

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 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 8:15 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

Director Dan Berentson and County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter were present to introduce the agenda items.

1. Update: Burlington Northern Overpass Project

Project Manager Jennifer Swanson provided a brief update on the Burlington Northern Overpass Project and provided pictures of the work the contractors had done on the structural earth wall.

2. Update: Guemes Island Ferry Replacement Project with Glosten

Ferry Operations Division Manager Rachel Rowe said that the preliminary cost estimate had been received from Glosten and introduced Project Manager and Design Lead Will Moon with Glosten.

Mr. Moon introduced David Larsen, Principal with Glosten, and provided a PowerPoint presentation. He noted that they had 30% of the vessel design completed. He said that the vessel would have the capacity for 32 passenger vehicles, was 178' long with a 53' wide beam and discussed the design concept for the steel hull and aluminum deckhouse.

Mr. Moon provided information about the engineer's cost estimate that included a 20% contingency. The engineer's cost estimate accounted for the fact that the vessel would be tax-exempt and accounted for county oversight of all of the contracts, design and construction management. He noted that the all-electric and plug-in hybrid options would have lower operating expenses than the diesel options and that the plug-in hybrid offered the lowest operational costs.

Lead Mechanical Engineer Jeff Rider with Glosten provided information about the propulsion system trade-off study that they had performed. He reported that there were five (5) propulsion options studied: 1) general diesel (baseline); 2) diesel electric; 3) series hybrid; 4) all-electric and 5) plug-in hybrid.

There was a discussion about the shore-side infrastructure and costs. Glosten recommended that charging of the vessel would take place on the Anacortes side only due to the high cost of shore-side equipment.

Commissioner Dahlstedt discussed whether carbon fiber could replace the steel hull, marine generator, uncertainty of diesel prices, and the potential of the County receiving additional funding for an all-electric vessel.

Commissioner Wesen discussed whether haul-out costs were included in the study, the assumption of a 74% increase in vehicle ridership, and whether a smaller vessel would

reduce costs.

Mr. Larsen noted that Glosten was working with Washington State Ferries to look at the shore-side infrastructure costs to convert some of their ferries to all electric power.

The Commissioners suggested that the study should be submitted to the County Road Administration Board (CRAB).

Mr. Berentson reported on flood related issues that may arise over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

[Link to PowerPoint Presentation:](#)

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Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:37 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Extension Program Update - Don McMoran, Director

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:42 a.m.

Washington State University (WSU) Skagit County Extension Director Don McMoran provided an update of the Agricultural and Natural Resources Program and announced that the 2018 Skagit Ag Summit would be taking place on Friday, February 16, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at WSU NWREC in Mount Vernon.

Intern Aaron Wagar provided information about the cover crop trials that he had helped conduct.

Shore Steward Program Coordinator Alex duPont provided an update of the Shore Steward Program.

Ideas for Healthy Living Program Coordinator Jennie Goforth provided an update of the Ideas for Healthy Living Program.

Associate in Research Steven Seefeldt, PhD provided a brief history about his education and work history.

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Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:33 a.m.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Board of Health:

Chair Wesen convened the Board of Health at 10:37 a.m.

Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson introduced the agenda items.

1. Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Cristin Corcoran provided a PowerPoint presentation about Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response (PHEPR) Program, details about her education and previous work history. She said that the mission for the PHEPR Program was to help Skagit County Public Health and community partners respond to and recover from emergency events that could affect public health. She said that the Department of Emergency and Public Health Department would work together to coordinate efforts during an emergency event. Ms. Corcoran reported that the source of funding for the program was through the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

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2. Clinical Health Partnerships

Public Health Analyst Julie de Losada provided a PowerPoint presentation about the Prevention and Clinical Health Partnerships Division. She said that it was a newly created division within the Public Health Department. The division was funded through a combination of nine (9) different funding streams which included the 1/10 of 1% chemical dependency and mental health sales tax and grants from the Department of Health, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, Medicaid Behavioral Health Organization, Interlocal Agreements with Whatcom and Snohomish Counties and a Contract with the Washington Association Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics. Ms. de Losada provided information about the division's accomplishments in 2017. She said that that Skagit County Public Health had contracted to provide embedded mental health services to all seven (7) Skagit County school districts.

