

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

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Dahlstedt called the proceedings to order at 10:30 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) 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Works - Dan Berentson, Director:

County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter was present to introduce the agenda item.

Transportation/Programs Section Manager Forrest Jones provided an overview of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He explained that it was governed by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 36.81.121; was a perpetual Six-Year plan; included projects that were regionally significant and federally funded; proposed road, bridge, ferry, and other transportation facilities construction projects and was based upon anticipated revenues versus desirable projects.

Mr. Jones noted that other sources were also analyzed when considering projects for inclusion on the TIP. The sources include the Parks Capital Facilities Plan; input from the public; Sheriff Department and grants. He said that there were 9 new projects that were being considered for 2019-2024 TIP, 33 projects would remain or be carried over from last year's TIP and 6 projects were being removed.

9 New Projects Being Considered:

1. ADA Transition Plan - American Disability Act Plan to address barriers in the right of way;
2. Guemes Ferry Terminal (Girder Replacement on the Anacortes side);
3. Government Bridge - Sauk River, cleaning and painting.
4. Hansen Creek Bridge - Minkler Road, replace an undersized culvert with a bridge to improve fish passage;
5. Little Mountain Road - Drainage and repair, improve and replace failing culverts;
6. March's Point Road - stabilization and repair, repair failing road base along eastern side of March Point;
7. Peterson Road - Shared Use Trail, construct a shared use trail between Bayview Ridge to Port Trail system;
8. Prevedal/Pipeline Permanent Emergency Access Road, research/plan the best route to provide a permanent access road;
9. Skagit River Marblemount Bridge, cleaning and painting.

Projects Remaining or being Carried Over from Last Year's TIP, include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Farm-to-Market/Josh Wilson Road Intersection;
2. Peterson Road (Urban);
3. Josh Wilson Road Phase 1;

4. Concrete Sauk Valley Road and
5. Upper Finney Creek Bridge.

Projects being Removed:

1. Friday Creek Bridge (old Highway 99), construction scheduled for 2018/2019;
2. Guemes Parking Lot Improvements (Guemes Island), project was downgraded to maintenance work;
3. Illabot Creek Alluvial Fan Restoration and Bridges, construction was completed in 2018;
4. River Bend Road Improvements;
5. Samish River Bridge Repair (Old Highway 99), construction scheduled for 2018/2019; and
6. Skagit River Bridge Moderation and Interstate Protection, construction funding is being obligated in 2018.

Mr. Jones provided an overview of the adoption schedule and noted that a resolution would be brought forward for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners' possible adoption of the TIP on Monday, December 3, 2018.

Link to Six-Year Transportation Improvement Presentation Documents:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/11262018/>

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the 2019-2024 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 10:52 a.m.

Jack Middleton and Ann Middleton of 12694 Josh Wilson Road in Mount Vernon commented on improvements that they believed should be made to the Josh Wilson Road/Farm-to-Market Intersection and advocated for a roundabout at the intersection to improve safety.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 10:59 a.m., Chair Dahlstedt seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Janicki's absence was excused.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:04 a.m.

b) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Health - Kayla Schott-Bresler, Public Health Analyst and Kathy Ferris, Housing Resource Coordinator:

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Amendments to the 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan, the 2018 Annual Action Plan, and the Citizen Participation Plan

Chair Dahlstedt opened the public hearing at 11:14 a.m.

Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:15 a.m. which was seconded by Chair Dahlstedt. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Janicki's absence was excused.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:17 a.m.

Public Health Analyst Kayla Schott-Bresler provided background information about the HOME 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan, 2018 Action, and Citizen Participation plan Amendments.

Ms. Schott-Bresler noted that the HOME Consortium was formed in 2015 and included Island, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties and 16 member municipalities.

She noted that Skagit County Public Health administered the federal HOME Consortium on behalf of Skagit, Island, and Whatcom Counties, as

well as 16 municipalities. The HOME grant allowed the region to access approximately \$900,000 in federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). She said that HUD required the administrating jurisdiction to engage in Consolidated Planning to help identify community needs and direct HOME Investments and that when significant changes were made to the Consolidated Planning documents, HUD required a formal public process for the amendments.

