

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 10, 2026, with Chair Ron Wesen, and Commissioner Peter Browning present. Commissioner Joe Burns excused.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wesen called the proceedings to order at 10:03 p.m.

II. AGENDA:

- a) 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Briefing –Public Works, Planning and Development Services, and Parks & Facilities

The purpose of the briefing was for Public Works, Planning and Development Services, and Parks and Facilities to provide updates.

Attendees:

Chair Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Public Works Assistant Director Marie Lambert
County Engineer Tom Weller
Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore
Parks and Facilities Director Ken Hansen
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Hong
Assistant County Engineer Gael Fisk
Ferry Operations Division Manager Rachel Rowe
Human Resources Representative Rachele Stohl
Communications Manager Jenn Rogers

Chair Wesen recessed the proceedings at 10:55 a.m.

Briefings: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/08102026.zip>

- b) *1:30 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Wesen reconvened the proceedings at 1:30 p.m. and led the gallery in the salute to the flag.

- c) *1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Consent Agenda, Vouchers, Warrants and Miscellaneous Items:

1. Public Comment (Specifically related to the agenda item)

The Commissioners commented on Consent Agenda items 5, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, and 27.

No one from the public provided comments on the Consent Agenda.

2. CONSENT AGENDA FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026 (items 1 through 32):

A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 32, including all items requiring ratification, vouchers and warrants for Monday, August 10, 2026. Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Joe Burns's absence was excused

- a) COMMISSIONERS:

1. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, August 3, 2026. **(Approved)**

2. Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, August 4, 2026. **(Approved)**
3. Record of the Proceedings for Thursday, August 6, 2026. **(Approved)**
4. Resolution authorizing the appointments of Eric Johnson, Suzanne Christianson, Paul Pickering, Margaret Janicki, and David Bricka to the Skagit Regional Public Facility District Board. **(Resolution No. R20260148)**

b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:

5. Personal Services Agreement with Housing Authority of Skagit County to partner with consultants to enhance its administrative structure, organizational capacity, and operational processes and will provide professional planning, financial, operational, and project management services. Compensation shall not exceed \$200,000. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260304)**
6. Resolution authorizing Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johonson to electronically sign the submission of Interagency Agreement with Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC3459). **(Resolution No. R20260149)**
7. Interagency Agreement with Washington State Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC3459) to reimburse extraordinary costs of resentencing and vacating sentences as required by State v. Blake. Compensation to Skagit County shall not exceed \$5,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026 and shall continue through June 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260305)**

c) BUDGET AND FINANCE:

8. Amendment No. 1 to Interlocal Cooperative Agreement No. C20250330 with Port of Skagit to award \$250,000 of Economic Development/Public Facilities Projects grant funds to support Gielow Pickles Expansion Project. This Amendment extends the term to December 31, 2026, to allow for sufficient time to complete Gielow Pickles Expansion Project, final invoicing and closeout with state agencies. Compensation remains the same and shall not exceed \$250,000. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260148)**

d) CORONER:

9. Personal Services Agreement with Evans Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc. to provide services for cases as requested by the Coroner's Office. Compensation shall not exceed \$40,000 and is based on a rate schedule. The Agreement is ratified to commence on January 1, 2026 and shall continue until December 31, 2030. **(Contract No. C20260306)**

e) FACILITIES:

10. Amendment No. 1 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20250553 with JTK Engineering LLC to provide engineering consulting services for site environmental, site specifications and technical expertise for the repair of the sewer system at the Community Justice Center located at 201 Suzanne Lane in Mount Vernon. This Amendment increases compensation by \$10,000 for additional engineering services. Total compensation shall not exceed \$68,440 plus applicable tax. The term remains the same and shall continue until December 31, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260149)**
11. Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20240194 with ALL4, LLC to provide hazardous material surveys and testing at properties designated by the Facilities Management Department. This Amendment increases compensation by \$10,000 to continue providing lead and asbestos testing services. Total compensation shall not exceed \$30,000 plus applicable taxes.

All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendment shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260150)**

f) HUMAN RESOURCES:

12. Amendment No. 5 to Administrative Services Agreement No. C20240635 with Healthcare Management Administrators, Inc. (HMA) to provide claims processing and other ministerial services for the Skagit County employee/dependents health plan. This Amendment removes a \$9.56 PEPM admin fee related to PBM billing. In the future, PBM will bill the County directly. Compensation remains the same 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. A20260151)**
13. Memorandum of Agreement (Amendment No. 2) to Labor Agreement No. C20250521 with Skagit County Public Defender's Support Staff Local 176, Council #2, AFSCME. This Amendment extends the County's Resignation and Retirement Incentive Program to members of this bargaining unit. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendment shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260152)**

g) INFORMATION SERVICES:

