

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2026, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 8:45 a.m.

II. AGENDA:

a) 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Briefing - Public Works and Department of Emergency Management

The purpose of the briefing was for Public Works, and the Department of Emergency Management to provide an update.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Public Works Director Mike See
County Engineer Tom Weller
Department of Emergency Management Chief Julie de Losada
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall
Human Resources Representative Rachele Stohl
Communications Manager Jenn Rogers
Assistant County Engineer Gael Fisk
Assistant Public Works Director Marie Lambert
Ferry Division Manager Rachel Rowe
Members of the public Larita Humble and Patrick Donnelly

Commissioner Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:44 a.m.

Link to briefings:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/03162026.zip>

b) 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Briefing - Planning and Development Services

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:49 a.m.

The purpose of the briefing was for Planning and Development Services to provide an update.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jason D'Avignon
Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall
Senior Human Resources Representative Jason Lewis
Communications Manager Jenn Rogers
Administrative Coordinator Lavelle Pilon
Senior Planner Robby Eckroth
Member of the public Patrick Donnelly

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:31 p.m.

Link to briefing:

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c) [*1:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance](#)

Chair Wesen led the attendees in the salute to the flag.

d) [*1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Consent Agenda, Vouchers, Warrants and Miscellaneous Items](#)

1. [Public Comment \(Specifically related to the agenda item\)](#)

None provided.

2. [CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:](#)

The Commissioners discussed Consent Agenda items 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 15.

3. [CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 \(items 1 through 22\):](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 22, including all items requiring ratification, vouchers and warrants for Monday, March 16, 2026. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

a) COMMISSIONERS:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, March 9, 2026. **(Approved)**
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, March 10, 2026. **(Approved)**
3. Record of the Proceedings for Friday, March 13, 2026. **(Approved)**
4. Resolution to appoint Marlana White to the Upper Skagit Library District Board of Trustees. Marlana White's term shall be effective on March 16, 2026, and shall expire on December 31, 2029. **(Resolution No. R20260048)**
5. Resolution to reappoint Stephanie Parsons to the Upper Skagit Library District Board of Trustees. Stephanie Parsons' term shall be effective January 1, 2026, and shall expire on December 31, 2030. **(Resolution No. R20260049)**

b) AUDITOR:

6. Personal Services Agreement with Dowell Consulting, PLLC for support in the preparation of Skagit County's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for FY2025. Compensation is based on an hourly rate schedule and shall not exceed \$25,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on January 18, 2026, and shall continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260091)**
7. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with North Sound Accountable Community of Health (ACH) for collaboration with external agencies for the translation of voting materials. North Sound ACH will reimburse the Auditor's Office/Elections Department for expenses incurred. Compensation shall not exceed \$75,000. The MOU is ratified to commence on January 1, 2026, and shall continue until December 31, 2028. **(Contract No. C20260092)**

c) BUDGET AND FINANCE:

8. Resolution to call for a public hearing to consider testimony regarding amending the 2026 Skagit County Budget. The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room located at 1800 Continental in Mount Vernon. Attendance will be in-person, by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980, or remote at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdz09>. **(Resolution No. R20260050)**

d) FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

9. Resolution to call for a public hearing to consider testimony regarding the final project performance related to tenant improvements at the Concrete Community Center located at 45821 Railroad Street in Concrete. The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible in the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room located at 1800 Continental in Mount Vernon. Attendance will be in-person, by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980, or remote at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdz09>. **(Resolution No. R20260051)**

e) PARKS, RECREATION AND FAIR:

10. Notice of Land Trust Participation and Funding Restriction Agreement between Skagit County (Grantor) and Skagit Land Trust (Grantee) to ensure that the conditions outlined in the Deed of Right (Skagit Contract No. C20260061) with the State of Washington, through the Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) and Recreation and Conservation Funding Board, to use the land for public outdoor recreation purposes for the Big Rock Park Acquisition, RCO Project No. 24-1350, are met. The Deed of Right is for the Yudwasta (Of the Heart) Skagit Land Trust property identified by parcel numbers P27651, P27655, P27660, and P27661. The Agreement will continue in perpetuity. **(Contract No. C20260093)**

f) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

11. Personal Services Agreement with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to provide consultant services for Skagit County's Clean Energy Grant and assist with meeting grant requirements. Compensation is funded through Agreement No. C20260057 with Washington State Department of Commerce and shall not exceed \$515,000 and is based on a task schedule. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260094)**
12. Personal Services Agreement with PDSA Consulting to provide facilitation services for Skagit County's Clean Energy Grant and assist with community engagement and meeting management. Compensation is funded through Agreement No. C20260057 with Washington State Department of Commerce and shall not exceed \$70,000. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260095)**
13. Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement No. C20250255 with Gray & Osborne Inc. to provide engineering services for the Edison Clean Water District Subarea UV Disinfection System Improvements. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement from April 30, 2026, to September 30, 2027. Compensation remains the same and shall not exceed \$118,900 and is funded through Interlocal Agreement No. C20240330 with Washington State Department of Health. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260047)**

g) PUBLIC WORKS:

14. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20240679 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. to provide Guemes Ferry Design Services Support, including Ferry System Planning and Facility Design, Marina and Coastal Engineering, and Marine Engineering, on an as-needed, task-order basis for capital projects that are not federally funded. This Amendment increases compensation by an additional \$100,000, for a new total compensation amount not to exceed \$300,000. The term remains the same and commenced for an initial period of two (2) years on December 16, 2024, with the option to extend for an additional two (2) years. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260048)**
15. Personal Services Agreement with Urban SDK, LLC to provide comprehensive speed, congestion, and volume data for every roadway in Skagit County. Compensation is based on rate schedule and shall not exceed \$25,000. The Agreement shall commence on the date of mutual execution and continue for one year. **(Contract No. C20260096)**

16. Amendment No. 2 to Escrow Agreement No. C20200725 with U.S. Bank National Association to establish an escrow account to serve as the account for the Whitmarsh Landfill Settlement (Contract No. C20200013) funds from Shell Oil Company, Texaco, and the State of Washington Department of Natural Resources to be used to pay for the remediation of the Whitmarsh Landfill Site located in Anacortes. This Amendment updates Schedule A to revise the annual fee from \$1,650 to \$1,900 and updates the authorized signers in Section 6. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendment shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260049)**
17. Personal Services Agreement with River Oaks Communications Corporation to provide consulting assistance services in the negotiation and drafting of a telecommunications franchise agreement with Lumen (a/k/a Qwest and/or Centurylink). Compensation is based on an hourly rate schedule and shall not exceed \$5,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on February 19, 2026, and continue for one (1) year. **(Contract No. C20260097)**
18. Personal Services Agreement with Cowling & Co., LLC dba Widener & Associates to assist with the completion of the required procedures and documentation for the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Emergency Relief (ER) Program funds for the December 2025 Flood Event. Compensation is based on a rate schedule and shall not exceed \$48,008.52. The Agreement is ratified to commence on December 20, 2025, and continue for an initial term of two (2) years with the option to extend for an additional two (2) year term. **(Contract No. C20260098)**
19. Resolution initiating County Road Projects (CRP) and assigning CRP numbers. **(Resolution No. R20260052)**
- h) SHERIFF:
20. Personal Services Agreement with Police Training Solutions, LLC to provide the Skagit County Sheriff's Office with training, management, and consultation services to review current practices, polices, procedures, and to create a five-year strategic training plan. Compensation is based on a rate schedule and shall not exceed \$30,000. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260099)**
21. Resolution authorizing Skagit County Administrator Trisha Logue to approve the authentication required under Subsection 5 of the Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) grant application on behalf of the Skagit County Board of Commissioners, related to the imposition a 0.1% Sales and Use Tax to fund certain public safety efforts. **(Resolution No. R20260053)**
- i) SUPERIOR COURT:
22. Amendment No. 1 to Interagency Agreement No. IAA26788 (Skagit County Contract No. C20250349) with Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to improve and support family and juvenile court operations as set forth in the Family and Juvenile Court Improvement Plan (FJCIP) pursuant to RCW 2.56.220-230. This Amendment decreases reimbursement to Skagit County by \$51,404.06 for the period from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026, due to an FJCIP coordinator position vacancy that occurred in August 2025. The new compensation amount shall not exceed \$66,845.94. The term remains the same and shall continue until June 30, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260050)**
4. VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS:
 - a. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board. As of this date, the Board by majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:
 - a) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Health Equity from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$6,591.46_ (Transmittal No. C-50-26); and

- b) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Delta Dental Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$17,788.74 (Transmittal No. C-55-26); and
- c) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Health Equity from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$5,651.28 (Transmittal No. C-56-26); and
- d) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to HMA from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$198,551 (Transmittal No. C-57-26); and
- e) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to CVS Caremark from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$245,228 (Transmittal No. C-59-26); and
- f) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to CVS Caremark from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$3,163,933.03 (Transmittal No. C-60-26).

5. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEMS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

Commissioner Wesen recused himself from voting on Miscellaneous Agenda items 1 and 2 because he was on the Board of the Directors for Community Action of Skagit County.

6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA (items 1 and 2):

A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve Miscellaneous Agenda items 1 and 2. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

a) PUBLIC HEALTH:

- 1. Personal Services Agreement with Community Action of Skagit County to provide administration of the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program in Skagit County for individuals who have behavioral health disorders. Compensation shall not exceed \$30,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on January 1, 2026, and continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260100)**
- 2. Resolution to call for a public hearing to consider testimony regarding the HOME Investment Partnerships Program's 2026 Annual Action Plan. The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible in the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room located at 1800 Continental in Mount Vernon. Attendance will be in-person, by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980, or remote at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdzo9>. **(Resolution No. R20260054)**

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 1:10 p.m.

- e) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Work Session - Human Resources

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 1:30 p.m.

The purpose of the work session was to review 2025 year-end medical benefits plan performance with Gallagher Benefits.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall
HRIS Benefits Analyst Katie Hilsinger
Arthur J. Gallagher Consultant Kristen Brace
Arthur J. Gallagher Consultant Mandy Winter

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 2:29 p.m.

Link to Benefits Work Session PowerPoint:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/03162026.zip>

f) 2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

1. Call Public Meeting to Order

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 2:45 p.m. and announced that they would be entering into an executive session until 3:30 p.m.

Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns were present. The following attorneys were present at the executive session and provided legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners: Prosecuting Attorney Rich Weyrich, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Erik Pedersen, Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jason D'Avignon. Other attendees: County Administrator Trisha Logue, Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson, Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore, and Senior Planner Robby Eckroth.

2. Executive Session

The executive session began at 2:45 p.m. and ended at 3:17 p.m.

3. Reconvene Public Meeting for the sole purpose of Adjournment

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 3:17 p.m., announced that no action had taken place, and adjourned the executive session.

g) 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

1. Call Public Meeting to Order

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 3:30 p.m. and announced that they would be entering into an executive session until 4:30 p.m.

Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns were present. The following attorneys were present at the executive session and provided legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners: Prosecuting Attorney Rich Weyrich, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Erik Pedersen, and Senior Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Stephen Fallquist. Other attendees: County Administrator Trisha Logue, Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson, Public Works Director Mike See, Assistant Public Works Director Marie Lambert, Ferry Divisions Manager Rachel Rowe, County Engineer Tom Weller, and Communications Manager Jenn Rogers.

2. Executive Session

The executive session began at 3:30 p.m. and ended at 4:30 p.m.

3. Reconvene Public Meetings for the sole purpose of Adjournment

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 4:30 p.m., announced that no action had taken place, and adjourned the executive session.

h) 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Executive Session (Potential Litigation - RCW 42.30.110(1)(i))

1. Call Public Meetings to Order

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 4:30 p.m. and announced that they would be entering into an executive session until 5:00 p.m.

Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns were present. The following

attorneys were present at the executive session and provided legal advice to the Board of County Commissioners: Prosecuting Attorney Rich Weyrich, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Erik Pedersen, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Stephen Fallquist, and Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Frederick Haist. Other attendees: County Administrator Trisha Logue, Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson, Public Works Director Mike See, Assistant Public Works Director Marie Lambert, Ferry Division Manager, Rachel Rowe, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall, Risk and Safety Manager Mary Houben, Communications Manager Jenn Rogers, and County Engineer Tom Weller.

2. Executive Session

The executive session began at 4:30 p.m. and ended at 4:55 p.m.

3. Reconvene Public Meeting for the sole purpose of Adjournment

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 4:55 p.m., announced that no action had taken place, and adjourned the executive session.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 4:55 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**

Ron Wesen, Chair

Peter Browning, Commissioner

Joe Burns, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board