She said that their direction for 2018 would be to provide strategic leadership and combine evidence-based research with local knowledge to address any barriers in the system. Ms. de Losada said that they would strive to ensure that prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery, and resiliency were abundant, and that services would be easy to access for residents of Skagit County.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:26 a.m.

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d) 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

There were no county and individual success stories provided.

2. Public Comment Period

Chair Wesen announced that each person that wanted to speak would be given two (2) minutes to provide their individual comments and he directed the clerk set the timer.

Brenda Cunningham of Mount Vernon, Anne Winkes of Conway, Tim Manns of Mount Vernon, Martha Hall of Anacortes, Mary Ruth Holden of Mount Vernon, Kathleen Lorence-Flanagan of Anacortes, Bill Bowman of La Conner, Jerry Eisner of Mount Vernon, Gary Wickman of Sedro-Woolley, Marlene Finley of Anacortes, Sheri Hunter of Mount Vernon, Stephen Hunter of Mount Vernon, and Lyndon Greene of Anacortes provided comments and urged the County not to renew the contract with Robert K. Weidner.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:59 a.m.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

There were no miscellaneous announcements.

e) 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Planning and Development Services - Dale Pernula, Director:

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 2:31 p.m.

Director Dale Pernula and Assistant Director Ryan Walters were present to introduce the agenda item.

Senior Planner Stacie Pratschner provided background information about the annual Comprehensive Plan Amendments. She noted that the Growth Management Act (GMA) provided that each comprehensive land use plan and development regulation were subject to continued review and evaluations which required Skagit County to periodically accept petitions for amendments or revisions to the Comprehensive Plan polices or land use map.

Ms. Pratschner provided a summary of the petitions received for the 2018 Comprehensive Plan

Docket.

P-1: Citizen-initiated submitted by Carol Ehlers. Staff recommended that this proposal be excluded from the 2018 Docket based on the criteria in the Comprehensive Plan and Skagit County Code.

P-2: Submitted by Ms. Roger Wechsler/ Samish Bay Cheese. Staff recommended that this proposal be included in the 2018 Docket based on the criteria in the Comprehensive Plan and Skagit County Code.

P17-0404: Submitted by Ms. Elizabeth Sueme/Quaker Cove Ministries Camp. Staff recommended that this proposal be included in the 2018 Docket based on the criteria in the Comprehensive Plan and Skagit County Code.

P17-0416: Avalon Fully Contained Community submitted by Mr. Bill Sygitowicz/Skagit Partners LLC. Staff recommended that this proposal be excluded from the 2018 Docket based on the criteria in the Comprehensive Plan and Skagit County Code.

Chair Wesen read an opening statement announcing that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public testimony. He stated that the written public comment period would remain open until Monday, November 27, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. Written public comments must be submitted to the Planning and Development Services Department.

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 2:45 p.m.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding Skagit County's 2018 Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Use and Zoning Map

Elizabeth and Karl Seume of Quaker Cove Ministries, Dennis Littlefield of Oregon and board member of Quaker Cove Ministries, Retha McCutchen with Northwest Yearly Meeting of Newberg, Oregon, Michael Rauwolf of Anacortes, Aly Brooks intern with Quaker Cove, Jay and Linda Lewis of Anacortes and Directors of Amplify Camp, Susan and Earl Giessen of Bow, Patrick Mooney of Anacortes and a volunteer with Quaker Cove, Lynn Keating of Anacortes, Steve McLean spoke in support of the proposal to rezone Quaker Cove Ministries Camp.

Art Fournier of Anacortes spoke in opposition to the Quaker Cove Ministries Group rezone proposal.

Carol Ehlers of West Fidalgo Island commented on aquifer recharge areas prohibited activities and the protection of individual wells.

Jim Anderson of Burlington, Oscar Lagerlund of Burlington and Allen Rozema of Skagitians to Preserve Farmland spoke in opposition to the Avalon Fully Contained Community proposal.

Ron Extract of Garden Path Fermentation of Skagit County spoke in favor of the Samish Bay Cheese proposal.

Bob Carmichael, Ron Hass and Bill Sygitowicz with Skagit Partners LLC spoke in support of the Avalon Fully Contained Community proposal.

Seeing no further testimony forthcoming, Chair Wesen closed the public hearing and announced that the Commissioners would make a decision on the 2018 Comprehensive Plan Policy, Map, and Code Amendments at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2017, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 3:47 p.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt , Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board