14. Microsoft Enterprise Licensing Agreement with CDW-G to provide licensing, support, and software assurance services including ongoing access to Microsoft products, updates, security patches, and technical resources necessary to support county operations throughout the contract term. Total compensation shall not exceed \$1,655,304.21 plus applicable taxes. The Agreement shall commence on September 1, 2026 and continue through August 31, 2029. **(Contract No. C20260307)**

h) OFFICE OF JUVENILE COURT:

15. Personal Services Agreement with Technical Resource Management (TRM) doing business as Cordant Health Solutions to provide drug and alcohol testing services. Compensation is based on a rate schedule and shall not exceed \$6,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on June 1, 2026 and shall continue until May 31, 2028. **(Contract No. C20260308)**

i) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

16. Vendor Services Agreement with Dahl Electric Inc. to provide all labor, materials, and equipment necessary for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Ultraviolet Disinfection Improvements for Edison Subarea's Wastewater Treatment Facility. Compensation is funded through Contract No. GVL29665-1, (Skagit County Agreement No. C20240330) with the Washington State Department of Health and shall not exceed \$37,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026 and shall continue until September 30, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260309)**

j) PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

17. Resolution to provide legal defense to Skagit County Auditor Sandy Perkins in a lawsuit filed in Skagit County Superior Court by Dusty Wisniew under Case Number 26-2-00781-29. **(Resolution No. R20260150)**
18. Resolution to provide legal defense to Skagit County Auditor Sandy Perkins in a lawsuit filed in Washington State Supreme Court by Cody Hart and Derrill J. Fussell under Case Number 1056192. **(Resolution No. R20260151)**

k) PUBLIC HEALTH:

19. Personal Services Agreement with Lifeline Connections to provide temporary motel or hotel rooms for eligible clients who are unhoused, unstably housed, or would otherwise return to unsafe housing who are being released from incarceration. Compensation is based on reimbursement for services and shall

not exceed \$30,000. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2026. **(Contract No. C20260310)**

1) PUBLIC WORKS:

20. Resolution to call for a public hearing to consider testimony regarding the Remand of Resolution No. R20250015 and conversions of punch cards for the Guemes Island Ferry which lacked expiration authorized by Resolution No. R20260060. The public hearing is scheduled to take place on Monday, August 31, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as possible in the Skagit County Commissioners Hearing Room located at 1800 Continental in Mount Vernon. Attendance will be in-person, by phone: 1 (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 871 8000 1980, or remote at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87180001980?pwd=eEVGUGkxZ3NkQkhYSnhBMEo2RTQrdz09> **(Resolution No. R20260152)**
21. Resolution to authorize the closure of South Skagit Highway No. 07000, to all through traffic from milepost 5.3 to milepost 5.4 to allow work to be completed on the Stevens Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project #ES07000-15. The closure will last approximately sixty (60) calendar days beginning on August 24, 2026, or dates thereabout to be determined by the County Engineer. **(Resolution No. R20260153)**
22. Resolution authorizing Chair Ron Wesen to electronically sign the submission of Amendment No. 2 to Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Agreement No. WQC-2023-SkCoPW-00001 with the Washington State Department of Ecology, Skagit County Contract No. C20230121, to extend the term of the Agreement. **(Resolution No. R20260154)**
23. Amendment No. 2 to Water Quality Combined Financial Assistance Agreement No. WQC-2023-SkCoPW-00001 with the Washington State Department of Ecology, Skagit County Contract No. C20230121, to provide funding for the Barrel Springs Restoration Project. This Amendment reallocates funding between tasks and extends the term of the Agreement to December 31, 2026. Compensation remains the same and shall not exceed \$460,852. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendment shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260153)**
24. Amendment No. 2 to Personal Services Agreement No. C20240697 with Natural Systems Design, Inc. to complete final design, bidding and construction support for three fish passage restoration projects through three culverts located on Dry Creek and Barrel Springs. This Amendment increases compensation by \$9,852 for additional construction management support due to changing site conditions. Total compensation shall not exceed \$147,040.23. The term remains the same and shall continue until December 31, 2026. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement and prior Amendment shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260154)**
25. Vendor Services Agreement with SSI Shredding Systems, Inc. to provide maintenance, inspection and repair services on the compactor at the Skagit County Transfer and Recycling Station located at 14104 Ovenell Road in Mount Vernon. Compensation shall not exceed \$160,000. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue for two years. **(Contract No. C20260311)**
26. Construction Contract Agreement with CT Excavating to construct the 2026 Waste Storage Facility – Burmaster Construction Project #WA1206-140-11 on Parcel No. P105065. Compensation shall not exceed \$33,351.06, was awarded by Resolution No. R20260108, and is funded through Grant Agreement No. C20230242 and the Clean Water Fund. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue for one year. **(Contract No. C20260312)**
27. Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with Skagit River System Cooperative (SRSC) to provide \$555,000 to Skagit County from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Restoring Tribal Priority Fish Passage through Barrier Removal program grant (Award #NA23NMF4630035) to complete design work for fish passage at two County-owned culverts, one on

