

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, with Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present. Commissioner Lisa Janicki excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 9:34 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Special Session - Board of Health - Public Hearing/Possible Action:

Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson provided background information on the work that had been completed in order to put together the proposal for the Secure Medicine Return Ordinance. She said that all public comments received had been in favor of adopting the Ordinance and addition of the Schedule of Charges and she provided an overview about preventing of the misuse of opioids. Ms. Johnson said that if the Ordinance was approved, the next step would be to review the proposed pharmaceutical producer's plan for the acceptance and expanded return of medicines.

Ms. Johnson also reported that multiple community and stakeholder meetings had been held and support had been expressed for the proposed Ordinance.

1. To Consider Public Testimony Regarding the Proposed Adoption of a Secure Medicine Return Ordinance; and

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 9:41 a.m.

Susanna Petrie, RN Care Manager at SeaMar Clinic, and representing Mount Vernon HOPE Coalition, spoke in support of the Pharmaceutical Stewardship Ordinance and the schedule of charges.

Skagit County Health Officer Dr. Howard Leibrand spoke about the need to reduce access to prescription drugs in family medicine cabinets and he supported the proposed Ordinance and schedule of charges.

Skagit County Solid Waste Division Manager Margo Gillaspay spoke about the importance of diverting prescription drugs out of the solid waste stream and she supported the proposed Ordinance.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:49 a.m., which was seconded by Chair Dahlstedt. The vote passed unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed Ordinance and the Commissioners agreed that implementing a secure prescription

drug take-back program would be beneficial.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the adoption of a Secure Medicine Return Ordinance. **(O20180003)**  
Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

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

2. To Consider Public Testimony Regarding the Proposed Adoption of an Additional Public Health Schedule of Charges to Support the Proposed Secure Medicine Return Ordinance

After acknowledging the overwhelming support for the adoption of the Ordinance and update to the additional Schedule of Charges:

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the adoption of the additional Schedule of Charges to support the Secure Medicine Return Ordinance. **(Resolution No. R20180042)** Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

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

The Commissioners thanked Public Health and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office for their work on the Ordinance and on the addition to Public Health's Schedule of Charges.

- b) \*1:00 p.m. Public Transportation Benefit Area - Board of Director's Meeting (Burlington City Council Chambers, 833 South Spruce Street, Burlington)
- c) \*1:30 p.m. Skagit Council of Governments - Transportation Policy Board Meeting (Burlington City Council Chambers, 833 South Spruce Street, Burlington)
- d) \*2:00 p.m. Skagit Council of Governments - Board Meeting (Burlington City Council Chambers, 833 South Spruce Street, Burlington)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 9:55 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

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Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board