

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, with Chair Lisa Janicki, Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Browning called the telephonic proceedings to order at 9:00 a.m. and excused Chair Janicki from the session due to a schedule conflict.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Browning led the attendees in the salute to the flag.

III. AGENDA:

- a) *9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works – Dan Berentson, Director (Watch the meeting live on Skagit21 Television, streamed online at www.skagitcounty.net/Skagit21 or listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (408) 650-3123 Access Code: 632 327 501 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/632327501>):

Public Works Director Dan Berentson introduced the agenda items.

1. Presentation: Farm to Market/Josh Wilson Road Roundabout

Director Berentson introduced County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter and Project Manager Sonny Andrew who provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the Farm to Market Road and Josh Wilson Intersection Improvement Project.

Mr. Andrew shared that observed growth in traffic volumes and traffic congestion due to the increased number of businesses, residences, and recent subdivisions made it necessary to explore intersection solutions. Solutions included traffic signals, a 4-way stop, or a roundabout, which would be the preferred solution for safety and mobility. He said that the benefits of a single-lane roundabout at the intersection included a reduction in delays, fuel consumption, greenhouse gases emitted, points of conflict, and collisions.

Mr. Andrew noted two construction options that included a partial lane closure that would take approximately 5 months to complete, or a full road closure that would require a detour and take approximately 3 1/2 months to complete. He shared that the project was funded by County road funds and was estimated to cost between \$1.4 - \$1.8 million and additional funding opportunities would be explored.

The construction timeline, under a full road closure, was anticipated to begin in June and reach completion in September.

Questions, answers, and discussion was held.

Link to PowerPoint Presentation:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04052021/>

2. Update: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program

Director Berentson introduced Stormwater Coordinator Jason Quigley and Environmental Resources Technician Andrew Wargo. Mr. Quigley provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP). Mr. Quigley said that the program was state-mandated and is responsible for designing and implementing actions and activities to keep Skagit County in compliance with the Western Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit.

He said that the Clean Water Act was the primary federal law in the United States governing water pollution and it mandated that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and states work together to accomplish the goals of the Clean Water Act. In Washington State, the Department of Ecology (DOE) holds the regulatory authority for program implementation. He shared that the goal of the Clean Water Act was to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution in the Nation's water.

Mr. Quigley shared that the current permit cycle became effective August 1, 2019, and expired on July 31, 2024. He also outlined a map of Skagit County's permit area noting that it had been determined by DOE based on the 2010 census results and land use activities.

Discussion was held regarding permit requirements, water quality, and pollution.

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Commissioner Browning recessed the proceedings at 9:58 a.m.

- b) *11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Proclamation Recognizing April 18-24, 2021 as Hospice Healthcare Volunteer Week (Watch the meeting live on Skagit21 Television, streamed online at www.skagitcounty.net/Skagit21 or listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (408) 650-3123. Access Code: 632 327 501 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/632327501>)

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

Chair Janicki introduced Erin Long of Hospice Northwest. Ms. Long provided an overview of the services performed by the volunteers of Hospice of the Northwest. She shared that volunteers were critical members of the organization and of patients' care teams.

Ms. Long noted that new services had been developed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and that virtual grief groups had been introduced.

To learn more about services offered or for volunteer opportunities please visit: www.hospicenw.org.

The Commissioners shared their appreciation for the work provided by Hospice and their volunteers. They shared stories of loved ones who had passed and Commissioner Wesen read the proclamation recognizing April 18-24, 2021 as Hospice Healthcare Volunteer Week.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:18 a.m.

- c) *11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners (Watch the meeting live on Skagit21 Television, streamed online at www.skagitcounty.net/Skagit21 or listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (408) 650-3123. Access Code: 632 327 501 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/632327501>):

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

1. County and Individual Success Stories

No one was present to provide success stories.

2. Public Comment Period

Patrick Donnelly provided comments regarding the Hospice Northwest presentation and proclamation.