Hatchery Creek and the other on Martin Slough. This Interlocal Agreement supersedes Contract No. C20240582 which lapsed prior to designs being completed. The Interlocal Agreement is ratified to commence on May 1, 2026 and shall continue through June 3, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260313)**

28. Personal Services Agreement with Williams, Kastner & Gibbs, PLLC for the provision of legal services related to Whitmarsh (March Point) landfill matter. Compensation shall not exceed \$50,000 and is based on an hourly rate schedule. The Agreement shall commence on the date of execution and continue until December 31, 2029. **(Contract No. C20260314)**
29. Personal Services Agreement with Northwest Datum & Design, Inc. to provide surveying services, including locating 11 sites for well installations and subsequently surveying ground surface elevation, top of well casing, and well coordinates for 17 wells at the Marchs Point (Whitmarsh) Landfill in Anacortes. Compensation is based on a fee schedule and shall not exceed \$30,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on July 1, 2026 and shall continue until July 1, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260315)**

m) RISK MANAGEMENT:

30. Amendment No. 1 to Skagit County Contract No. C20250399, Proposal of Insurance from Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC for marine vessels owned and operated by Skagit County. This Amendment adds additional endorsements for excess Maritime Employer's Liability, Marine General Liability, and Charterer's Legal Liability through August 1, 2026. Compensation remains at an amount not to exceed \$111,842.40. All other terms and conditions of the original Agreement shall remain in effect. **(Amendment No. A20260155)**
31. Proposal of Insurance with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, LLC for marine vessels owned and operated by Skagit County. Annual premiums shall not exceed \$123,844.55. The Agreement is ratified to commence on August 1, 2026 and shall continue through August 1, 2027. **(Contract No. C20260316)**

n) SHERIFF:

32. Agreement with Ensurity Mobile Corp. to provide software for tracking and geolocating products, including Ensurity V2-Pursuit tracker hardware for the Skagit County Interlocal Drug Enforcement Unit (SCIDEU). Compensation shall not exceed \$3,000. The Agreement is ratified to commence on June 15, 2026 and shall continue for two years. **(Contract No. C20260317)**

3. 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 CVS Caremark from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$255,726.86 (Transmittal No. C-170-26); and
 - b) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to HMA from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$203,547.74 (Transmittal No. C-171-26); and
 - c) ACH Transfer Request Form and Certification to HealthEquity from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$3,944.70 (Transmittal No. C-172-26); and
 - d) Warrants numbered 622123 through 622412 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$5,220,575.49 (Transmittal No. C-173-26); and

- e) Payroll warrants numbered 551085 through 551813 in the total dollar amount of \$2,094,097.63 (Transmittal No. P-29-26); and
- f) Junior District Payroll warrants numbered 838459 through 838539 in the total dollar amount of \$184,939.07 (Transmittal No. P-30-26).

4. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA (items 1 through 2):

The Commissioners and Planning Manager Robby Eckroth discussed Miscellaneous Agenda item 1.

A motion was made by Chair Wesen to approve that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners reappoint Patricia Good to fill Seat 1, in District 1 on the Skagit County Planning Commission. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Joe Burns's absence was excused

A motion was made by Chair Wesen to approve to appoint Patricia Good to fill Seat 1, in District 1 on the Skagit County Planning Commission. Commissioner Browning seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Joe Burns's absence was excused

Associate Planner Deepti Khanna provided additional information on Miscellaneous Agenda item 2 and answered questions from the Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve Miscellaneous Agenda Item 2. Chair Wesen seconded the motion.

The vote passed unanimously. Commissioner Joe Burns's absence was excused

a) PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES:

- 1. Resolution reappointing Patricia Good to Seat 1 in District 1 on the Skagit County Planning Commission. Ms. Good's term shall commence on September 1, 2026 and continue until August 31, 2030. **(Resolution No. R20260155)**
- 2. Grant Deed of Conservation Easement Natural Resource Land Easement (NRLE) in conjunction with CaRD No. PL25-0246 and Short CaRD No. PLAN1-2026-0137 submitted by Skagit Farmland LLC on Parcel numbers P67951, P67950, P67946, P40050, P133209, P40313, P40347, and P40348 to create three buildable lots and one 153.45 acre lot which will be encumbered by this Easement. **(Contract No. C20260318)**

d) 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Executive Session (None Scheduled as of the Date of this Notice)

No executive sessions were scheduled for the week of August 10, 2026.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Wesen adjourned the proceedings at 1:43 p.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