

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2026, with Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns present. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

I. [CALL TO ORDER:](#)

Commissioner Browning called the proceedings to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. [AGENDA:](#)

a) ~~12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Washington State Association of Counties (WSAC) Virtual Assembly hosted by WSAC~~ **Cancelled**

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

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

c) [*1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Parks and Facilities - Ken Hansen, Director:](#)

Parks and Facilities Director Ken Hansen provided a brief history of the property. He noted that the property was located at 59968 State Route 20, Marblemount (Parcel No. P45245). He said that the Balise property was purchased in September 2022 for \$470,000 with the intent to adjust the property for improved access and waterfront in Pressentin Park. The original property included two parcels with two homes. The County demolished one of the homes on the larger parcel to expand Pressentin Park. The County then significantly reduced the size of the remaining parcel as part of the park expansion. A Boundary Line Adjustment was completed in December 2023.

Mr. Hansen reported that an attempt was made to auction the surplus home in June 2025 with a reserve price and minimum bid of \$325,000, but no bids were received. The property was assessed to be valued between \$250,000 and \$300,000. He noted that if the resolution was approved, the Skagit County Treasurer would schedule a public auction for the purpose of disposing of the property in accordance with RCW 36.34.050, and RCW 36.34.080, through RCW 36.34.110.

1. Public Hearing to Consider Testimony Regarding the Sale and Disposition of Skagit County Real Property located at 59968 State Route 20, Marblemount (Parcel No. P45245)

Commissioner Browning opened the public hearing at 1:04 p.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Burns made a motion to close the public hearing. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

2. Possible Action: Approve a Resolution Regarding the Sale and Disposition of Skagit County Real Property located at 59968 State Route 20, Marblemount (Parcel No. P45245)

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve a Resolution regarding the sale and disposition of Skagit County Real Property located at 59968 State Route 20, Marblemount (Parcel No. P45245). **(Resolution No. R20260144)** Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

Commissioner Browning recessed the proceedings at 1:10 p.m.

d) [*1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Consent Agenda, Vouchers, Warrants and Miscellaneous Items](#)

Commissioner Browning reconvened the proceedings at 1:30 p.m.

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

None provided.

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

The Commissioners discussed Consent Agenda items 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 13.

3. [CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026 \(items 1 through 14\):](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 14, including all items requiring ratification, vouchers, and warrants for Monday, August 3, 2026. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

a) COMMISSIONERS:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, July 27, 2026. **(Approved)**
2. Resolution to appoint Brett Greenwood to fill the remainder of the term vacated by David Nielsen on the Forest Advisory Board. Mr. Greenwood's term shall become effective upon execution and expire December 31, 2027. **(Resolution No. R20260145)**

b) FACILITIES:

3. Resolution authorizing Parks and Facilities Director Ken Hansen to submit Working Papers and pre-contracting requirements for the Washington State Department of Commerce Local Community Projects Grant Program Contract No. 27-96678.064. Funding will support the addition of an emergency backup generator for the Skagit County Morgue. **(Resolution No. R20260146)**

c) PARKS AND RECREATION:

4. Personal Services Agreement with Parametrix, Inc. to provide overall project management, coordination, budget tracking, schedule management, and communication support necessary to successfully complete the Big Rock Yudwasta Park environmental review, trail alignment, evaluation, and permitting support tasks. Compensation is based on a fee schedule and shall not exceed \$18,832 plus applicable taxes. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260295)**

d) PUBLIC HEALTH:

5. Personal Services Agreement with Volunteers of America Western Washington (VOAWW) to operate the Coordinated Entry (CE) system in Skagit County. Compensation is based on a reimbursement schedule and shall not exceed \$580,492. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026, and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260296)**
6. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20250450 with Equitable Multilingual Services to provide translation and interpretation services as requested by Skagit County Public Health. This Amendment reflects the change in name from Equitable Multilingual Services to EquiVoz Translation and Notary LLC. Compensation remains the same and shall not exceed \$15,000, which is based on a rate schedule. The term remains unchanged and shall continue until December 31, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260145)**

e) PUBLIC WORKS:

