

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 12, 2017, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Lisa Janicki present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 8:33 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Update: Programs at Cascades Job Corps College & Career Academy by Academy Director Kevin Meenaghan

Director Kevin Meenaghan provided an update to the Commissioners about the changes occurring with the current programs at the academy. He said that the Department of Labor funded Job Corps Centers and that there were 125 in the United States. He pointed out that the stigma that Job Corps was for juvenile delinquents was not true. They offered high school degrees, GED, and college degrees in trade specific industries. Students lived on campus with a robust study and support systems in place.

Some Job Corps partners included Sedro-Woolley High School, Skagit Valley College, and Northwest Career and Technical Academy. Mr. Meenaghan discussed work to strengthen partnerships and create new partnerships with businesses and other entities.

Mr. Meenaghan described a typical student's schedule and provided an overview of two new career pathways being implemented: healthcare and information technology (IT). These pathways had been chosen after a job market search showed each of those industries were growing and needed qualified applicants. There were three separate healthcare pathways: 1. Medical Administrative Specialist 2. Certified Medical Assistant 3. Pre-Nursing and three separate IT pathways: 1. Game and Web Development 2. Computer Applications Support Technician 3. Network Technician.

Mr. Meenaghan provided information on how Job Corps was different from a standard 2 or 4-year college, various courses offered, volunteer and extracurricular activities, current enrollment, future growth, and planned upgrades to some of the buildings. He said that when students graduated they went to work in a career, joined the military, or continued education at a college. He asked the Commissioners to consider assisting Job Corps by strengthening Skagit County's partnership, connect to additional partners, and help recruit students.

Questions and discussion followed Mr. Meenaghan's presentation including placement rates, connecting to Workforce Council, and connecting to Skagit County Information Technology Center and the Department of Public Health.

The PowerPoint presentation provided by Mr. Meenaghan can be found at this link:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/09112017/>

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:19 a.m.

b) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Proclamation: September 2017 - National Senior Center Month

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:02 a.m. and introduced Renee Corcoran, Senior Program Coordinator.

Ms. Corcoran, Sedro-Woolley Senior Center Coordinator Ellen Schweigert and Burlington

Senior Center Coordinator Jackie Cress provided a brief presentation on Senior Centers in Skagit County and the value they provided to the communities they served by offering a place for seniors to connect to people, activities, programs, resources, and a reasonably priced lunch.

Kevin Loy of Sedro-Woolley was present to share positive words about the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center and Chris Lacey was present to share positive words about the Burlington Senior Center.

The Commissioners thanked staff and volunteers of the Skagit County Senior Centers and Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation regarding September as National Senior Center Month.

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

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

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:32 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one provided county and individual success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Tina Champeaux of Sedro-Woolley was present to encourage the Commissioners to support their Precinct Committee Officers recommendation to appoint Elizabeth Scott to fill the vacation position in the 39th District.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners commented on recent weather related events in Florida and Texas.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:40 a.m.

d) 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP)

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 1:01 p.m.

1. Annual Presentation

Derek Bryan from Washington Counties Risk Pool (WCRP) provided an annual presentation to the Commissioners about the risk pool, how it was performing, and information about programming and claims. He pointed out four reasons to be a member of the risk pool: 1. being self-insured and managing claims in-house saved money, 2. managing risks in-house equated to better responsibility, training, and better loss control programs, 3. the fund is managed to produce stable rates, and 4. reduced claims.

The WCRP formed in 1988 and Skagit County joined in 2003. Of 39 counties, 26 were members. Mr. Bryan provided information on the WCRP's governance, organizational chart, departments and programs offered by WCRP, and, assessment rates. He said that WCRP was doing well and had a good fund balance even though claims and costs were trending upwards.

Further discussion was held on membership and what kind of coverage Skagit County had for cyber issues.

2. Discussion on Correctional Health Contracting

Director of Human Resources & Risk Management Jessica Neill Hoyson invited Mr. Bryan to discuss delivery service models and the risks associated with providing direct or contracted medical care at the soon-to-be-operating Skagit County Community Justice Center.

Mr. Bryan simplified the issue of deciding whether or not to contract for services with a

third party by saying that a county only needed to evaluate their own abilities or inability of providing the services themselves. If the county did not have the staff and resources to provide direct services themselves, it was encouraged to contract with a third party. Also, contracting with a third party was beneficial for risk management, which would still be managed by the county, but mostly transferred to the third party. Mr. Bryan discussed important language to include in contracts and felt that contracting was beneficial and provided protections to the county.

Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson was present to share additional information regarding providing correctional healthcare from the public health perspective. She discussed public health goals, the continuum of care, oversight, and programs. She said that while Public Health provided some services for inmates at the Community Justice Center, they were not a full-time medical provider and she suggested that Skagit County chose a model that met accreditation standards. Since Skagit County did not have the ability to meet all the needs at the new Community Justice Center, Ms. Johnson recommended that a contract be entered into with Naphcare.

Commissioner Janicki asked about ensuring a continuum of care for inmates and asked if behavioral health funds could be used for programs for inmates in custody.

Human Resources/Risk Management Director Jessica Neill Hoyson provided additional information about contracting with Naphcare.

- e) *3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Work Session - Public Health Department

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings to order at 3:00 p.m.

In attendance were County Administrator Tim Holloran, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Melinda Miller, Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson, and Public Health Analyst Julie de Losada.

Chair Wesen adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

**Note, a recording of the work session can be obtained by contacting the Skagit County Commissioners' Office.*

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 2:22 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board