

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, with Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 10:25 a.m. and explained that the session was starting late because the Commissioners' Hearing Room was not available at 10:00 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) *7:30 a.m. Breakfast with Elected Officials (Calico Cupboard, 121B Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon)

b. Special Meeting - Presentation/Discussion by Skagit County Assessor Dave Thomas Regarding 2018 Property Taxes

Assessor Dave Thomas provided a PowerPoint presentation and explained that Engrossed House Bill (EHB) 2242 was approved by the Washington State Legislature in the 2017 legislative session. He indicated that EHB 2242 allowed the legislature to meet its obligation to fully fund basic education for public schools which it was ordered to do by the Supreme Court in the case of McCleary vs. State of Washington.

Mr. Thomas noted that new bill sets a common school levy rate statewide. He explained that for taxes collected in Skagit County in 2018, it meant an estimated increase of 86 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. He said that the increase was particularly notable this year because the new state school levy rate overlapped with local levies that were passed by voters in 2017. He explained that properties in the La Conner and Conway school districts had been reappraised in 2017 as part of the six-year reevaluation cycle and many properties in that area had experienced significant value changes.

Treasurer Jungquist provided information about how residents could read their property tax statements.

County Administrator Tim Holloran explained that the county collected the taxes on behalf of the state. He explained that the Washington State Legislature could change the collection of property tax and that residents could contact their senators and representatives in Olympia.

Chief Deputy Assessor Annette Devoe explained that the State Legislature could roll back some of the increase in property taxes and that the Assessor's Office were tracking whether Senate Bill 6614 and House Bill 3000 would pass.

[Link to PowerPoint Presentation:](http://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/02262018/)

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c) *1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Special Meeting - Executive Session (Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

Chair Dahlstedt announced that the Commissioners were be entering into a meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen attended an executive session on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, from 1:32 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The purpose of the executive session Litigation- RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). (Matters relating to County enforcement actions, actual litigation, or potential litigation.) The following attorney was present at the executive session and gave legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners Senior Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea. Other Attendees: County Administrator Tim Holloran.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 2:01 p.m.

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

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board