Skagit County Voting Precincts in the Cities of Mount Vernon, Anacortes, Burlington, and Unincorporated Skagit County **(Ordinance No. O20170003)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:43 a.m.

- c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing May 4, 2017, as National Day of Prayer **(Rescheduled to Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 11:00 a.m.)**
- d) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Update from Central Skagit Rural Partial County Library District

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:02 a.m.

Library Director Jeanne Williams reported on the four (4) public workshops that were held concerning the library district in general and the concept of a partnership with the City of Sedro-Woolley. She outlined steps necessary for the library partnership concept and mentioned that they were currently in the contract drafting phase.

Ms. Williams announced while they worked through the consolidation process, they had obtained an interim location for the library and it would be located at 716 Metcalf Street in downtown Sedro-Woolley.

Ms. Williams discussed the 2017 Summer Reading Program and the bookmobile services.

There was a discussion about the process, consolidation of services and possible grant opportunities to collaborate with the County.

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04032017/>

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Williams for the presentation.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:24 a.m.

Meeting went into Recess

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:33 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

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

2. Public Comment Period

There was no one provide public comment.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Commissioner Janicki commented on the Central Skagit Library District's bookmobile having a wi-fi hot spot. She mentioned that because of the community meeting about the proposed Grip Road Gravel Mine, she would be taking a driving tour of Grip and Prairie Roads with the Skagit County Engineer.

Commissioner Dahlstedt commented on the Tulip Festival activities; the Washington State budget; and the concept of an electric ferry.

Chair Wesen mentioned that he had attended the retirement celebration for Anacortes Police Chief Bonnie Bowers; the Planning Commission would be holding a public hearing to consider testimony regarding the proposed amendments to the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan, Land Use and Zoning Map, and Development Regulations at 6:00 p.m. this evening and that he was able to attend opening celebration this Sunday of the international sailing between the San Juans and Sidney, B.C.

Chair Wesen clarified that the public hearing to consider testimony regarding the HOME Investment Partnerships Program: Consolidated Action Plan for 2017 - 2018 closed yesterday. The second public hearing was scheduled for Monday, May 15, 2017, at 11:00 a.m.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:39 a.m.

f) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Introduction of Planning and Development Services Stormwater Review Technician Shawn Christensen

Director Dale Pernula introduced Stormwater Review Technician Shawn Christensen. Mr. Christensen has an Associates Degree from ITT Technical Institute and attended Washington State University. Mr. Christensen has worked mostly as an engineering technician in the private sector.

Mr. Christensen said he was looking forward to performing his duties.

Mr. Pernula mentioned that there were several positions in his department that were currently open.

The Commissioners welcomed Mr. Christensen to the County.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:54 a.m.

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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