

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, with Chair Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present. Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

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

County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter invited Equipment and Facilities Division Manager Mike Elde to provide an overview of work performed by the Equipment Division.

1. Equipment Division Presentation

Equipment and Facilities Division Manager Mike Elde and Shop Supervisor Rick Owens provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the responsibilities of the Equipment Division which included managing and maintaining the Equipment Rental and Revolving Fund, an extensive fleet, and a diverse inventory.

Their presentation can be found

here:<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/05012017/>

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:54 a.m.

b) 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Presentation from Skagit County Historical Museum

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m.

Skagit County Historical Museum Director Jo Wolfe provided an overview of their current and upcoming exhibits, classes, meetings and events, and, she provided an update on the renovation of the Skagit City School.

Director Wolfe can be reached at (360) 466-3365. The Skagit County Historical Museum is located at 501 South 4th Street in La Conner, Washington.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:49 a.m.

c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Certificate of Appreciation for Jim Carstens Services on the Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m.

Skagit County Planning and Development Services Administrative Coordinator Linda Christiansen, Director of WSU Extension Center Don McMoran, Port of Skagit Commissioner and Agricultural Advisory Board Member Steven Omdal, Agricultural Advisory Board Member Murray Benjamin, and the Skagit County Commissioners thanked Jim Carstens for his commitment, expertise, leadership, insightfulness and years of service on the Skagit County Agricultural Advisory Board. Mr. Carstens thanked his fellow board members and commented on his commitment to agriculture in Skagit County.

Commissioner Janicki read a Certificate of Appreciation for Mr. Carstens service from February

1, 2010, to December 31, 2016.

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

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one provided success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Tim Manns of Mount Vernon commented on the April 24, 2017 joint coordination meeting regarding the grizzly bear Draft Environmental Impact Statement, shared information about Paul Fielder of Montana and the American Lands Council of Texas, asked if public funds had been used (or would be used) to pay for their services and/or travel, and requested copies of any agreement for their services.

Brenda Cunningham of Mount Vernon commented on the April 24, 2017 joint coordination meeting regarding the grizzly bear Draft Environmental Impact Statement. She did not like the presentations by Paul Fielder or by American Stewards of Liberty.

Carolyn Gastellum of Anacortes commented on the April 24, 2017 joint coordination meeting regarding the grizzly bear Draft Environmental Impact Statement. She said that the presentations by Paul Fielder and by American Stewards of Liberty were one-sided.

Commissioner Janicki and Chair Wesen shared some of their concerns about the grizzly bear Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Chair Wesen reminded people to drive safely through the scenic tulip routes.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:43 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt , Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board