

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, July 22, 1986

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Continued Discussion - Housing Authority of Skagit County -
John Smith, Executive Director.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

10:00 a.m. Discussion - State Industrial Insurance - Mr. Burcham,
Department of Labor and Industries.

11:00 a.m. Discussion - Model Conservation Standards - Planning and
Community Development.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday,
July 22, 1986, with Commissioners Rohrer, Vaux and Walberg present.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION - HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SKAGIT COUNTY - John Smith,
Executive Director.

This discussion was continued from a previous discussion regarding a waiver of
the inspection fees for house repair to be done under the Housing Preservation
Grant Program.

Robert Schofield, Director of the Department of Planning and Community
Development, stated that for a repair of \$2,000, the building permit fee would
be \$29.

Gene Feden, Building Inspector, stated that he wouldn't be involved in a
project costing only \$2,000. He estimated an inspection would take
approximately 1/2 hour.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to waive the permit and inspection fees for the
work to be done under the Housing Preservation Grant Program administered by
the Housing Authority. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion
was carried unanimously.

John Smith, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Skagit County,
thanked the Board for their assistance.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1. Commissioner Vaux motioned to call for a public hearing to consider once
again the vacation of that portion of Drainage Reserve "B" which is in

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Dave Hough, Senior Planner, presented a summary of the Model Conservation
Standards, as proposed by the Northwest Power Planning Council. To encourage
implementation of the standards, the council included a policy that requires
the Bonneville Power Administration to apply a surcharge on all power sold to
customers not meeting the recommended standards. Bonneville Power
Administration has issued a proposed method of implementing the required
surcharge. Maximum surcharge will be 10 percent on all power sold by B.P.A.
Since Puget Power purchases only approximately 10 percent of their power from
B.P.A., this area would be subject to a 1 percent increase.

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Mr. Hough explained the Early Adopter Program proposed by B.P.A., which would provide financial incentives to builders and local jurisdictions that adopt the Model Conservation Standards. He noted that the Model Conservation Standards would increase the cost of a house by approximately \$3,200.

John Piazza expressed opposition to the adoption of this program. He noted that health hazards are created when houses are built too air tight. He emphasized the importance of allowing the market to dictate the level of conservation, according to how much they are willing to pay.

Brian McGuinness, President of the Skagit Island Builders' Association, noted that the power companies continue to raise rates, no matter how much the homeowners save through conservation.

Commissioner Vaux motioned not to adopt the Model Conservation Standards as proposed by the Northwest Power Planning Council. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Piazza asked the Board to write letters to the cities who are also reviewing this plan.


ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dave Rohrer, Chairman



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner





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Skagit County Board of Commissioners