

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 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 8:45 a.m.

II. AGENDA:

a) 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Briefing - Public Works and Department of Emergency Management

The purpose of the briefing was for Public Works and Department of Emergency Management to provide an update.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Public Works Director Mike See
County Engineer Tom Weller
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall
Senior Human Resources Representative Jason Lewis
Human Resources Representative Rachele Stohl
Communication Manager Jenn Rogers
Assistant Public Works Director Marie Lambert
Assistant County Engineer Gael Fisk
Members of the public Larita Humble and Patrick Donnelly

It was noted that the Department of Emergency Management was absent but had provided a written briefing.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 9:21 a.m.

Link to briefing documents:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/01192026.zip>

b) 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Briefing - Planning and Development Services

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 9:45 a.m.

The purpose of the briefing was for Planning and Development Services to provide an update.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jason D'Avignon
Planning and Development Services Assistant Director Allen Rozema
Building Official Randy Johnson
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall
Senior Human Resources Representative Jason Lewis
Communications Manager Jenn Rogers
Planning Systems Manager Launa Black
Administrative Coordinator Lavelle Pilon
Senior Planner Robby Eckroth
Member of the public Patrick Donnelly

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:32 a.m.

Link to briefing document:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/01192026.zip>

c) *11:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 11:00 a.m. and led the audience in the salute to the flag.

d) *11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.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 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 20, and 21.

3. CONSENT AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026 (items 1 through 21):

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 through 21, including all items requiring ratification, vouchers and warrants for Tuesday, January 20, 2026. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

a) COMMISSIONERS:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, January 12, 2026. **(Approved)**
2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, January 13, 2026. **(Approved)**
3. Record of the Proceedings for Thursday, January 15, 2026. **(Approved)**
4. Resolution to call for bids for County Legal Printing for 2026 through 2027. The bid opening is scheduled to take place on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 1:15 p.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, remote
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdzo9> or by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980. **(Resolution No. R20260009)**

b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

5. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Washington State University (WSU) for the delivery of Cooperative Extension education programs in Agriculture, Natural Resources, Master Gardener, Livestock Advisory Training, 4-H Youth Development, Family and Consumer Sciences, and Food Access. Compensation shall not exceed \$329,500. The Agreement is ratified to commence on January 1, 2026, and continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260009)**
6. Personal Services Agreement with Nexus Health Strategies to support the implementation of the Clear Point public facing cloud-based Balanced Scorecard Plan for the Skagit County Strategic Plan. Compensation shall not exceed \$12,500 and is based on a monthly rate schedule. The Agreement is ratified to commence on January 1, 2026, and shall continue until May 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260010)**

c) INFORMATION SERVICES:

7. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the City of Burlington to provide Electronic Document Management services through Laserfiche. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$8,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on January 1, 2026, and shall continue through December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260011)**

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8. Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon to provide Skagit 21 governmental broadcast television station with up to 275 hours of video production services. Compensation is based on reimbursement for service and shall not exceed \$22,000. The Agreement shall be effective on the date of execution and shall continue for an initial term until December 31, 2026. The Agreement shall automatically renew for up to three additional one-year terms, not to exceed a total of four years. **(Contract No. C20260012)**
9. Amendment No. 6 to Vendor Services Agreement No. C20100068 with Technology Unlimited, Inc. to provide image payment processing equipment, software and training. This Amendment increases compensation from \$82,700 to an amount not to exceed \$85,000 plus applicable taxes for installation of Check21 file for JPMorgan Chase. The term of the Agreement remains in effect until terminated. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260007)**
- d) PUBLIC HEALTH:
10. Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Agreement No. C20250490 with Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF), DCYF Contract No. 26-1144, to provide high quality home visiting services to vulnerable families for the purpose of improving outcomes of participants and strengthening coordination of services. This Amendment increases compensation by \$5,843.50 for goods, updates federal funding coding and adjusts the statement of work. Total compensation shall not exceed \$520,571.98. The Amendment is ratified to commence on December 1, 2025, and shall continue through July 31, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260008)**
- e) PUBLIC WORKS:
11. Resolution authorizing Chair Ron Wesen to electronically sign the submission of Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Agreement No. WQSWCAP-2527-SkCoPW-00152 with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the 2025-2027 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant funding to the County in the amount of \$120,000. **(Resolution No. R20260010)**
12. Water Quality Stormwater Capacity Agreement No. WQSWCAP-2527-SkCoPW-00152 with the Washington State Department of Ecology for the 2025–2027 Biennial Stormwater Capacity Grant, supporting efforts to reduce stormwater pollutants and improve water quality in state water bodies. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$120,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2025, and continue until March 31, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260013)**
13. Resolution awarding the bid to Konnerup Construction, Inc., and appropriating funds for the Skagit County South Osterman Creek Culvert Repair Project #EO214-5; FEMA Project #4650DR-WA-674680 in the amount of \$1,906,652.50. The bid opening was held on December 15, 2025. **(Resolution No. R20260011)**
14. Second amended Resolution of Intention and calling for a public hearing to consider testimony regarding the proposed re-establishment of Lake Management District No. 4 (Clear Lake and Beaver Lake). The public hearing is scheduled to take place Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 8:30 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 through Zoom:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdzo9>. **(Resolution No. R20260012)**
15. Resolution authorizing Chair Ron Wesen to electronically sign One Time Grant Program Agreement No. OTGP-2026-SkCoPW-00107 with the Washington State Department of Ecology for \$147,000 to support Skagit County Marine Resources Committee in administering grants and implementing projects, including Intertidal Monitoring, Forage Fish Monitoring, and Derelict Crab Pot removal. **(Resolution No. R20260013)**
16. One Time Grant Program Agreement No. OTGP-2026-SkCoPW-00107 with Washington State Department of Ecology to support Skagit County Marine Resources Committee grant administration and

