

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 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:

Public Works Director Dan Berentson introduced the agenda items.

1. Update - Guemes Island Ferry

Mr. Berentson and Ferry Operations Division Manager Rachel Rowe provided information about the upcoming Roundtable Electric Ferry meeting that they had scheduled at 2:00 p.m. with other stakeholders. One of the purposes of the meeting was to request letters of support for Skagit County's application for a BUILD Grant (which was taking the place of the TIGER Grant). Letters of support had already been received from the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Port of Skagit, and the City of Mount Vernon.

Mr. Berentson said that when applying for a BUILD Grant, local and regional support needed to be established, which letters of support would highlight. Ms. Rowe provided some additional information about the BUILD Grant and discussion was held regarding federal funding.

Ms. Rowe reported on current operations saying that the M/V Guemes was ready for haul out in the spring and that the WI-FI mobile phone ticketing app was getting ready to include the surcharge going into effect August 1, 2018.

2. Update - Burlington Northern Overpass Project

Project Manager Jennifer Swanson provided an update on the construction of the overpass project and she showed photographs of the construction site. Estimated opening was set for September/October.

After Ms. Swanson's update, County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter discussed a document prepared by the Washington State Association of Counties regarding fish passage barriers and some decisions that had been made at the state level that might negatively impact counties. The Commissioners asked Public Works to forward the document to them.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 8:51 a.m.

b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:34 a.m.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: Decision for or Against the Proposed Annexation of Property (Parcels P132491, P114179, and P132490 in the Big Lake Area) into Skagit County Sewer District No. 2

Planning and Development Services Director Hal Hart introduced the agenda item and Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Julie Nicoll provided an overview of the request.

Discussion was held regarding the parcels in question, how it was unusual to “spot” annex property, and that if the failing septic system was beyond repair then it could probably be connected to the sewer district without annexing (similar to what was done in Burlington for properties collectively known as “Raspberry Ridge”).

Environmental Health Specialist Greg Geleyne provided some information about repairing septic systems.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen not approve the proposed annexation request. Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

The Commissioners encouraged the owner to provide additional information to the Health Department on the failing septic system.

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

c) \*10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Health Conversation

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson  
County Administrator Tim Holloran  
Behavioral Health Program Coordinator Sarah Hinman  
Housing Resource Coordinator Kayla Schott-Bresler  
Housing Specialist Shelley Kjos

The proceedings were recessed at 11:30 a.m.

*An audio recording of the conversation can be obtained by contacting the Skagit County Commissioners' Office.*

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

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:32 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one was present to provide success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

No one was present to provide public comments.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

The Commissioners announced that they received another bill to pay from the Auditor's Office.

A motion was made by Commissioner Janicki to approve payroll warrants, transmittal number P-26-18. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

e) \*2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Electric Ferry Roundtable Meeting with Stakeholders

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

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

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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

