

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 23, 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) [*11:30 a.m. Pledge of Allegiance](#)

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

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

1. [Public Comment Period](#)

Larita Humble of Skagit County spoke about a fallen tree on South Shore Drive that left her neighbors trapped when powerlines collapsed across the road.

Ed Johnson of Skagit County commented on government subsidies.

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

The Commissioners commented on the well-organized flood response and the overwhelming power of nature.

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

The Commissioner provided remarks regarding the meetings attended, the recent flood event, compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, and the correspondence signed during the week of December 15, 2025.

Chair Janicki recessed the proceedings at 11:52 a.m.

c) [*1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Planning and Development Services - Jack Moore, Director:](#)

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

Planning and Development Services Director Jack Moore introduced the agenda item.

Planning Systems Manager Launa Black provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Noted revisions included:

- 2.7% increase based on the Consumer Price Index.
- 7.5% technology fee increase.
- 2.35% credit card and debit card LexisNexis processing charge increase.

Fees increased beyond 2.7%:

- Critical Area Evaluation fee updated from 3 hours (\$475) to 4 hours (\$625).
- Flood Permit Fee updated from 1 hour (\$155) to 3.3 hours (\$500).

Ms. Black noted that no comments from the public had been received on the proposed fee schedule.

Floodplain Manager and Building Official Randy Johnson provided information about Floodplain Development Permits. He also discussed the Community Rating System (CRS), a voluntary program under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that rewarded communities for implementing floodplain management practices that exceed NFIP minimum standards. In addition, he addressed topics such as substantial flood damage, elevating homes within the floodplain, and available funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Discussion ensued about whether fees would be reviewed on an annual basis, payment methods, how the fees compared to other jurisdictions, how base flood elevation was measured, and whether the Critical Area Evaluations

were done in person.

Link to PowerPoint presentation:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/CountyCommissioners/Documents/AgendaPackets/12222025.zip>

1. [Public Hearing/Possible Action: To Consider Testimony Regarding Proposed Amendments to the Planning and Development Services Department Fee Schedule](#)

Chair Janicki opened the public hearing at 1:15 p.m. Seeing no public testimony forthcoming, Commissioner Browning made a motion to close the public hearing at 1:20 p.m. Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Browning to approve proposed amendments to the Planning and Development Services Department Fee Schedule. **(Resolution No. R20250314)** Commissioner Wesen seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

2. [Miscellaneous](#)

None provided.

- d) 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Commissioners Briefing

Chair Janicki reconvened the proceedings at 3:02 p.m.

The purpose of the briefing was for the Commissioners to provide an update on items of interest from meetings they had attended and for Administrative Services to discuss any items of interest with the Board.

Attendees:

Chair Lisa Janicki
Commissioner Ron Wesen
Commissioner Peter Browning
County Administrator Trisha Logue
Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Johnson
Human Resources/Risk Management Director Bonnie Beddall

III. [ADJOURNMENT:](#)

Chair Janicki adjourned the proceedings at 4:05 p.m.

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

Lisa Janicki, Chair

Ron Wesen, Commissioner

Peter Browning, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board