3. Miscellaneous Announcements

Miscellaneous announcements were made regarding the Tulip Festival; the discovery of a fungus referred to as blackleg, that posed a threat to local seed crops; elk damage; and COVID-19 immunizations.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:42 a.m.

- d) 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Work Session with Elected Officials and Department Heads – Re-Opening Discussion (Listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (571) 317-3122 Access Code: 271 182 277 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/271182277>)

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 12:00 p.m.

The purpose of the work session was for various departments to discuss re-opening plans.

Attendees:

Chair Lisa Janicki
 Commissioner Peter Browning
 Commissioner Ron Wesen
 Chief Deputy Assessor Annette DeVoe
 Office of Assigned Counsel Director Letty Alvarez
 Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Haley
 Undersheriff Chad Clark
 Records Manager Cori Russell
 Public Works Director Dan Berentson
 District Court Administrator Deannie Martin
 Department of Emergency Management Director Bob Dolhanyk
 Sheriff Don McDermott
 Chief Corrections Deputy Don Marlow
 Elections Supervisor Gabrielle Clay
 Civil Service Examiner Gary Shand
 Geographic Information Services Manager Geoffrey Almgvig
 Information Services Operations Manager Kristen Stubben
 Planning and Development Services Director Hal Hart
 Coroner Hayley Thompson
 Treasurer Jackie Brunson
 District Court Probation Director James Malcom
 Public Health Director Jennifer Johnson
 Emergency Medical Services Director Josh Pelonio
 District Court Judge Jennifer Howson
 Deputy County Administrator Kayla Schott-Bresler
 Public Defender Director Keith Tyne
 Facilities Management Director Ken Hansen
 Chief Accountant Laura Franklin
 Communications Coordinator Laura Han
 Superior/Juvenile Court Administrator Lisa West
 Parks and Recreation Administrative Manager Marie Henry
 Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Melinda Miller
 Clerk Melissa Beaton
 Information Services Manager Michael Almgvig
 County Engineer Paul Randall-Grutter
 Chief Criminal Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Rosemary Kaholokula
 Auditor Sandy Perkins
 Skagit Valley Herald Reporter Trevor Pyle
 County Administrator Trisha Logue

Link to work session documents:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04052021/>

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 12:51 p.m.

- e) 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Bi-Weekly Briefing - Stimulus Funding (Listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (872) 240-3412 Access Code: 649 174 133 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/649174133>)

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 2:01 p.m.

The purpose of the briefing was for various departments to discuss American Rescue Plan funding.

Attendees:

Chair Lisa Janicki
 Commissioner Peter Browning
 Commissioner Ron Wesen
 County Administrator Trisha Logue
 Deputy County Administrator Kayla Schott-Bresler
 Communications Coordinator Laura Han

Link to briefing documents:

<ftp://ftp.skagitcounty.net/countycommissioners/documents/agendapackets/04052021/>

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 2:35 p.m.

- f) 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) (Listen to the meeting by calling: 1 (224) 501-3412 Access Code: 520 321 453 or join by computer: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/520321453>):

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 3:07 p.m.

1. Call Public Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Chair Lisa Janicki, Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Ron Wesen were present. The following attorney was present at the executive session and gave legal advice to the Board of Commissioners: Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Melinda Miller. Other attendees included County Administrator Trisha Logue, Deputy County Administrator Kayla Schott-Bresler, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Haley, Human Resources Director/Risk Management Director Donnie LaPlante, Human Resources Representative Rachele Stohl, and Summit Law Group representative Beth Kennar.

2. Executive Session (Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)) (Approximately 1 hour)

The executive session started at 3:09 p.m. and ended at 4:24 p.m.

3. Reconvene Public Meeting/Adjournment

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings, announced that no action had taken place, and adjourned the meeting.

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 4:24 p.m.

*Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

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

 Lisa Janicki, Chair

 Peter Browning, Commissioner

 Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board