

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13, 2018, with Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present. Commissioner Lisa Janicki absent.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Update - Skagit County Historical Museum

Director of the Skagit County Historical Museum Jo Wolfe provided a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the Museum's attendance and various exhibits for 2017. She mentioned that they had 1,926 attendees from October 2017 to February 2018 and added 33 new members.

Ms. Wolfe spoke about the grand opening of Skagit City School that took place in July 2017 and noted that they would be applying for a Heritage Capital Grant through the Washington State Historical Society to complete Phase 2 of the Skagit City School project.

President of the Skagit County Historical Society Board of Trustees Sara Patton recognized Board members David Thomas, Jeanne Youngquist, Muriel Neely and Mary Kirkwood who were present in the audience.

Skagit County Auditor and Historical Museum Board member Jeanne Youngquist mentioned various ways that Skagit County residents could donate to the Museum.

The Commissioners thanked the Museum for the presentation.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 8:56 a.m.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/02122018/>

b) 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Budget and Finance - Trisha Logue, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:16 a.m.

Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue noted that there were cash reserves in Economic Development Fund to allow for the early repayment the debt.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding an Amendment to the 2018 Skagit County Budget to Allow for the Early Repayment of Existing Debt to Avoid Future Interest Expense

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 9:20 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:20 a.m. The motion was seconded by Chair Dahlstedt and passed unanimously.

2. Possible Action: Resolution to Amend the 2018 Skagit County Budget

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution to Amend the 2018 Skagit County Budget. **(Resolution No. R20180028)** Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

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

c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Presentation of 2018 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Poster by Executive Director Cindy Verge

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

Chair Dahlstedt convened the Board of Health at 10:31 a.m.

1. Introductions of New Public Health Staff

Communicable Disease and Environmental Health Division Manager Joanne Lynn introduced new staff member Communicable Disease Investigator Amber Atkinson.

2. Public Health Strategic Plan

Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson presented the Skagit County Public Health Department's Strategic Plan for 2018 - 2020. Ms. Johnson said that the Strategic Plan had been developed through leadership workshops, process development with the Public Health Leadership Team, all staff retreats, and confidential input from Public Health staff. Ms. Johnson explained how public health departments statewide were moving away from nurses delivering services to individual patients to a service model that and would serve the entire community.

Ms. Johnson explained that Public Health's priority goals were to build a culture of health for all; champion health equity; create a culture of excellent practices and protect community health. She explained the challenges that the Public Health Department faced which included the following: the changing roles of public health; expectations; fiscal constraints; technology; workforce; communication; messaging and office space.

Ms. Johnson indicated that the Strategic Plan could be found on Public Health's website at <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Health/main.htm>

Link to Strategic Plan:

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3. Population Health Trust:

i. Recognition of Service

Senior Health Analyst David Jefferson presented awards and recognized the service of outgoing Population Health Trust Advisory Committee members Andrea Doll, Tina Willett and Charlie Wend.

Ms. Doll, Ms. Willett and Mr. Wend shared information about their service on the Population Health Trust Advisory Committee and encouraged the public to visit Population Health Trust's website at: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PHTAC>.

ii. Introduction of New Members

Mr. Jefferson introduced new Population Health Trust Advisory Board members Liz Lovelett, Mary McGoffin and Don McDermott.

iii. Appointment of New Members by Board of Health

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution to appoint members to the Population Health Trust Advisory Committee. **(Resolution No. R20180029)** Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

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

4. Questions and Discussion

There was a discussion about seeking funding for public health services.

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the Board of Health at 11:26 a.m.

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

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There were no County and Individual Success Stories provided.

2. Public Comment Period

Tony Harrah of La Conner commented in opposition to Skagit County's contract with NaphCare.

Mary Ruth Holder of Mount Vernon, Brenda Cunningham of Mount Vernon, and Tim Manns of Mount Vernon commented on outdoor recreation on public lands and opposition with contracting with lobbyist Robert K. Weidner.

Glen Veal of Guemes Island commented on the Guemes Island Ferry Replacement Project. He suggested that a marine survey be performed on the vessel and questioned the proposal for a larger ferry.

Marvin Queen of Anacortes commented on the Open Record Appeal submitted by Roger Pederson.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

There were no Miscellaneous Announcements.

f) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Geographic Information Services (GIS) - Geoffrey Almvig, Manager:

1. Introduction of New Employee - GIS Specialist 1 Rachel Vaughan

Director Geoff Almvig introduced GIS Specialist Rachel Vaughn.

Ms. Vaughn provided some information about her education and background. She graduated from Western Washington University with a degree in Science with a minor in GIS.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:52 a.m.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board