

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, May 3, 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 8:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Presentations from Economic Development Grant Applicants

Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue provided an overview of the funding source used to award grants for public infrastructure projects that created, or retained, family wage jobs. The program started in 1998 and Skagit County was able to offer the program until August of 2032.

To date, approximately \$29.3 million had been awarded to almost 100 projects. Funding recommendations were made by an advisory committee to the Skagit County Commissioners after a review of the applications.

The Economic Development Advisory Committee is made up of the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, the Skagit County Administrator, the Executive Director of the Economic Development Alliance of Skagit County, one mayor from a city, one mayor from a town, one port representative, and one business representative.

Ms. Logue said that Skagit County had received 14 applications for consideration totaling a little more than \$4 million and that the amount budgeted for award was a little over \$2 million.

Also, she reminded the Commissioners about the 2016 application review process and about the fiber optics applications that had been withdrawn or updated and that they could also be considered for funding if they matched the fiber plan that was being finalized by the Port of Skagit.

Representatives from the Port of Skagit, City of Burlington, Peak Sherpa, City of Mount Vernon, City of Sedro-Woolley, Port of Anacortes, EDASC, Skagit County Parks and Recreation, Skagit County Public Health, and Skagit Valley Family YMCA provided brief presentations about their projects.

A summary of the projects can be found here *:

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

* please note that the project submitted by Skagit Valley Family YMCA was reduced from the amount applied for (\$400,000) to \$80,000 due to a change in the scope of the project which was to install two lighted crosswalks on Hoag Road due to the amount of expected foot traffic to and from the facility.

Chair Wesen announced that the Economic Development Advisory Committee would convene in the Colony Room to discuss funding recommendations.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 10:24 a.m.

SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt , Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board