

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 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 11:30 a.m.

**II. AGENDA:**

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

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

**b) \*10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Board of Health Meeting**

The Board of Health met at 10:02 a.m. Record of the Proceedings for this meeting can be found at: [www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/BoardOfHealth](http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/BoardOfHealth)

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

**1. Public Comment Period**

Nick Cecotti of Mount Vernon shared comments about event venues and the Agritourism moratorium.

John Christianson of Mount Vernon shared comments about the nursery industry, local farms, and venue spaces.

Rebecca Peck of Bow shared comments about democracy, due process, and the Constitution of the United States.

Anthony Romano of Rockport shared comments about false reports, elected officials, and artesian spring water rights.

Larita Humble of Lake Cavanaugh shared comments about curbside recycling services.

**2. County and Individual Success Stories**

None provided.

**3. Miscellaneous (announcements, letters, etc.)**

The Commissioners discussed the North Star Symposium held on June 6, 2025, Pressentin Park improvements, and a Museum of Northwest Art (MoNA) auction.

Chair Janicki reviewed letters signed by the Board the week of June 2, 2025.

Chair Janicki announced they would not recess the proceedings and moved onto next session at 11:52 a.m.

**d) \*11:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Public Health – Keith Higman, Director:**

Chair Janicki introduced Housing Resource Coordinator Madeleine Anthony.

Ms. Anthony provided a PowerPoint presentation and summary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public services 2022-24 program years outcomes and noted they also intended to apply for the 2025-26 grant cycle. She said that the CDBG public service

grant was available to 17 non-entitlement counties in Washington state and supported partnerships with Community Action programs to fund new services, expansion of existing services, implementation of innovative service delivery, and targeting new clients to address root causes of poverty and help low-income families and individuals regain or retain self-sufficiency.

Ms. Anthony shared that 2022-24 grant activities included information and resource assistance to more than 1,213 people and that services provided included intake, resource assistance, referral to other service partners, navigation to services for education, employment, and financial capability skill development for low-income members and veterans in addition to intake and resource referral to Skagit County Coordinated Entry for persons experiencing homelessness. She said that annual award amounts were allocated by a formula based on service area population, poverty rate, and the amount available from the state's annual award from HUD and that the 2025-26 grant award to Skagit County was \$64,000 and she reviewed the application process.

Community Action of Skagit County Chief Strategy Officer Sandi Phinney discussed services provided to East County residents.

Community Action of Skagit County East County Manager Stephanie Semro shared client success stories.

Discussion was held regarding congregate meals and assistance with resources.

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/06092025.zip>

1. Public Hearing: To Consider Testimony Regarding an Application for Public Service Grant Component of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Commissioner Browning excused himself at 11:55 a.m. to attend another meeting.

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 12:05 p.m.

Anthony Romano of Rockport requested additional information about East County Resource Center programs.

Seeing no one wishing to provide public testimony, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to close the public hearing at 12:07 p.m. Chair Janicki seconded the motion. The vote passed 2-0. Commissioner Browning's absence was excused.

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 12:09 p.m.

- e) \*2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Prosecuting Attorney – Erik Pedersen, Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney:

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

Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Zhelyan Spasov provided a PowerPoint presentation and shared a summary of changes to Skagit County Code Chapter 7.06 pertaining to dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs. Mr. Spasov shared that the update had been requested by the Sheriff's Office in order to make the process more efficient and would no longer require review by the Sheriff, which would allow the Animal Control Officer to make potentially dangerous and dangerous dog determinations. Additionally, the updates would give animal owners subject to the ordinance a quicker way to appeal decisions and address issues that had arisen since the statute was last revised. Mr. Spasov also shared that language and process changes had been made for understandability.

Discussion was held regarding definitions, property owner rights, signage, dangerous dog and potentially dangerous dog designations and public outreach.

Animal Control Officer Emily Diaz provided additional clarification regarding the definition changes for potentially dangerous and dangerous dogs.

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

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1. Public Hearing: To Consider Testimony Regarding Amending Skagit County Code Chapter 7.06 Pertaining to Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 2:26 p.m.

Lynda Hawley of Mount Vernon shared comments about an incident she experienced with potentially dangerous dogs near her home.

Stephen Sogin of Mount Vernon shared comments about potentially dangerous dog designations and consequences.

Further discussion ensued regarding public input.

The Commissioners made a request to extend the public comment period until June 27, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. to allow for further public outreach/input and announced they would consider adoption of the Ordinance on the consent agenda at a later date after extended public comment period closed.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Wesen made a motion to extend the public comment period regarding amendments to Skagit County Code 7.06 pertaining to dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs until June 27, 2025. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. Possible Action: Ordinance Amending Skagit County Code Chapter 7.06 Pertaining to Dangerous and Potentially Dangerous Dogs (**Ordinance to be considered on the Consent Agenda for July 7, 2025**)

The public comment period deadline was extended to continue until Friday, June 27, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

3. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 2:44 p.m.

- f) 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Work Session with Planning and Development Services

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 3:30 p.m.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss Variances.

Attendees:

Chair Lisa Janicki

Commissioner Ron Wesen

Commissioner Peter Browning

County Administrator Trisha Logue

Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson

Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore

Link to memo:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/06092025.zip>

### III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 4:30 p.m.

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Commissioners' office.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Lisa Janicki, Chair

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Peter Browning, Commissioner

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Ron Wesen, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board