Ms. Schott-Bresler outlined the proposed changes as follows:

Amendments to 2018-2022 Consolidated Plan:

Activities will be funded annually on a percentage basis as follows:

- Consortium Housing Development: 35%;
- CHDO Housing Development: 15%;
- CHDO Operating Support: 5% (maximum permitted by HUD);
- Island Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: 8%;
- Skagit Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: 15%;
- Whatcom Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: 12%; and
- Administration and Planning: 10%.

She pointed out that each year activity spending levels would be monitored, and the percentage share allotted to an activity may be adjusted accordingly. Any changes would be reflected in the HOME budget contained in the annual Action Plan. Ms. Schott-Bresler noted that a competitive process across the entire Consortium region would be used to review applications for funding all housing development projects. Under most circumstances, funds would not be awarded to projects located in Sedro-Woolley or Bellingham because these cities were not members of the Consortium. However, in situations in which funds otherwise would have to be returned to HUD due to lack of eligible Consortium projects, housing development funds may be awarded to projects in Sedro-Woolley and Bellingham.

Amendment to 2018 Annual Action Plan:

She noted that because sufficient carry-over funding was available to support Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) in 2018 and a substantial need existed for more new affordable housing units, 2018 HOME funding would be allocated as follows:

- Consortium Housing Development: 70%;
- CHDO Housing Development: 15%;
- CHDO Operating Support: 5% (maximum permitted by HUD); and
- Administration and Planning: 10%.

Ms. Schott-Bresler noted that a competitive process across the entire Consortium region would be used to review applications for funding all housing development projects. Under most circumstances, funds would not be awarded to projects located in Sedro-Woolley or Bellingham because these cities are not members of the Consortium. However, in situations in which funds otherwise would have to be returned to HUD due to lack of eligible Consortium projects, housing development funds may be awarded to projects in Sedro-Woolley and Bellingham.

Amendment to Citizen Participation Plan:

Ms. Schott-Bresler pointed out that substantial amendments to plans, those requiring a 30-day public comment period, would include the following:

- Changes to goals, policies, or procedures identified in the Consolidated Plan;
- Changes reflecting a new activity;
- In an approved Action Plan, changes to the funding level of an activity in excess of \$250,000-In an approved Action;
- Plan, changes to the funding level of a project in excess of \$150,000;
- Major changes in the purpose, scope, beneficiaries, target populations, or location of a project in an approved Action Plan; and
- Cancellation of an existing project or addition of a new project in an approved Action Plan, except for substitution of an identified contingency project for one that could not move forward.

Ms. Schott-Bresler reported that a resolution would be brought forward for consideration before the Board of County Commissioners on

Monday, December 3, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. in the Skagit County Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Link to Documents Presented at the Public Hearing by Kayla Schott-Bresler:
<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/11262018/>

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

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:31 a.m.

1. County and Individual Success Stories

There were no County and Individual Success Stores provided.

2. Public Comment Period

Josie Stokins; Brittney Hoffman of Skagit County, Sheriff Will Reichardt and Animal Control Officer Emily Diaz spoke in favor of hiring an additional animal control officer within the Skagit County Sheriff's office.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

There were no miscellaneous announcements made.

Chair Dahlstedt recessed the proceedings at 11:48 a.m.

d) 11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Proclamation Celebrating Skagit County's 135th Anniversary

Chair Dahlstedt reconvened the proceedings at 11:50 a.m.

Representative of Skagit County Pioneer Association Dan Royal introduced Skagit County Historian Bill Reynolds.

Mr. Reynolds spoke about the founding of Skagit County which he explained was established on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1883.

Curator for the Skagit County Historical Museum Karen Summers spoke about the upcoming opening of the 50-year time capsule which was scheduled to be opened at an event at the museum on December 6, 2018.

Sheriff Will Reichardt spoke about the history of law enforcement in Skagit County and noted that he was the 25th Sheriff that had served Skagit County.

Skagit County Auditor Jeanne Youngquist spoke about Skagit County's heritage.

President of the Board of the Skagit County Historical Society Sara Patton spoke about the importance of celebrating Skagit County's history.

Commissioner Wesen read the proclamation recognizing November 28, 2018, As Skagit County's 135th Anniversary and welcomed all to celebrate the County's foundation and all the bounties that have since befallen us.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Dahlstedt adjourned the proceedings at 12:10 p.m.

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

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Chair

Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board