implementation of projects including Intertidal Monitoring, Forage Fish Monitoring, and Derelict Crab Pot removal. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$147,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on January 1, 2026, and continue until December 31, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260014)**

f) RISK MANAGEMENT:

17. Commercial Inland Marine Insurance Policy Agreement No. I-660-467L1276-TIL-26 with Travelers Insurance Company of America to insure miscellaneous tools and equipment. Policy premium shall not exceed \$565. The Agreement is ratified to commence on January 16, 2026, and continue until January 16, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260015)**

18. Resolution to authorize and adopt the updated Accident Prevention Program policies and procedures as outlined in Exhibit 1. **(Resolution No. R20260014)**

g) SHERIFF:

19. Vendor Services Agreement with Modern Cleaners of Skagit Valley, LLC to provide laundering, dry cleaning, and sewing of Sheriff's Office employee uniforms. Compensation is based on a rate schedule and shall not exceed \$25,000 per calendar year. The Agreement is ratified to commence on January 1, 2026, and continue for two years. **(Contract No. C20260016)**
20. Amendment No. 5 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20190168 with RDP Unlimited, LLC to provide background and interview services for potential and existing employees of the Skagit County Sheriff's Office and the Skagit County Community Justice Center. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement through December 31, 2026. Compensation remains the same and shall not exceed \$45,000 per calendar year. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260009)**
21. Amendment No. 7 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20190194 with Skagit Animals In Need (SAIN) to provide shelter services for horses and other livestock. Services shall include housing, vet care, farrier care, feeding, holding animals involved in criminal cases, adoption, euthanasia, and proper disposal of animals on a seven-day a week basis. This Amendment extends the term of the Agreement through December 31, 2026. Compensation remains the same and shall not exceed \$10,000 per calendar year and is based on a fee schedule. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendments shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260010)**

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 Health Equity from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$9,029.92 (Transmittal No. C-5-26); and
- b) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to HMA from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$62,376.64 (Transmittal No. C-7-26); and
- c) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Delta Dental Corporation from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$9,792.21 (Transmittal No. C-8-26); and
- d) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to Health Equity from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$13,494.48 (Transmittal No. C-10-26); and
- e) Warrants numbered 611798 through 612197 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$4,556,388.47 (Transmittal No. C-14-26).

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

Agricultural Lands Coordinator Sarah Stoner provided additional information about Miscellaneous Agenda item 1.

6. [MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA \(item 1\):](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve Miscellaneous Agenda item 1. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

a) PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Amendment No. 1 to Grant Deed of Conservation Easement No. C20080305 between MLC Properties, LP (Grantor) and Skagit County (Grantee). This amendment adds 10.56 acres of protected agricultural land to the original easement, increasing the total protected area from 39.11 acres to 49.7 acres. The Conservation Values include protection of agricultural productivity and protection of prime and important agricultural soils. The amendment is effective upon mutual execution and remains in perpetuity. **(Amendment No. A20260011)**

Chai Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:12 a.m.

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

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

1. [Public Comment Period](#)

Elke McCartney of Skagit County addressed concerns about the Moss Landing battery fire of January 16, 2025, and discussed the proposed battery energy storage facility in Mount Vernon.

Kenneth Dunning of Skagit County commented on the safety of battery energy storage facilities and proposed Senate Bill 5974, outlining requirements for candidates for sheriff, police chief, and marshal.

Rebecca Peck commented on a recent demonstration addressing ICE enforcement, due process, House Bill 2015, funding, and the Oath of Office.

Anthony Romano of Skagit County addressed the Oath of Office, due process, water rights on his property, and related legal matters.

Larita Humble of Skagit County commended the Commissioners for their transparent approach to appointing a new County Commissioner to fill the position for District 3, and the need to prioritize repairs to North Shore Drive.

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

None provided.

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

The Commissioners commented on past, upcoming meetings, and letters signed for the week of January 12, 2026.

f) 4:00 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 January 19, 2026.

III. [ADJOURNMENT:](#)

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 11:48 a.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