

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 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. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Paul Randall-Grutter, Engineer:

1. Proclamation Recognizing October 16 - 20, 2017, as Flood Awareness Week in Skagit County

Surface Water Section Manager Jan Flagan provided information to the Commissioners regarding activities planned for Flood Awareness Week.

The Commissioners thanked Public Works for coordinating the events with Skagit County's partners in flood prevention and flood fighting.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation regarding Flood Awareness Week in Skagit County.

2. Presentation of Hydrodynamic Model Project from Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife and Update on Project at Deepwater Slough

Ms. Flagan introduced Jenny Baker from The Nature Conservancy who provided information to the Commissioners regarding work performed by local representatives from salmon recovery, flood risk reduction, and agricultural groups to create a model to evaluate projects and their impacts on farms, fish, and flooding. The group had been meeting since 2012 and included participants from NOAA, The Nature Conservancy, Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, Western Washington Agricultural Association, Skagit County Dike District Partnership, Washington State Department of Agriculture, Skagitians to Preserve Farmland, Seattle City Light, Skagit Conservation District, Skagit Watershed Council, Upper Skagit Tribe, and U.S. Geological Survey. 23 restoration concept projects were evaluated by the group.

Polly Hicks from NOAA provided information regarding how each group (farm, fish, and flood) developed a benefit and impact tool by ranking meaningful objectives and indicators for projects. Each group received 100 points to apply to meaningful indicators. The outcome was three sets of results that could be rolled into a total project score showing the project's benefit and impact.

Jennifer Friebel from Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife reviewed data on channel depth and flow to evaluate potential habitat and she reviewed how projects had ranked. Outreach and development would begin on projects that had ranked well (green). Yellow and orange projects would still be considered. Red projects would not be considered.

Information provided to the Commissioners can be found at this link:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10022017/>

The Commissioners appreciated the information and the collaborative partnerships

formed to perform the meaningful work that fairly represented farms, fish, and flooding.

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

b) 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 was present to provide county and individual success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

No one was present to provide public comment.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners commented on upcoming events and the tragedy that occurred in Las Vegas.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:33 a.m.

c) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Board of Health:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 1:00 p.m. and introduced Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson.

1. New Public Health Staff Introductions

Operations Manager Bob Hicks introduced Staff Assistant II Kashondra Liberty, Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator Cristin Corcoran, Administrative Staff Assistant II Annette Madden, and Communicable Disease and Investigation Specialist Isaiah Reed.

Environmental Health Manager Joanne Lynn introduced Environmental Health Specialist Steven Zimmerman.

Manager of the Child and Family Health Division Jennifer Sass-Walton reintroduced Nurse Family Partnership Supervisor Elizabeth Cooksey.

2. Mid-Adopter Overview

Jennifer Johnson introduced Executive Director of North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Joe Valentine.

Mr. Valentine provided an overview of decisions that needed to be made regarding Washington State's change to the county's role for transitioning to fully integrated managed care for behavioral health and primary care.

The presentation provided by Mr. Valentine regarding this matter can be found at this link:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10022017/>

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Valentine for the overview and said that they would have preferred additional funding go towards programs that helped people instead of paying for an additional layer of administrative oversight.

3. Status Update for the North Sound Region

Executive Director of North Sound Accountable Community of Health (ACH) Liz Baxter provided an overview of their mission, function, and role to improve health in the five-county region that agreed to form (Skagit, Island, San Juan, Snohomish and Whatcom

Counties). North Sound ACH was 1 of 9 separate regions in the State of Washington, each different and each working to leverage Medicaid funding.

The information provided by Ms. Baxter can be found at this link:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10022017/>

The Commissioners and Ms. Baxter discussed concerns and the need to be adaptive.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 1:58 p.m.

d) *2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Briefing - Public Health Department

e) 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. United Way Kick-off Presentation and Proclamation Recognizing October 3 - 31, 2017, as United Way Campaign Month

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 3:01 p.m. and introduced Philip Prud'homme of United Way.

Mr. Prud'homme thanked the Commissioners and Skagit County employees for their support of United Way. He said that since the year 2000, Skagit County employees had raised a total of one-quarter of a million dollars for the community which supported neighbors in need. He said that United Way worked to provide early learning education, financial empowerment, stability, healthy choices and lifestyles.

United Way Executive Director Debra Lancaster provided information on the type of work United Way performed that made positive impacts in people's lives: feeding, housing, training and providing tools for success and to thrive.

County Administrator Tim Holloran and Communications Coordinator Bronlea Mishler discussed plans for the Skagit County United Way Campaign, the opportunity to give back to the community, and to also have fun and enter into a raffle for prize items. The goal was to raise \$25,000.

The Commissioners thanked United Way for providing valuable services to the community and Commissioner Janicki read the proclamation regarding October as United Way Campaign Month.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 3:30 p.m.

f) 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Public Health - Jennifer Johnson, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 3:36 p.m. and introduced Manager/Public Health Analyst Julie de Losada.

1. Presentation/Possible Action: Resolution regarding the decision to become a Behavioral Health and Primary Care Medicaid Integration Mid-Adopter

Julie de Losada provided an overview of the resolution prepared for the Commissioners consideration and the special conditions that had been included.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Resolution regarding the decision to become a Behavioral Health and Primary Care Medicaid Integration Mid-Adopter (**Resolution No. R20170201**) Commissioner Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 3:52 a.m.

g) 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Proclamation Recognizing October 1 - 7, 2017, as 4-H Week in Skagit County

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 4:00 p.m. and introduced WSU 4-H Program Coordinator Dorothy Elsner.

Dorothy Elsner talked about national 4-H week and recognized Skagit County 4-H Leaders who had served 5 and 10 years. She presented them with pins and certificates of achievement.

4-H members, leaders, and family members who were involved in 4-H shared what the program has meant to them, their families, and their community.

The Commissioners thanked the families, members, and leaders for their commitment and service to the community.

Commissioner Dahlstedt read the proclamation recognizing October 1 through 7, 2017 as 4-H Week in Skagit County.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 4:28 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt , Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board