

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, with Chair Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt present. Commissioner Lisa Janicki excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Emergency Medical Services – Kevin Chao, Interim Director:

Chair Wesen introduced Interim EMS Director Kevin Chao.

1. Public Hearing: To Consider Testimony Regarding Amending Skagit County Resolution No. R20150181 Regarding the Ambulance Fee Schedule

Interim EMS Director Kevin Chao and Carole Knipper with Central Skagit Medic One briefed the Commissioners on the proposed updates to the fee schedule. Discussion was held regarding whether or not to charge a new fee for responding and not transporting.

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 9:38 a.m. Seeing no one present to provide public testimony, Commissioner Dahlstedt made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:38 a.m. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve amending Skagit County Resolution No. R20150181 regarding the Ambulance Fee Schedule with an effective date of July 1, 2017. Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:41 a.m.

b) 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval for the Following Open Space Applications

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:02 a.m. and introduced Current Use Specialist Kiffen Saben from the Assessor's Office.

1. Resolution Concerning an Application to Include 19.56 Acres in the Current Use Open Space Land Program by Earl and Elizabeth Hanson CUOS #7-2017

Ms. Saben provided the location of the property, said that it was traditional farmland that no longer met the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income, and said that there would be little if any tax shift.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve approve a Resolution concerning an application to include 19.56 acres in the Current Use Open Space Land Program by Earl and Elizabeth Hanson CUOS #7-2017 (**Resolution No. R20170139**) Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused

2. Resolution Concerning an Application to Include 6 Acres in the Current Use Open Space Land Program by Hazel Sittner CUOS #8-2017

Ms. Saben provided the location of the property, said that it was traditional farmland that no longer met the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income, and said that there would be little if any tax shift.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution concerning an application to include 6 acres in the Current Use Open Space Land Program by Hazel Sittner CUOS #8-2017 (**Resolution No. R20170140**) Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused

3. Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer 7 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land Program by Barrie and Sheila Kenning CUOS #9-2017

Ms. Saben provided the location of the property, said that it was traditional farmland that no longer met the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income, and said that there would be little if any tax shift.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution concerning an application to transfer 7 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land Program by Barrie and Sheila Kenning CUOS #9-2017 (**Resolution No. R20170141**) Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused

4. Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer 8.02 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Program by Ryan and Tina Patrick CUOS F&A #10-2017

Ms. Saben provided the location of the property, said that it was traditional farmland that no longer met the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income, said that the owners would be keeping chickens and growing grapes, and said that there would be little if any tax shift.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution concerning an application to transfer 8.02 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Farm and Agricultural Conservation Program by Ryan and Tina Patrick CUOS F&A #10-2017 (**Resolution No. R20170142**) Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused

5. Resolution Concerning an Application to Transfer 4.2 Acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land Program by Patsy Welton CUOS #11-2017

Ms. Saben provided the location of the property, said that it was traditional farmland that no longer met the requirement for gross commercial agricultural income, would be seeded to provide food for fowl, and said that there would be little if any tax shift.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution concerning an application to transfer 4.2 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land Program by Patsy Welton CUOS #11-2017 (**Resolution No. R20170143**) Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:12 a.m.

c) 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Budget and Finance – Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:01 a.m.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding Amending the 2nd Quarter Skagit County Budget

Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue provided an overview of the proposed 2nd quarter budget amendments from each Skagit County department.

Discussion was held with County Administrator Tim Holloran and Ms. Logue regarding the uncertainty of the state budget. Information was being collected on the impacts to Skagit County if the state did not pass their budget.

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 11:08 a.m. Seeing no public present to provide testimony, Commissioner Dahlstedt moved to close the public hearing. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve a Resolution to amend the 2nd quarter Skagit County budget as presented (**Resolution No. R20170144**) Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Lisa Janicki's absence was excused

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:13 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 county and individual success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island provided comments on grizzly bears, an article from the New York Times from June 23, 2017, *Yellowstone Grizzlies will lose Endangered Special Protection*, the Rocky Mountain National Park, the problems the Planning Commission had understanding the geography of Fidalgo Island, and the need for a better plan for Fidalgo Island.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners encouraged a happy and safe Fourth of July.

IV. AJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:47 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board