

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 19, 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 8:31 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. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter introduced Project Manager Jennifer Swanson.

1. Update: Burlington Northern Overpass Project

Jennifer Swanson provided an overview of the construction schedule and the construction work being performed at the bridge site.

2. Update: Ferry Vessel

Ferry Division Manager Rachel Rowe provided information regarding the vessel replacement project and the work being performed by the contractor Glostén.

Discussion followed on Glostén's scope of work and an informational survey that was recently posted online regarding the ferry replacement project.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Rowe for the update and Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 8:59 a.m.

b) 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

1. Presentation: Short Plat Alteration for Farrington PL17-0186

Associate Planner Annie Matsumoto-Grah presented a short plat alteration for the Commissioners consideration.

2. Possible Action: Final Approval of Short Plat Alteration PL17-0186

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve Approval of Short Plat Alteration PL17-0186. Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:21 a.m.

c) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Certificate of Commendation for Salmon Habitat Specialist Jeffrey McGowan

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m. and introduced Surface Water Section Manager Jan Flagan.

Ms. Flagan provided Mr. McGowan's work history and role with Public Works. Water Quality

Analyst Rick Hayley, Contracts and Grants Manager Samantha Clark, Transportation Section Manager Forrest Jones, Engineering Technician Nikki Davis, Administrative Assistant Meghan MacMullen, Construction Section Manager David Walde, River Improvement/Watershed Planner Kara Symonds, Solid Waste Division Manager Margo Gillaspay, Water Resources Section Manager Mike See, and Lorna Ellestad of Dike, Drainage and Irrigation Improvement District 12 shared stories and wished Mr. McGowan a happy retirement.

Salmon Habitat Specialist Jeff McGowan introduced his family and appreciated his time at Skagit County.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the certificate of commendation for Mr. McGowan's service to the residents of Skagit County.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:54 a.m.

d) 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:01 a.m.

1. Public Hearing: To Consider Testimony Regarding Amending the 2017 Skagit County and Central Valley Ambulance Authority Budgets

Trisha Logue provided an overview of the budget requests from each department affecting each of the three funds: 1. general, 2. special revenue, and 3. Central Valley Ambulance Authority. The Commissioners did not have any questions. Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 10:08 a.m.

Seeing no one present to provide testimony, Commissioner Janicki made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Dahlstedt. The vote passed unanimously.

2. Possible Action: Amending the 2017 Skagit County and Central Valley Ambulance Authority Budgets

A motion was made by Commissioner Dahlstedt to approve to Amend the 2017 Skagit County and Central Valley Ambulance Authority Budgets. **(Resolution No. R20170188)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:09 a.m.

e) 10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Nominee Interviews for Replacement for the Representative from the 39th Legislative District - Position 2

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m. and provided background information regarding the vacancy in the 39th Legislative District. He said that Representative John Koster resigned in September and that the Precinct Committee Officers provided three Republican candidates for the Commissioners to choose from.

Chair Wesen announced that after the interviews were completed, the Commissioners would be holding a special joint-meeting with Snohomish and King Counties on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 to vote to appoint one of the candidates to the vacancy.

1. Interview Elizabeth Scott

Candidate Elizabeth Scott provided answers to the questions provided by the Commissioners including background information, qualifications, challenges facing the district, goals to accomplish if selected, and reasons for seeking the appointment to the vacant position.

2. Interview Georgene Faries

Candidate Georgene Faries provided answers to the questions provided by the Commissioners including background information, qualifications, challenges facing the district, goals to accomplish if selected, and reasons for seeking the appointment to the vacant position.

3. Interview Carolyn Eslick

Candidate Carolyn Eslick provided answers to the questions provided by the Commissioners including background information, qualifications, challenges facing the district, goals to accomplish if selected, and reasons for seeking the appointment to the vacant position.

The Commissioners provided closing comments, explained how the voting process would occur on September 20, 2017, clarified that the opioid epidemic was a substance use disorder that was not limited to persons who were homeless but affected every type of person at every level within the tax bracket, and they thanked the three candidates for their willingness to provide public service.

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

f) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:45 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 commented on Fidalgo Island drainage and informed the Commissioners of a correction that needed to be made to one of the plans that was online and was missing the maps that it referenced.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners thanked the Precinct Committee Officers for providing three candidates to choose from to fill the vacated position in the 39th Legislative District.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:53 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt , Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

