

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 24, 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 8:30 a.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

III. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

Director Dan Berentson introduced the agenda items.

1. Update: Burlington Northern Overpass Project

Project Manager Jennifer Swanson provided an update on the Burlington Northern Overpass Project and noted that the last girder was put in place on March 15, 2018. Ms. Swanson said that now that the girders were in place, crews would begin constructing the bridge deck. The contractors were continuing work on the northern approach and backfilling the walls. She said that the project was on budget and on track to be completed on September 1, 2018.

There was a brief discussion about the culvert that would be placed under Dahlstedt Road that would handle drainage.

Ms. Swanson discussed the various funding sources that the Project had received (approximately \$17 million) from a variety of sources and indicated that approximately \$1 million would be coming from the Road Fund.

Ms. Swanson provided an update on the Illabot Creek Bridge project and other projects that she had managed.

2. Update: Guemes Island Ferry

Ferry Operations Division Manager Rachel Rowe reported that on Thursday, April 19, 2018, the County Road Administration Board (CRAB) voted unanimously to forward a \$7.5 million funding request for Skagit County's Guemes Ferry Replacement Project to the Washington State Legislature for possible approval in 2019.

Ms. Rowe discussed the agenda for the upcoming Guemes Island Community meeting taking place on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at the Guemes Island Community Center.

3. Presentation: Municipal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

Stormwater Coordinator Lori Wight provided a PowerPoint regarding Skagit County Municipal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Ms. Wight said that the NPDES permit was a federal permit that regulated stormwater and wastewater discharges to waters of the state. While the permit was a federal permit, the regulatory authority had been passed to the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) for program implementation and that DOE had then passed the monitoring responsibilities on to the County.

Ms. Wight mentioned that as a result of the 1990 census, Skagit County's population fell below the 100,000 threshold so was required to comply with the Phase II Permit requirements which was issued to the County in February 2007 through the Washington State Department of Ecology.

There was a discussion about how much Skagit County's population had increased since the 1990 census and whether the NPDES Permit Area would change.

Ms. Wight provided information about the coordinated efforts amongst entities that were geographically covered under the permit. She mentioned the Public Works Water Resources section worked with the Cities of Mount Vernon, Burlington, Anacortes, Sedro-Woolley and the Swinomish Indian Reservation, Upper Skagit and Sauk-Suiattle Tribes.

There was a discussion about how to determine that the monitoring of the stormwater runoff and illicit discharge benefited clean water.

[Link to PowerPoint Presentation:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04023018/)

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4. Public Hearing to Consider Public Testimony Regarding the Consideration of Vacating a Portion of County Right-of-Way known as Galbreath Road, County Road #63190

Engineering Technician Shane Whitney said that the right-of-way was dedicated to Skagit County on April 20, 1959, being part of the Plat of McEwen's Addition. The road was originally platted as a cul-de-sac, but the cul-de-sac was never built, and was ultimately developed as a through street with a separate subdivision. He noted that this vacation would remove the right-of-way for the parts of the cul-de-sac bulb not required for maintenance of the current road. Mr. Whitney provided information about the land area requested to be vacated and said that it was 650 square feet and had an assessed value of \$3,161.60.

It was noted that the applicants Jacob Swanson and Dorothy Knechtel had requested that the County's interest in this road right-of-way be vacated to allow them to add this area to their respective parcels. Mr. Whitney said that the Public Works Department recommended that the vacation request be approved subject to payment of the \$3,161.60.

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 9:34 a.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 9:34 a.m. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

[Link to the County Engineer's Report:](ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04023018/)

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5. Possible Action: Resolution Regarding the Order to Vacate a Portion of County Right-of-Way Known as Galbreath Road, County Road #63190

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve the Resolution Regarding the Order to Vacate a Portion of County Right-of-Way Known as Galbreath Road, County Road #63190 (**Resolution No. R20180089**) Commissioner Wesen seconded the

motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous:

Mr. Berentson mentioned that the following Public Works staff had or would be receiving degrees:

- Staff Assistant Cheri Renfro, MBA in Psychology
- Surface Water Engineering Technician Nikki Davis, Civil Engineering Technology
- Engineering Technician Sheila Daut, Civil Engineering Technology
- Administrative Assistant Meghan MacMullen, BA in History
- Administrative Assistant Contracts/Grants Samantha Clark, MBA in Human Resources; B.S. in Administration; and a double B.S. in Management and Marketing

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:40 a.m.

b) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation of Annual Report by Skagit Community Foundation CEO Mary J. McGoffin

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m.

Skagit Community Foundation (Foundation) CEO Mary McGoffin provided a brief history about the purpose of Community Foundations. She said that the Foundation was created in Skagit County in 1992 to benefit social, cultural, health, and education programs for residents of Skagit County. She explained that the Foundation helped to connect people by providing services to donors, building and managing permanent endowments for the community, developed the nonprofit sector through grants and education, and contributed to leadership and civic engagement. She explained how the Foundation's Board of Directors managed the money that was donated and introduced Board member Tim Lehr. Mr. Lehr said that this was his first year on the Board and that he looked forward to the work that Foundation would be able to accomplish.

Ms. McGoffin noted that the Foundation provided grants to veterans, Skagit County Historical Museum, Friends of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands and Family Promise of Skagit Valley.

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Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:34 a.m.

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

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:35 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There were no County and Individual Success Stories provided.

2. Public Comment Period

There was no one present to provide public comment.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

It was announced that the Guemes Island Public Forum would take place on Saturday, April 28, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at the Guemes Island Community Center.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:38 a.m.

d) 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Proclamation Recognizing April 29 through May 6 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 1:30 p.m. and excused Commissioner Janicki's absence.

Skagit Conservation District Public Information and Education Coordinator Kristi Carpenter introduced Youth Education and Data Information Coordinator Cindy Pierce and District Manager Bill Blake.

Ms. Carpenter provided information about the concept of stewardship and said that the 2018 Soil and Watershed Stewardship Week theme was "Watersheds Our Water, Our Home."

Ms. Pierce said that there were 52 entries for the 2018 Natural Resources Conservation Poster Contest. The winners were announced and presented with prizes.

Winners:

Lydia Gulstrom, Category K-1 Grade
Abbie McMoran, Category 2-3 Grade
Vicky Batchelor, Category 4-6 Grade (not present)
Landon Edwards, Category 10-12 Grade
Payton Dickinson, Category 7-9 Grade
Searrah Martin, overall winner Category 7-9 Grade

Commissioner Wesen read the Soil and Water Stewardship Week Proclamation recognizing April 29, 2018, through May 6, 2018, as Soil and Water Stewardship Week.

VII. VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS:

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve vouchers and warrants. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

- a. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:
- a) Warrants numbered 480024 through 480064 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$154,367.01 (Transmittal No. C-64-18); and
 - b) Payroll warrants numbered 399338 through 400054 in the total dollar amount of \$1,249,636.64 (Transmittal No. P-15-18); and
 - c) Junior District Payroll warrants numbered 819103 through 819242 in the total dollar amount of \$264,025.60 (Transmittal No. P-

16-18).

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 1:46 p.m.

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 1:45 a.m.

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

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board