

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, with Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present. Chair Ron Wesen absent.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Dahlstedt 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 and County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter were present to introduce the agenda items.

1. Burlington Northern (BNSF) Overpass Project Update

Project Manager Jennifer Swanson provided a brief update about the Burlington Northern (BNSF) Overpass Project. She reported that all of the timbers had been taken down; a majority of the bridge had been demolished; the contractor was currently working on the approaches and taking out the fill; the access road to the properties northeast of the bridge had been installed; work on the shaft drilling would start next week; a containment area had been created to contain contaminated soils; traffic on Green Road had increased as expected; and additional signage to inform the public that businesses were open during the construction period had been put in place.

2. Guemes Island Ferry Update

Ferry Division Manager Rachel Rowe provided an update on the Ferry Replacement Project. She reported that Public Works had been working with the citizen volunteer and members of the Guemes Island Ferry Committee to get the evaluation process for the naval architect finalized. Ms. Rowe anticipated that interviews for the naval architect would occur in a couple of weeks. She said that once the interviews were complete, a selection would be made quickly. Once the naval architect had been selected, the next step would be to enter into a Personal Services Agreement. The first task once the contract was executed would be to conduct a design study and complete a preliminary design process.

Ms. Rowe explained that in order to obtain funds from the County Ferry Capital Improvement Program (CFCIP) through the County Road Administration Board (CRAB), Skagit County had to show that all other avenues to obtain funding to replace the Guemes Island Ferry had been exhausted. She said that other potential sources of funding included the Volkswagen Settlement funds and Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Fund. She said that the purpose of the EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act was to allocate funds to states for the establishment of clean projects that would reduce diesel emissions.

Ms. Rowe explained the CRAB CFCIP application process as follows:

- The replacement of the Ferry would need to be included in the County's Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the years 2016 and 2017, and the 14-Year Ferry Capital Improvement Plan. It was noted Skagit County had met this requirement.

- The project application must be submitted to CRAB by December 31, 2017.
- A Technical Review Committee would be created to review project applications for the funds. The Technical Review Committee members would consist of the Executive Director of CRAB, the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) Director of Highways and Local Programs, the WSDOT Division Marine Engineer, and Public Works Department Representatives from the four counties that operated ferries.
- The written report would then be submitted to the CRAB Board prior to the meeting in the spring.

There was a brief discussion about the CRAB application process, preliminary project costs and the selection process for the naval architect.

Commissioner Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 8:52 a.m.

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

Commissioner Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There were no County and Individual Success Stories presented.

2. Public Comment Period

Mike Newman of Mount Vernon submitted and commented on a letter sent to President Trump by Roger Pederson regarding the Swinomish Indian Tribe's amendments to their Tribal Constitution.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island commented on the anniversary of the invasion of Normandy, France by the Western Allied Forces and the importance of paying attention to details. She went to comment on the announcement process of the government meetings and the Rural Intermediate section of the Skagit County Code as it related to farmland on Fidalgo Island.

Link to letter submitted by Mike Newman:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/06052017/>

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

There were no miscellaneous announcements.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:51 a.m.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board
