

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 17, 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 8:30 a.m.

II. AGENDA:

a) 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Briefing

The purpose of the briefing was 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 Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Hong
Communications and Engagement Manager Jenn Rogers
Members of the public Patrick Donnelly and Michael Miller

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:30 a.m.

b) 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Briefing - Emergency Medical Services, Public Health, and Department of Emergency Management

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 10:00 a.m.

The purpose of the briefing was for Emergency Medical Services, Public Health, and 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
Emergency Medical Services Director Josh Pelonio
Public Health Director Monica Negrila
Department of Emergency Management Chief Julie de Losada
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Hong
Human Resources Representative Rachele Stohl
Communications and Engagement Manager Jenn Rogers
Member of the public Michael Miller

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:54 a.m.

Link to briefing documents:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/08172026.zip>

c) 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Office of the Washington State Auditor (SAO) Skagit County Entrance Conference hosted by SAO

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

- e) *1:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 1:00 p.m. and led the attendees in the salute to the flag.

- f) [*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 2, 4, 8, 9, 14, and 15.

3. [CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2026 \(items 1 through 17\):](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 17, including all items requiring ratification, vouchers, and warrants for Monday, August 17, 2026. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

- a) COMMISSIONERS:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, August 10, 2026. **(Approved)**
2. Resolution establishing the Parks, Recreation, Fair, and Facilities Department - which may be abbreviated as Parks and Facilities Department - through the consolidation of the Facilities Management Department and the Parks, Recreation, and Fair Department, effective April 6, 2026. **(Resolution No. R20260156)**
3. Resolution to appoint Carter Manning to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Tim Raschko on the Forest Advisory Board. Mr. Manning's term shall become effective upon execution and expires on December 31, 2027. **(Resolution No. R20260157)**

- b) ASSIGNED COUNSEL:

4. Personal Services Agreement with Mountain Law, PLLC to provide indigent defense representation to defendants referred by the Office of Assigned Counsel, Skagit County Superior Court, Juvenile Court, and District Court who have been deemed conflict of interest for the Skagit County Public Defender's Office. Compensation is based on a rate schedule and shall not exceed \$300,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on June 15, 2026, and continue until December 31, 2028. **(Contract No. C20260319)**

- c) FACILITIES:

5. Vendor Services Agreement with Done Well Services LLC to install two scoreboards with foundations/holes and (if requested) trenching per the specifications outlined in Exhibit "A" of the Agreement. Work will be completed at the Skagit County Ball Fields located at 2700 Martin Road in Mount Vernon. Compensation shall not exceed \$20,000 including applicable taxes. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260320)**
6. Amendment No. 1 to Vendor Services Agreement No. C20260054 with Skagit Electric LLC, dba Northwest Site Solutions, to provide electrical services, including troubleshooting, inspecting, and repairing all lighting and outlets, as well as repairing and replacing electrical components at various Skagit County facilities. This Amendment increases compensation from \$35,000 to \$90,000 to cover the cost of the recent LED lighting project completed at the Skagit County Commissioners' Administration Building located at 1800 Continental Place in Mount Vernon. The term remains the same and shall continue until March 15, 2028. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260156)**

- d) HUMAN RESOURCES:

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7. Client Services Agreement with Benefitfocus.com, Inc. to produce and mail confirmation statements for employees' open enrollment selections. Compensation is based on a rate schedule and shall not exceed \$1,512 plus postage. The Agreement shall commence on the date of the second signature and continue until May 14, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260321)**
- e) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:
8. Vendor Services Agreement with Wm. H. Reilly & Co. to provide a UV Disinfection System by Trojan for the Edison Subarea Wastewater Treatment Facility. Compensation shall not exceed \$41,302 and is funded through Interlocal Agreement with the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), Contract No. GVL29665-1 (Skagit County Agreement No. C20240330). The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026, and continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260322)**
- f) PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:
9. Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement No. S26-31115-021 (Skagit County Agreement No. C20260121) with the Washington State Department of Commerce through, the Office of Crime Victims Advocacy Community Services Division, for the SFY 2026 Victim Witness DV Specific Grant to provide funding that strengthens Victim/Witness Assistance program activities and services for Domestic Violence victims. This Amendment increases compensation from \$29,333 to an amount not to exceed \$79,333. This Amendment also extends the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2027. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260157)**
- g) PUBLIC HEALTH:
10. Personal Services Agreement with Welcome Home Skagit to provide year-round drop-in day shelter at Salem Lutheran Church located at 2529 North Laventure Road in Mount Vernon and a seasonal overnight shelter at Faith Community Fellowship Church located at 1427 Monte Vista Drive in Mount Vernon. Compensation is based on a reimbursement schedule and shall not exceed \$481,877. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026, and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260323)**
11. Personal Services Agreement with Anacortes Family Center to operate a year-round, nine-unit emergency family shelter located at 2702 Commercial Avenue in Anacortes. Compensation is based on reimbursement for services and shall not exceed \$175,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026, and continue through June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260324)**
12. Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services to staff an emergency shelter that operates seven days a week and provides 21 shelter beds for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Compensation is based on reimbursement for services schedule and shall not exceed \$45,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026, and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260325)**
13. Personal Services Agreement with Skagit Legal Aid to provide homelessness prevention support to households who are most at risk of homelessness. Compensation is based on a reimbursement schedule and shall not exceed \$145,200. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026, and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260326)**
- h) PUBLIC WORKS:
14. Joint Funding Agreement with the U.S. Department of the Interior U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Agreement No. 27YGJFA07000 for Water Resource Investigations for the operation and maintenance of stream gages on the Skagit, Sauk, and Samish Rivers. Skagit County will contribute \$52,322 and the USGS will contribute \$7,000 towards operation and maintenance costs. The Agreement shall commence on October 1, 2026, and continue until September 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260327)**
15. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit County Dike, Drainage, and Irrigation Improvement District No. 25 (District) to reimburse the District for emergency repairs to one wood-stave drainage pipe that carries surface and floodwaters and was failing, for which the District accordingly performed

