

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, with Commissioner Peter Browning, and Commissioner Joe Burns present. Chair Ron Wesen's absence was excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Browning called the proceedings to order at 8:32 a.m.

II. AGENDA:

a) \*8:30 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance

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

b) \*8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Public Works - Michael See, Director:

Public Works Director Michael See and Assistant Public Works Director Marie Lambert were present to introduce the agenda item.

1. Presentation - Solid Waste Division

Solid Waste Division Manager Margo Gillaspy provided a PowerPoint presentation about the Solid Waste Division. She noted that Division included the Ovenell Transfer Station, the Sauk Transfer Site, and the Clear Lake Compactor Site, which collectively handled more than 129,000 tons of waste in 2025, with 135,321 customer interactions.

Ms. Gillaspy also provided information about the Division's organizational chart; the responsibilities within each section; flooding at the Clear Lake Compactor Site; long-haul transfer and disposal; recycling services; household hazardous waste disposal; environmental monitoring at closed landfills, including the Whitmarsh remediation project; outreach efforts such as master composter training and litter crew programs; and administrative services functions.

Discussion followed regarding the amount of space available to store solid waste, illegal dumping, mixed plastic recycling, staff dedication, upcoming changes from the Recycling Reform Act, the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, and potential price increases due to inflation in the long-haul waste disposal contract with Waste Management.

Link to PowerPoint:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/05112026.zip>

2. Miscellaneous

There were no miscellaneous items presented.

c) 1:00 p.m. Signing Ceremony for Comprehensive Settlement Agreement with the City of Seattle related to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Relicensing of the City of Seattle Skagit Hydroelectric Project (Seattle City Hall, First floor in the Bertha Knight Landes Room, 600 4th Avenue, Seattle)

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Browning adjourned the proceedings at 9:07 a.m.

\*Note, to obtain an audio or video recording of this meeting; please contact the Skagit County Commissioners' office.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Peter Browning, Commissioner

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Joe Burns, Commissioner

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Clerk of the Board