

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, with Chair Lisa Janicki, Commissioner Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Peter Browning present.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Janicki called the proceedings to order at 9:00 a.m. and excused Commissioner Wesen's absence from the first two morning sessions.

II. AGENDA:

a) *9:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

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

b) *9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works - Michael See, Interim Director:

Interim Public Works Director Michael See introduced the agenda item.

1. Presentation: Guemes Island Ferry Ticketing System

Ferry Operations Division Manager Rachel Rowe noted that the new Guemes Island Ferry fares were rolled out on February 26, 2025.

Ms. Rowe stated that on March 19, 2025, residents would have the convenience of pre-purchasing ferry tickets on Skagit County's website using Anchor Operating System, LLC's user-friendly and mobile-ready platform. She said that once the ticket(s) were purchased, they would receive a QR code to simplify boarding procedures. The QR code could be scanned at the ferry terminal on mobile devices, or they could print tickets after purchase.

It was noted that for those who prefer in-person transactions, tickets would still be available at the ferry office in Anacortes, located within the main lobby of the terminal building. Acceptable forms of payment at the ferry terminal include credit, debit, and contactless options such as Apple Pay and Google Pay. She noted that cash would not be accepted at the ferry terminal; however, in-person cash payments for ferry tickets were accepted at the Skagit County Administration Building, located at 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, during business hours.

Stephen Gills with Anchor Operating System, LLC provided information about how to purchase tickets in the Apple, Android app store, and in-person. He also said that tickets that were bought in 2025 would expire on December 31, 2025.

Discussion ensued about purchasing paper tickets, managing passes, the option to provide personal information to the Pursers, ADA customer service, the costs of the tickets, convenience tickets, Ferry Drydock (Vehicle Ferry Out of Service) occurring March 15 through April 29, 2025, oversized vehicles, and the Youth Ride Free transit program.

Mr. Gills said that there would be onsite support to assist customers at the Guemes Island Ferry Terminal on March 19, 20, and 21, 2025.

Additional information about purchasing tickets and downloading the app is available at Skagit County Public Works Ferry Division's website: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksFerry/main.htm>

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items provided.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:43 a.m.

c) [*11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:](#)

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m.

Senior Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Will Honea presented a proposed Resolution regarding Closed Record Appeal No. PL24-0362 - Appeal of an Administrative Order to Abate No. CE-0175 submitted by Chris Longnecker and Ashlynn Dennis of Hearing Examiner's Decision Appeal No. APL24-0044 - Eager Beaver Tree Services.

1. [Decision - Closed Record Appeal No. PL24-0362 - Appeal of an Administrative Order to Abate No. CE-0175 Submitted by Chris Longnecker and Ashlynn Dennis of Hearing Examiner's Decision Appeal No. APL24-0044 - Eager Beaver Tree Services](#)

Commissioner Browning read the proposed Resolution.

A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve the Resolution granting the Closed Record Appeal No. PL24-0362 - Appeal of an Administrative Order to Abate No. CE-0175 submitted by Chris Longnecker and Ashlynn Dennis of Hearing Examiner's Decision Appeal No. APL24-0044 - Eager Beaver Tree Services. The appeal was granted in part, and, on the basis outlined in the Resolution. **(Resolution No. R20250061)** Chair Janicki seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:06 a.m.

d) [*11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:](#)

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m. and welcomed Commissioner Wesen to the proceedings.

1. [Public Comment Period](#)

Rebecca Peck of Bow commented on freedom of speech and the US Constitution.

Larita Humble of Lake Cavanaugh commented on the request to repair North Shore Drive and the Lake Cavanaugh Classic Car Show taking place on Saturday, July 12, 2025.

2. [County and Individual Success Stories](#)

None provided.

3. [Miscellaneous \(announcements, letters, etc.\)](#)

The Commissioners commented on the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference that they attended, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group event, Washington State Board of Health meeting, Planning Commission meeting, WSU Skagit County Extension 4-H Youth Coordinator Dorothy Elsner's recent retirement, and provided information about the letters that were signed for the week of February 24, 2025.

Chair Janicki discussed the Personal Services Agreement that was pulled from the March 10, 2025 Consent Agenda and noted that it was now ready for their consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve the Personal Services Agreement with Costco Health Solutions to complete and file the Prescription Drug Data Collection Report (RxDC) for calendar year 2024. Compensation shall not exceed \$2,500. The Agreement shall commence on March 10, 2025 and continue until June 30, 2025. **(Contract No. C20250134)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:43 a.m.

e) 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Work Session with Skagit County Sheriff's Office and Central Services

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the Skagit County Public Safety System Strategic Plan with the Sheriff's Office and Central Services.

Attendees:

Chair Lisa Janicki
Commissioner Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Sheriff Don McDermott
Chief of Field Services Chris Baldwin
Central Services Director Russell Walker
Central Services Project Manager Jess Boffey

Link to work session document:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/03102025.zip>

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 2:55 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**

Lisa Janicki, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Peter Browning, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board