emergency repairs. Compensation shall not exceed \$100,000, representing a portion of the total actual costs and expenses incurred by the District. The Agreement shall commence on the date of mutual execution and continue for two years. **(Contract No. C20260328)**

16. Resolution to call for a public hearing to consider testimony regarding the proposed special assessment roll, rates, and charges for Skagit County Lake Management District No. 4 for Clear and Beaver Lakes. The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 9:30 a.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. R20260158)**

17. Vendor Services Agreement with Everett Hydraulics Inc. for the 2026 Hydraulic Maintenance and Repair Services. Compensation shall not exceed \$135,000, as awarded by Resolution No. R20260133. The Agreement shall commence on October 1, 2026, and continue for two years. **(Contract No. C20260329)**

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 Delta Dental Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$15,017.10 (Transmittal No. C-174-26); and
- b) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Health Equity from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$20,136.52 (Transmittal No. C-175-26); and
- c) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to HMA from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$306,759.99 (Transmittal No. C-176-26); and
- d) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Health Equity from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$5,671.95 (Transmittal No. C-177-26); and
- e) Warrants numbered 622413 through 622634 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$4,421,210.48 (Transmittal No. C-178-26).

5. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEMS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA (items 1 and 2):

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns for the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to appoint Ian Larsen to fill Seat 8, in District 3 on the Skagit County Planning Commission. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chair Wesen to appoint Ian Larsen to fill Seat 8, in District 3 on the Skagit County Planning Commission. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

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

a) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

1. Resolution appointing Ian Larsen to Seat 8 in District 3 on the Skagit County Planning Commission. Mr. Larsen's term shall commence on August 3, 2026, and expire on August 31, 2029. **(Resolution No. R20260159)**

b) PUBLIC HEALTH:

2. Funding Agreement with Community Action of Skagit County to construct 24 units of multifamily rental housing at the designated project site, Parcel P82422 on Kulshan View Drive, Mount Vernon. Of the 24 units, 23 will be targeted to households at or below 80% of area median income (AMI). Compensation shall not exceed \$950,000 of Economic Development Public Facility funds. The Agreement shall commence on August 17, 2026, and continue until December 31, 2031. **(Contract No. C20260330)**

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 1:08 p.m.

g) 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Work Session with Assessor's Office

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

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the new levy structure choices and lid lift options.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Assessor Danny Hagen
Chief Deputy Assessor Annette DeVoe
Auditor Sandy Perkins
Clerk Melissa Beaton
District Court Judge Paul W. Nielsen
Communications and Engagement Manager Jenn Rogers
Central Services Director Russell Walker
Department of Emergency Management Chief Julie de Losada
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Hong
Parks and Facilities Director Ken Hansen
Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore
Public Health Director Monica Negrila
Sheriff's Office Chief of Field Services Chris Baldwin
Superior Court Administrator Rosanna Wadkins
Public Health Analyst George Kosovich
Assistant Public Works Director Marie Lambert
Elections Manager Gabrielle Clay
Community Court Development Coordinator Erika MacArthur
Public Defender's Office Chief Deputy Tammy Candler
Members of the public Ian Larsen, Falcon Haver, Skagit Valley Herald reporter Emma Fletcher-Frazer

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

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

There were no executive sessions scheduled for the week of August 17, 2026.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 2:38 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