

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 14, 2026, with Chair Ron Wesen, Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Browning called the proceedings to order at 10:02 a.m. and excused Chair Wesen's absence from the briefing.

II. AGENDA:

- a) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Briefing - Public Works, Planning and Development Services, and Parks and Facilities

The purpose of the briefing was for Public Works, Planning and Development Services, Parks and Facilities to provide an update.

Attendees:

Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jason D'Avignon
Public Works Director Michael See
Assistant Public Works Director Marie Lambert
County Engineer Tom Weller
Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore
Parks and Facilities Director Ken Hansen
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Hong
Solid Waste Division Manager Margo Gillaspay
Assistant County Engineer Gael Fisk
Human Resources Representative Rachele Stohl
Senior Human Resources Representative Jason Lewis
Communications and Engagement Manager Jenn Rogers
Members of the public Larita Humble and Michael Miller

Commissioner Browning recessed the proceedings at 10:32 a.m.

Link to Briefing documents:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/09142026.zip>

- b) 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Flood Awareness Week - Current Conditions Meeting

- c) *1:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Browning reconvened the proceedings at 1:30 p.m. and led the attendees in the salute to the flag.

- d) *1:30 p.m. - 2:30 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 3, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, and 14.

3. CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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, September 14, 2026. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

a) COMMISSIONERS:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, September 8, 2026. **(Approved)**
2. Record of the Proceedings for Friday, September 11, 2026. **(Approved)**

b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

3. Amendment No. 3 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20250199 with Communication Resources Northwest, LLC to assist Skagit County with communications, organizational development and leadership consulting services. This Amendment increases compensation from \$135,000 to an amount not to exceed \$155,000. The term remains the same and shall continue until December 31, 2027. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260170)**

c) BUDGET AND FINANCE:

4. 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 Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as possible in the Skagit County Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 1800 Continental Place 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. R20260176)**
5. Amendment No. 3 to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement No. C20250434 with Port of Skagit to distribute \$500,000 of Economic Development/Public Facilities Projects grant funds previously awarded by Agreement No. C20240363 to support TheLab@SWIFT. This Amendment extends the term of Agreement from September 30, 2026, to March 31, 2027. No additional compensation is associated with this Amendment. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260171)**

d) FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:

6. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20260331 with HKP Architects for professional architectural and engineering services related to facility reconfiguration design, cost estimating, bid specifications, permitting, and owner representation for various projects. This amendment adds an additional task—Senior Center and Housing—to provide a conceptual design for a new senior center and adjacent housing to replace the existing facility and park in Mount Vernon. Compensation is based on a fee schedule and is increased from \$100,000 to an amount not to exceed \$204,000. The term remains the same and continues until August 24, 2027. **(Amendment No. A20260172)**

e) HUMAN RESOURCES:

7. Resolution establishing the 2027 compensation and benefits package for non-represented County employees. **(Resolution No. R20260177)**

f) PUBLIC HEALTH:

8. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Northwest Educational Services District 189 to provide assessment, planning, and program development for school-based behavioral health services in Skagit County. Compensation shall not exceed \$450,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on September 1, 2026, and shall continue until August 31, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260357)**

g) PUBLIC WORKS:

9. Amendment No. 1 to Local Agency A&E Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Consultant Agreement No. C20260263 with David Evans and Associates, Inc. for roadway approach design and foundation design of a temporary ACROW bridge. This Amendment expands the scope of work to include unanticipated additional engineering design and engineering support during the construction phase of the temporary bridge project, as outlined in Exhibit A.1. Compensation is increased from \$83,569 to an amount not to exceed \$224,540. This Amendment also extends the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260173)**
10. Street Waste Facility Use Agreement with Badger Daylighting Corp to dispose of waste generated from cleaning streets and stormwater drainage systems at the Transfer and Recycling Station located at 14104 Ovenell Road in Mount Vernon. Contractor shall pay the established fees which are outlined in Skagit County's Solid Waste Disposal Rates. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue for two years. **(Contract No. C20260358)**
11. Amendment No. 4 to Construction Contract Agreement No. C20250237 with Strider Construction Co. Inc. for the 2025 March's Point (Whitmarsh) Landfill Remediation Project #WM33-14-2. This Amendment (Change Order No. 6) adds five bid items and increases compensation by \$89,947.40. Total compensation shall not exceed \$11,939,597.69. This Amendment also extends the term from December 17, 2026, to February 28, 2027. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260174)**
12. Services & Funding Agreement No. 4600015728 with Puget Sound Energy Inc. (PSE) for the design of the South Skagit Highway - Sorenson Creek Design Project #ES7000-14. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$103,472.07. The Agreement is ratified to commence on May 18, 2026, and continue through June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260359)**

h) RISK MANAGEMENT:

13. Amendment No. 2 to Skagit County Contract No. C20250399, Proposal of Insurance from Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC for marine vessels owned and operated by Skagit County. This Amendment adds additional endorsements for excess Maritime Employer's Liability, Marine General Liability, and Charterer's Legal Liability through August 1, 2026, and increases compensation from \$111,842.40 to an amount not to exceed \$111,942.40. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendment shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260175)**

i) SUPERIOR COURT:

14. Interagency Agreement No. AOC3703 with the Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) to provide reimbursement of a percentage of overall court security costs in order for the Court to comply with Trial Court Security criteria established in Washington State Court General Rule GR36. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$103,811. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026, and continue until June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260360)**

4. [MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEMS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:](#)

The Commissioners discussed Miscellaneous Agenda item 1.

Agricultural Lands Coordinator Sarah Stoner provided additional information about Miscellaneous Agenda items 2 and 3.

Steve Orsini of Guemes Island commented on Miscellaneous Agenda item 4.

6. [MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA: \(items 1 through 4\):](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Browning that the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners appoint Chuck Messenger to fill Seat 4 in District 2 on the Skagit County Planning Commission, effective August 3, 2026. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Chair Wesen as Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, to appoint Chuck Messinger to fill Seat 4 in District 2 on the Skagit County Planning Commission, effective August 3, 2026. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve Miscellaneous Agenda items 2 and 3. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve Miscellaneous Agenda item 4. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

a) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

1. Resolution appointing Chuck Messinger to Seat 4 in District 2 on the Skagit County Planning Commission. Chuck Messinger's term shall commence on September 21, 2026, and expire on August 31, 2027. **(Resolution No. R20260178)**

b) PUBLIC WORKS:

2. Farmland Legacy Program Grant Deed of Conservation Easement with Gerald E. Nelson and Jenny T. Nelson to protect 99.4 acres of agricultural land on Parcel Nos. P34432, P34433, and P34457 for compensation in the amount of \$298,000. This Easement eliminates two (2) residential development rights. The Conservation Values include protection of agricultural productivity and the protection of prime and important agricultural soils. The Agreement commences on mutual execution and continues in perpetuity. **(Contract No. C20260361)**
3. Farmland Legacy Program Grant Deed of Conservation Easement with Gerald E. Nelson and Jenny T. Nelson to protect 119.4 acres of agricultural land on Parcel Nos. P33897, P33940, and P33941 for compensation in the amount of \$358,000. This Easement eliminates three (3) residential development rights. The Conservation Values include protection of agricultural productivity and the protection of prime and important agricultural soils. The Agreement commences on mutual execution and continues in perpetuity. **(Contraction No. C20260362)**
4. Resolution concerning consideration of remand of Resolution No. R20250015. **(Resolution No. R20260179)**

- 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 September 14, 2026.

III. [ADJOURNMENT:](#)

Commissioner Browning adjourned the proceedings at 1:50 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