

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, with Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present. Chair Ron Wesen excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Janicki 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:

1. Burlington Northern (BNSF) Overpass Project Update

Project Manager Jennifer Swanson provided a brief update on the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Overpass Project. She reported that the bridge had been completely demolished from both approaches; work on the shaft had begun; contaminated soil had been found; and Public Works staff continues to work with businesses and neighbors on Green Road. Ms. Swanson said that the completion date was expected to be August of 2018.

Commissioner Janicki mentioned that Public Works should continue to keep the Board apprised of any scheduling or budget issues that may arise on the project.

2. Guemes Island Ferry Update

Ferry Operations Division Manager Rachel Rowe noted that the interview process for the naval architect had been completed. She said that Public Works would check references and tally the final scores of all three firms that were interviewed. She was confident that no matter which firm was selected, they would be able to meet the County Road Board's Ferry Capital Improvement Program's project application deadline of December 31, 2017.

Ms. Rowe noted that the maximum amount that the County Ferry Capital Improvement Program would fund was ten million dollars for any one project.

There was a discussion about the provision in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.54.120 regarding forming a county ferry district. Ms. Rowe noted that if the County did not form a ferry district, the County would be responsible for a minimum 65% cost-share of the project and the Ferry Capital Improvement Program would fund less than or equal to 30%.

Commissioner Janicki recessed the proceedings at 8:53 a.m.

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

Commissioner Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No County and Individual Success Stories were provided.

2. Public Comment Period

Karen Kesselring of La Conner commented on the forested acres that provided funding for schools, specifically Blanchard Mountain and the status of the plan to protect 1,600 forested acres from logging.

There was a discussion that the state Legislature had not agreed on a budget that would secure funding for the purchase of replacement lands for the 1,600 core area and the terms and conditions of the Blanchard Forest Strategy Agreement.

Mike Hawkins of Sedro-Woolley commented on the landslide at Challenger Road near Birdsvie and the potential for a future landslide on another parcel in the area.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

There were no Miscellaneous Announcements made.

- c) \*1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Skagit County Recovery Housing Summit (Best Western Plus Skagit Valley Inn and Convention Center, 2300 Market Street, Mount Vernon)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 11:48 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