

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, with Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present. Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Janicki called the proceedings to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Janicki 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:

Director Berentson introduced Rachel Rowe.

1. Update: Ferry Project

Ferry Division Manager Rachel Rowe provided information to the Commissioners about upcoming dates of interest. Discussion was held regarding the upcoming public hearing regarding a possible ferry ticket surcharge.

2. Presentation: Roles and Duties of the County Engineer

Mr. Berentson talked about the office of the County Engineer and introduced Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter, P.E.

Mr. Randall-Grutter provided a PowerPoint presentation outlining the various roles, responsibilities and duties according to a variety of Washington State Laws; compared Skagit County's Office of the Engineer to other Washington counties; discussed the Public Works organizational chart; provided an overview of the purpose, use and protection of County Road Funds; and talked about the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) and the types of grants awarded by CRAB.

Questions, comments and discussion followed. Mr. Randall-Grutter's presentation can be found here:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/03262018/>

Commissioner Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:10 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Budget and Finance – Trisha Logue, Director:

Commissioner Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m. and introduced Budget and Finance Director Trisha Logue.

1. Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Public Testimony Regarding Amending the 2018 Skagit County Budget

Ms. Logue provided an overview of the general fund and special revenue fund budget amendment requests for the Commissioners.

Commissioner Janicki opened the public hearing at 9:33 a.m., confirmed the number of people who wished to provide testimony, and instructed the clerk to set the timer for 3 minutes each.

Holly Green of Anacortes, Laurel Schoenbohm of Anacortes, Ken Winkes of Conway, Steve Monrad of Anacortes, Qben Oliver of Anacortes, Ryan Brazeau of Seattle, Michael Gray of Anacortes (Guemes Island), and Sean Nauman of Anacortes provided testimony regarding ferry worker union negotiations and their concerns relating to the higher cost of living in Anacortes. Requests were made to enter into a fair contract and increase wages so that employees could continue to live within 10 – 20 minutes of the ferry launch so that adequate emergency response services for people living on Guemes Island were maintained.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:52 a.m. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

The Commissioner commented that while they were not directly involved in contract negotiations, they were committed to maintaining fair and equitable wages and benefits for county employees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution to amend the 2018 Skagit County Budget. **(Resolution No. R20180071)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

Commissioner Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:57 a.m.

c) 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Planning and Development Services – Hal Hart, Director:

Commissioner Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 10:00 a.m. and introduced Director Hal Hart.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Final Approval of Short Plat Alteration PL17-0415 Submitted by Dan & Carolyn DeGroot of Skyridge Division No. IV (S/P 7-081)

Mr. Hart informed the Commissioners that the purpose of the final plat alteration/approval was to adjust a building setback line. He invited Senior Planner Brandon Black to provide more information about the proposed action.

Mr. Black provided some history about the property and previous actions taken in 1981 and 1991. The amount of space originally planned for the location of an on-site septic system had been reduced, which allowed more space for a building.

Mr. Black said that both the Skagit County Hearing Examiner and Planning and Development Services recommended the approval of the Short Plat Alteration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Final Approval of Short Plat Alteration PL17-0415 Submitted by Dan & Carolyn DeGroot of Skyridge Division No. IV (S/P 7-081). **(Resolution No. R20180072)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

Commissioner Janicki recessed the proceedings at 10:07 a.m.

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

Commissioner Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one was present to provide county and individual success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

No one was present to provide public comment.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners commented on their attendance at the Soroptimist Area Awards Banquet, the upcoming joint meeting with the Mount Vernon City Council, and the upcoming Making Change event that they would be attending in the afternoon.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve 2 vouchers and warrants from the Auditor's Office: C-49-18 and C-50-18. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Chair Kenneth A. Dahlstedt's absence was excused

e) *1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Making Change: 2017 Skagit Low-Income Needs Assessment Data Release by Community Action of Skagit County (Northwest Career & Technical Academy, 2205 West Campus Place, Mount Vernon)

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 11:40 a.m.

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

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board