

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 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 8:32 a.m. and excused Commissioner Janicki's absence.

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:

Director Dan Berentson and County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter were present to introduce the agenda items.

1. Discussion Regarding Solid Waste and Recycling Minimum Service Ordinance for Curbside Recycling County-Wide

Solid Waste Division Manager Margo Gillaspay provided a PowerPoint presentation which focused on recycling of household materials such as paper, cans, plastic, glass and cardboard. She noted that Skagit County offered free drop-off of all recyclables at its solid waste sites. She indicated that curbside service was mandated in the cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon and Sedro-Woolley. It was noted that residents who resided in unincorporated Skagit County could subscribe to curbside recycling service through Waste Management.

Ms. Gillaspay said that several communities in unincorporated Skagit County had expressed an interest in curbside recycling.

Commissioner Janicki joined the proceedings at 8:40 a.m.

Ms. Gillaspay discussed the recommendation of the Skagit County Solid Waste Management Plan (SCSWMP) to adopt a minimum service ordinance. She discussed conducting a survey to determine whether folks that resided in unincorporated areas would be interested in subscribing to curbside.

There was a discussion about the status of recycling; mixed paper and plastic being difficult to recycle since China banned the import of mixed paper and most plastic. Ms. Gillaspay spoke about recycling tin cans, aluminum cans, glass, cardboard which all had local markets. She said that contaminated waste sometimes made into recycle bins and that if residents were in doubt about whether a product could be recycled, it should be thrown out.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10152018/>

2. Discussion - 2018 Annual Construction Program - Revision 1

Transportation Programs Section Manager Forrest Jones presented a PowerPoint presentation for the 2018 Annual Construction Program. He noted the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 136-6-018 and WAC 136.18.042 stated that the Annual Construction Program (ACP) shall be adopted by the county legislative authority.

Mr. Jones indicated that the revision to the ACP reflected the addition following projects:

1. Active Warning Signs (Ice Road Conditions);
2. Beaver Marsh Stabilization;
3. Bulson Road Culvert;
4. Cary's Slough Culvert;
5. Colony Mountain Drive Culvert;
6. Garden of Eden Culvert;
7. Guardrail Projects (Bow Hill Road & South Skagit Highway);
8. Little Mountain Road Drainage;
9. March's Point Road Stabilization;
10. Martin Ranch Road Culvert;
11. Prevedal Road Slide Repair (Town of Lyman); and
12. Tyee Road Culvert.

Mr. Berentson announced that Equipment Maintenance Supervisor Rick Owens had accepted the interim position of Equipment and Facilities Division Manager that was recently vacated by Mike Elde.

3. Possible Action - Resolution to Adopt the 2018 Annual Construction Program - Revision 1

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the 2018 Annual Construction Program (ACP) Revision 1. **(Resolution No. R20180183)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 9:17 a.m.

- b) 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 9:30 a.m.

1. Kick-Off and Work Session: Flood Awareness Week with the Army Corps of Engineers

Mr. Berentson noted that Public Works was in the process of handing-off Flood Awareness Week coordination to the Department of Emergency (DEM) Management.

Department of Emergency Management Director Douglas ten Hoopen provided information about the upcoming Flood Awareness Week events and noted that this year's theme would focus on working to help people with animals prepare for flood events.

Mr. Berentson introduced Army Corps of Engineers, Engineer Cathie Desjardin. Ms. Desjardin introduced her team for this year's Flood Awareness Week and spoke about the work being done to develop a contingency plan for the Lyman area in the event of a flood. She also discussed the Corps role under Public Law 84-99.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the Army Corps of Engineers for the work they had done over the years and acknowledged the work of Daryl Hamburg with Dike and Irrigation Improvement District No. 17.

Mr. Hamburg discussed the importance that Flood Awareness Week played in helping to develop partnerships with Seattle City Light, Puget Sound Energy and the work of the Existing Conditions Group.

Public Health Operations Manager Bob Hicks discussed the role of Public Health during flooding events.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings 9:50 a.m.

- c) 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Presentation by Senior Director of the Dispute Resolution Center LaDessa Croucher

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 10:01 a.m.

Senior Director of the Dispute Resolution Center of Skagit County LaDessa Croucher provided a PowerPoint presentation. She said that the Volunteers of America was one of the first Dispute Resolution Center (DRCs) in Washington State. Ms. Croucher spoke about the intent of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 7.75 which ensured the development of DRCs in Washington.

Ms. Croucher spoke about the services that the DRC currently offered in Snohomish County that could be provided in Skagit County; history of success; budget from 2008 to current; legislative funding opportunity; history of innovation; recent awards; opportunities and requested continued funding with a request for an adjustment for inflation.

Regional Director Dispute Resolution of Skagit County Donnell Austin provided information about a recent community issue that was referred to the DRC by a police officer.

Housing Program Manager of the Dispute Resolution Center Galina Volchkova and Housing Conflict Resolution Specialist with the Dispute Resolution Center Sue McCarthy discussed Homelessness Prevention Navigation Services that were available to families and individuals residing in Snohomish County who are imminently homeless in danger of losing their primary nighttime residence within 14 days, and who did not have resources to support obtaining subsequent housing and whose combined monthly household income was less than or equal to 30% of the monthly Area Medium Income for the household size. She also discussed the Housing Retention Support Project aimed at helping high risk families and individuals to stabilize their housing.

Commissioner Janicki read the Proclamation recognizing October as Conflict Resolution Month in Skagit County and urged all county employees to join them in recognizing this observance.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation and Other Information:

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Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 10:42 a.m.

- d) \*10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. United Way of Skagit County Campaign Coffee
- e) 11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There was no one present to provide County and Individual Success Stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Lorita Humble of 34319 South Shore Drive in Mount Vernon; Becky Brown of 27998 Lake Cavanaugh Road in Mount Vernon and Dr. Dave Peterson of 21749 Peter Burns Road in Mount Vernon spoke in support of the proposal for curbside recycling service for the communities of Lake Cavanaugh and other small communities including but not limited to Finn Settlement.

Ed Stauffer of rural Skagit County spoke about the Skagit County Proposition No. 1 Freeholder Initiative Measure to change the current form of government that was on the November 6, 2018, ballot.

Link to Letters Submitted During Public Comment Period:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/10152018/>

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

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Reminder that the voter pamphlets were recently mailed out. Survey regarding curbside recycling.

III ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 11:52 a.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