

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, with Chair Peter Browning, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, and Commissioner Ron Wesen present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Browning called the proceedings to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. AGENDA:

a) \*8:30 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

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

b) \*8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Discussion/Public Comment/Possible Action: Proposition to Create the Fidalgo Metropolitan Recreation District

Chair Browning introduced Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson who provided an overview of the proposed Resolution before the Commissioners to authorize a joint proposition to form a metropolitan park district to be placed on the April 23, 2024 special election ballot for consideration by the voters of Skagit County.

Ms. Johnson said that the Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center (FPFC), owned and operated by the Fidalgo Parks and Recreation District (FPRD), needed to be updated and operated by an entity with sustained, continuous funding and the current FPRD was recommending the formation of a slightly larger metropolitan park district with boundaries coterminous with Anacortes School district No. 103 to better match the residents it served and benefited. She said the City of Anacortes had recently approved Resolution No. 3147 to submit the question of forming the metropolitan park district to the voters of Skagit County.

The Commissioners asked questions about the proposed metropolitan park district and Rob Peterson, Executive Director of the Fidalgo Parks and Recreation District answered them. They discussed that the updated district would replace the current district with slightly expanded boundaries that would match those of the Anacortes School District. Mr. Peterson said it was not an additional tax, rather it was a replacement tax (for continued operations) and would need to be approved by the voters of Skagit County every 6 years.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution authorizing a joint proposition to form a metropolitan park district to be placed on the April 23, 2024 special election ballot (or such subsequent special election date as is provided or required by law) for consideration by the voters of Skagit County. **(Resolution No. R20240026)** Commissioner Janicki seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Browning recessed the proceedings at 8:38 a.m.

c) 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Executive Session (Job Applicant - RCW 42.30.110(1)(g))

1. Call Public Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Chair Browning reconvened the proceedings at 9:00 a.m. and announced that they would be going into an executive session until approximately 11:00 a.m. regarding job applicant.

Chair Peter Browning, Commissioner Lisa Janicki, Commissioner Ron Wesen, County Administrator Trisha Logue, Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall, Senior Human Resources Representative Jason Lewis, Civil Service/Human Resources Specialist Jennifer Tenborg, and applicants (two) were present.

2. Executive Session

The executive session started at 9:01 a.m. and ended at 11:08 a.m.

3. Reconvene Public Meeting/Adjournment

Chair Browning reconvened the proceedings and announced that no action had taken place. The proceedings were recessed at 11:08 a.m.

d) 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Solid Waste Advisory Committee Meeting hosted remotely by SWAC

e) 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Commissioners Briefing

Chair Browning reconvened the proceedings at 3:34 p.m. and a briefing was held for the Commissioners to provide an update on items of interest from meetings they had attended and for Administrative Services to discuss any items of interest with the Board.

Attendees:

Chair Peter Browning  
Commissioner Lisa Janicki  
Commissioner Ron Wesen  
County Administrator Trisha Logue  
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson  
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall  
Communications Manager Jenn Rogers

f) 6:00 p.m. Unified Command Community Meeting Webinar RE: Olympic Pipeline Gasoline Spill Incident hosted by Unified Command

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Browning adjourned the proceedings at 4:38 p.m.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Peter Browning, Chair

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Lisa Janicki, Commissioner

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board