

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 18, 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 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 Lisa Janicki
Commissioner Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Communications Manager Jenn Rogers

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 9:34 a.m.

b) *10:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 10:00 a.m. and led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

c) *10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Planning and Development Services – Jack Moore, Director:

Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore introduced Senior Planner Robby Eckroth who would be providing an overview of the proposed action to disband the Washington State Boundary Review Board (BRB) for Skagit County.

1. Discussion/Possible Action: To Disband the Washington State Boundary Review Board for Skagit County as Provided by RCW 36.93.230

Mr. Eckroth provided background information on the proposed disbandment of the BRB. Disbandment was recommended in March 2022 by the Skagit Council of Governments Growth Management Act Steering Committee in response to changes that had been made by the state to the process.

In 2023, the disbandment proposal was added as an amendment to Skagit County's Countywide Planning Policy as part of the 2023 docket. The petition was deferred to the 2024 docket for further analysis regarding Special Purpose Districts.

In 2024, following public process and a public hearing, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment to the Countywide Planning Policy to disband the BRB by 2025. The Commissioners approved their recommendation by adopting Ordinance No. O20240010.

Discussion was held about the RCW regarding annexation and updates to boundaries.

Patrick Donnelly of Sedro-Woolley shared concerns about the BRB disbandment.

Discussion was held about the desire to eliminate an extra step in the process.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wesen to approve the Resolution to disband the Washington State Boundary Review Board for Skagit County as provided by RCW 36.93.230. **(Resolution No. R20250073)** Commissioner Browning seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously.

The Commissioners discussed the checks and balances in place for boundary line adjustments, the positive relationships in place between the county and the cities, and that BRB disbandment was the final step towards improving the process that had already been supplanted by the Growth Management Act.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 10:17 a.m.

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d) *11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation from Skagit Valley Clean Energy Alliance RE: Solarize Skagit 2025 Campaign

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m. and introduced Mary Wohleb with Skagit Valley Clean Energy Alliance (SVCEA).

Mary Wohleb and Greg Whiting with SVCEA provided an overview of the 2025 Solarize Skagit Campaign and shared that SVCEA was a 501 c(3) non-profit and that their mission was to provide home and business owners with equitable and accessible transition to clean energy. Ms. Wohleb discussed their success since forming in 2023.

Interested participants needed to sign up by July 4, 2025 at www.solarizeskagit.org to qualify for the group purchase rate. After signing up, a solar assessment would be scheduled by an approved installer, a quote for the installation cost and payback period/total savings would be provided, and if the participant wanted to move forward, an installation date would be scheduled. Additional options were available for those wanting to invest in additional services that included battery backup for solar panel energy, an electric vehicle charger, and a home energy audit.

The Commissioners asked Ms. Wohleb and Mr. Whiting questions, and further discussion was held about cost savings and payback, solar panel technology, warranties, net metering, the energy grid and energy grid challenges.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Wohleb and Mr. Whiting for the presentation and Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:27 a.m.

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e) *11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Board of County Commissioners:

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 11:30 a.m.

1. Public Comment Period

Patrick Durham of Sedro-Woolley discussed traffic safety concerns on Prairie Road regarding vehicles speeding, passing school busses when red lights were flashing, and traveling too fast around corners. He said that many cars have gone off the road and hit school and traffic signs. He requested a reduced speed limit on the road and said that it would only add 1.5 minutes to travel time.

Larita Humble of Lake Cavanaugh discussed grant funding and compared projected project costs of a new Guemes Island Ferry to a new North Shore Drive.

2. County and Individual Success Stories

Success stories were not shared.

3. Miscellaneous (announcements, letters, etc.)

The Commissioners discussed fundraisers and events they had attended or were planning to attend and letters they had recently signed.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:47 a.m.

f) 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Work Session with Budget and Finance

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 1:00 p.m.

The Commissioners held a work session to discuss quarterly budget requests from departments.

Attendees:

Chair Lisa Janicki

Commissioner Ron Wesen
 Commissioner Peter Browning
 County Administrator Trisha Logue
 Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
 Department of Emergency Management Chief Julie de Losada
 Interim Public Works Director Michael See
 Public Works Controller Marie Lambert
 Public Health Director Keith Higman
 Public Health Controller Jill Scott
 Assistant Public Health Director Sarah Hinman
 Parks, Recreation and Fair Director Brian Adams
 Parks Projects and Administration Manager Marie Henry
 Administrative Coordinator Lavelle Pilon
 Financial System Administrator Chester Humbert
 Finance Assistant Vicky Gonzalez

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 1:44 p.m.

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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Lisa Janicki, Chair

Peter Browning, Commissioner

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board