7. Resolution authorizing the sale or disposal of county surplus property consisting of vehicles and equipment. **(Resolution No. R20260147)**
8. Services & Funding Agreement No. 4600015732 with Puget Sound Energy Inc. (PSE) for the Lower Day Slough Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$354,953.96. The Agreement is ratified to commence on May 18, 2026, and continue through December 31, 2028. **(Contract No. C20260297)**
9. Vendor Services Agreement with Riverbend Ecological Restoration, LLC to conduct riparian planting maintenance through the Natural Resource Stewardship Program (NRSP) at various locations in accordance with previously approved Temporary Conservation Easements (TCEs) and Landowner Agreements (as applicable) obtained for such locations, and as identified pursuant to the Site Maps outlined in Exhibit "A" Scope of Work. Compensation is based on a rate schedule and shall not exceed

\$9,944.48. The Agreement is ratified to January 1, 2026, and continue for one (1) year. **(Contract No. C20260298)**

10. Amendment No. 3 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20230408 with Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group to provide services to support the Barrel Springs Restoration Project. This Amendment adds South Osterman Creek (Task 5) and Stevens Creek (Task 6) to the original scope of work, raising the total number of fish removal locations to eight (8). Compensation is increased from \$52,000 to an amount not to exceed \$78,000. The term remains the same and shall continue until December 31, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260146)**
- f) SHERIFF:
 11. Memorandum of Understanding with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission to provide overtime funding to law enforcement agencies that have certified Drug Recognition Experts (DREs). The funding will support DRE services, including responding in person to allied agency requests for assessments when an on-duty DRE is not available, completing DRE assessments and associated reports, and providing court testimony related to DRE assessments, callouts, and approved shift extensions requiring overtime. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$3,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2025, and continue through June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260299)**
 12. Amendment No. 1 to Vendor Services Agreement No. C20250263 with Simply Yards Landscape and Design to provide landscaping maintenance and property clean-up for the Skagit County Interlocal Drug Enforcement Unit (SCIDEU). This Amendment increases compensation from \$3,308 to an amount not to exceed \$6,208. The term remains the same and shall continue until terminated. **(Amendment No. A20260147)**
 13. Interagency Agreement with Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs for the award of a grant for the Registered Sex Offender Address Verification Program in the amount of \$104,202.53. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026, and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260300)**
- g) SUPERIOR COURT:
 14. Interagency Agreement No. AOC3221 with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to provide reimbursement of Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship and Other Protective Arrangements Act (UGA) appointment services for attorney and visitor appointments under RCW 11.130. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$83,825. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026, and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260301)**
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 \$4,152.33 (Transmittal No. C-157-26); and
 - b) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to HMA from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$92,978.68 (Transmittal No. C-158-26); and
 - c) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Delta Dental Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$17,194.11 (Transmittal No. C-159-26); and
 - d) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Health Equity from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$20,027.68 (Transmittal No. C-163-26); and

- e) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to HMA from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$139,618.68 (Transmittal No. C-164-26); and
- f) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Delta Dental Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$16,426.93 (Transmittal No. C-165-26); and
- g) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Delta Dental Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$24,116.84 (Transmittal No. C-166-26); and
- h) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to HMA from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$99,664.40 (Transmittal No. C-167-26); and
- i) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Health Equity from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$4,101.63 (Transmittal No. C-168-26); and
- j) Warrants numbered 621837 through 622122 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$4,319,774.83 (Transmittal No. C-169-26).

5. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEMS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

The Commissioners commented on Miscellaneous Agenda item 1.

6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA (item 1):

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve Miscellaneous Agenda item 1. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

a) PUBLIC HEALTH:

- 1. Personal Services Agreement with Community Action of Skagit County to operate a year-round ten-unit family shelter. Compensation is based on a reimbursement fee schedule and shall not exceed \$190,065. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026, and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260302)**

- e) 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Executive Session (None scheduled as of the date of this notice)

There were no executive sessions scheduled for the week of August 3, 2026.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Browning adjourned the proceedings at 1:42 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