

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 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 11:00 a.m.

II. [AGENDA:](#)

a) [*11:00 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance](#)

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

b) [*11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Public Works - Michael See, Director:](#)

Public Works Director Mike See and Assistant County Engineer Gael Fisk were present to introduce the agenda item.

Engineering Technician Given Kutz reported that the County had been awarded state and federal funding for three projects. To obligate these funds, the projects must be added to the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Added Projects:

1. Granstrom Road Guardrail - \$500,000
2. Guemes Island Ferry Docks, Maintenance Bundle - \$6,408,600
3. Guemes Island Ferry Operating Costs - \$1,749,254

A discussion ensued about the County's required funding match and the specific limitations on how the funding must be used.

1. [Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding Revision No. 1 of the 2026-2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program \(TIP\)](#)

Chair Wesen opened the public hearing at 11:00 a.m.

Ed Johnson of Skagit County commented on the projects.

Seeing no further public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Browning made a motion to close the public hearing at 11:12 a.m. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Burns to approve Revision No. 1 of the 2026-2031 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which was adopted in December 2025. **(Resolution No. R20260044)**. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. [Miscellaneous](#)

There were no miscellaneous items.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:14 a.m.

c) [*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](#)

Ed Johnson of Skagit County commented on several issues, including science, technology, flooding, and democracy.

Elke Macartney of Skagit County commented on the need for a moratorium on building lithium battery storage facilities.

Ingrid Hinton of Skagit County mentioned that she was a representative of a group called the Stewards of Skagit and commented on emails that the Commissioners receive from the public, the legal advice that the Commissioners receive, and public records requests.

Louise Dansbury Weiss of Skagit County commented on the cleanup of Wyle Laboratories in California and the correlation with lithium battery storage facilities.

Monica Cook of Skagit County mentioned that she was a civil rights activist and commented on the removal of children from their homes by the Skagit County Superior Court.

Peter Zaramba of Skagit County mentioned that he was a civil rights activist and commented on the Washington State Constitution and the U.S. Constitution.

Connie Krier of Skagit County mentioned that she was the president of a group called the Stewards of Skagit, commented on the grant that Skagit County received for clean energy siting and planning, and requested a moratorium on building lithium battery storage facilities.

Link to written public comments:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/03022026.zip>

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

None provided.

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

The Commissioners commented on various past, upcoming meetings, and letters signed for the weeks of February 16, 2026, and February 23, 2026.

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 11:45 a.m.

d) 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Work Session - Public Health and Sheriff's Office

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

The purpose of the work session was to discuss Medicaid Section 1115 - Re-Entry Demonstration Initiative, and for Public Health to propose an approach to meeting state and federal requirements.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen

Commissioner Peter Browning

Commissioner Joe Burns

County Administrator Trisha Logue

Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson

Chief of Corrections Don Marlow

Public Health Director Monica Negrila

Assistant Public Health Director Sarah Hinman

Special Programs Nurse Manager, Correctional Health Services Kumaran Koneswaran

Public Health Analyst George Kosovich

Behavioral Health Coordinator Christi Brua Weaver

Observer

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 1:36 p.m.

Link to work session documents:

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e) 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Work Session - Public Works

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

The purpose of the work session was to discuss the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
Commissioner Joe Burns
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Public Works Director Michael See
Natural Resources Division Manager Jenn Johnson
Member of the public Larita Humble

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 2:49 p.m.

Link to work session documents:

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f) 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Open House at the Concrete Community Center (Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Avenue, Concrete)

g) 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Concrete Community Meeting (Concrete Community Center, 45821 Railroad Avenue, Concrete)

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 5:00 p.m.

The Commissioners attended a Concrete Community meeting in Concrete along with Public Works, the Department of Emergency Management, the Sheriff's Office, and the Assessor's Office. The purpose of the meeting was to provide updates on County projects and offer residents an opportunity to ask questions or share feedback with the Commissioners.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 6:25 p.m.

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

Ron Wesen, Chair

Peter Browning, Commissioner

Joe Burns, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board