

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

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 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 8:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

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

Chair Dahlstedt announced that he would need to excuse himself part way through the meeting.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Public Testimony Regarding the Franchise Application of the Colony Mountain Community Club, dba Colony Mountain Water Association, to Install, Construct, Operate, Repair, Relocate, Maintain and Remove Facilities for the Purpose of a Water Utility System on, under, along and across Certain Roads and Rights-of-Way in the Defined Franchise Area

Director Dan Berentson introduced Engineering Technician Torey Nelson who provided additional information about the application from the Colony Mountain Community Club, dba Colony Mountain Water Association for their water utility system. The term of the Franchise Agreement was for 15 years and insurance coverage was provided by the Association.

Mr. Nelson thanked Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Steve Fallquist and Assistant Director of Human Resources and Risk Management Donnie LaPlante for their work on the Franchise Agreement. He also acknowledged the presence of the Association President Jeremy Means.

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 8:37 a.m. Seeing no one wishing to provide public testimony, Commissioner Janicki made a motion to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Wesen. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve a Resolution to authorize the execution of a nonexclusive Franchise Agreement with the Colony Mountain Community Club, dba Colony Mountain Water Association (**Resolution No. R20180057**). Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Franchise Agreement with Colony Mountain Community Club to install, operate and maintain facilities for purposes of a water utility system along and across certain roads and rights-of-way in the defined Franchise area (**Contract No. C20180141**). Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

2. Update: Burlington Northern Overpass Project

Project Manager Jennifer Swanson showed photographs of the bridge girder installation process.

3. Update: Ferry Project

Ferry Operations Division Manager Rachel Rowe provided an overview of vessel funding options that related to whether or not Skagit County formed a Ferry District, said that the County Road Administration Board wanted Skagit County to implement a vessel replacement surcharge, that the public hearing regarding the surcharge would be held on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., the Ferry Target Report was almost complete, discussed recent meetings and work with the Ferry Committee, discussed replacement vessel planning, and discussion was held regarding the annual impact of diverting funds from the County Road Fund to the ferry.

4. Miscellaneous

Mr. Berentson and Solid Waste Division Manager Margo Gillaspay informed the Board that the transfer station was no longer able to recycle plastic due to the loss of contracts in place for the shipment of plastic to China.

Ms. Gillaspay said that she was reaching out to other Counties to see if any other alternatives had been found for recycling plastics. Commissioner Wesen suggested Ms. Gillaspay also contact the National Association of Counties.

Commissioner Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:08 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Public Health - Jennifer Johnson, Director:

Commissioner Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:31 a.m. and announced that Chair Dahlstedt would be joining them soon.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Public Testimony Regarding Proposals for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Grant Program for Housing Needs that would Benefit Low and Moderate Income Persons

Behavioral Health Program Coordinator Sarah Hinman provided an overview of the 2018 Public Services Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Washington State Department of Commerce. Ms. Hinman said that the CDBG was available for 17 non-entitlement Washington counties to support partnerships with Community Action Agencies to fund new, or expand current services that addressed root causes of poverty and helped low-and moderate-income persons achieve self-sufficiency.

The annual grant award was allocated by Department of Commerce through a funding formula that was based on poverty rates, population, and annual awards from Housing and Urban Development. Ms. Hinman said that the award for 2018 amounted to \$64,252. She discussed how the grant would be dispersed, said that Skagit County worked with Community Action Agency of Skagit County to prepare the current application that was available for review, and that the public hearing they were present for had been advertised in the local newspaper for the last few weeks.

Ms. Hinman said that the amount of funding was slightly reduced from the prior year and the application outlined that funding

would be used in a similar manner as the last few years: to fund staff at the Concrete Resource Center for the provision of information and referral assistance to approximately 473 people. Resource referrals included: education, employment, financial services, and skills development. Staff at the Resource Center also provided information intake for Skagit County's Coordinated Entry System for homeless families and persons (approximately 179 people).

Ms. Hinman explained that one of the requirements of the Department of Commerce included the provision of a close-out report on the current CDBG. Ms. Hinman introduced Community Action Agency Services Division Director Lynn Christofersen who briefed the Commissioners on the partnerships fostered and services and programs provided to low-income persons and families at the East County Resource Center.

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 9:44 a.m. Seeing no one present to provide public testimony, Commissioner Janicki moved to close the public hearing which was seconded by Commissioner Wesen. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Wesen announced that since he was the Chair of the Community Action of Skagit County Board, it was suggested to him by the Skagit County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney to recuse himself from making a decision on the matter.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve a Resolution to apply to the State Department of Commerce for a Community Development Block Grant for Certifications of Compliance (**Resolution No. R20180058**). Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:45 a.m.

c) 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Health - Jennifer Johnson, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m. and introduced Director Jennifer Johnson.

1. Presentation: Behavioral Health Continuum & Recovery Housing

Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson, Behavioral Health and Housing Coordinator Sarah Hinman, Human Services Manager Rebecca Clark, and Public Health Analyst David Jefferson provided an overview of how one would navigate the behavioral health and recovery housing systems both before and after the upcoming changes enacted by the legislature.

Discussion was held regarding the need for additional recovery housing, how to improve relapse rates, treatment programs for inmates at the Skagit County Community Justice Center, the need for increased mental health services in our schools, creating a recovery campus, and planning a Behavioral Health Summit.

The PowerPoint provided by Public Health can be found here:  
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03122018/>

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

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

After confirming there was no one present to provide county and individual success stories or public comment, the presentation from Public Health on the Behavioral Health Continuum and Recovery Housing was extended.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

2. Public Comment Period
  3. Miscellaneous Announcements
- e) \*1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Public Health Work Session

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 1:30 p.m.

Other attendees present at the work session:  
County Administrator Tim Holloran  
Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson  
Human Services Manager Rebecca Clark  
Public Health Analyst David Jefferson  
Housing Resource Coordinator Kayla Schott-Bresler  
Public Health Analyst Julie de Losada  
Public Health Nurse Amie Tidrington

*A recording of the work session can be obtained by contacting the Skagit County Commissioners' Office.*

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 2:42 p.m.

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

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Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

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Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

