

SIGNATURE - LETTERS OF INTENT - NORTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL: INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS.

The Board approved for signature a Letter of Intent to Propose form for Senior Services Department Information and Assistance programs, Nutrition programs, and Senior Employment Services, to be submitted to the Northwest Washington Area on Aging. Donna Sitts, Senior Outreach Coordinator, explained that the proposal is identical to that agreed upon last year.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- A. Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, reported that bonds were issued in 1978, which will be available for use in October. A Cumulative Reserve Fund was established in 1979, which has continued to grow, while payments were still made on the bonds. In October, those bonds could be called, unless a decision is made to allow the account to continue to collect interest. There is now enough in the account to pay off the principle; however, if an average interest in excess of 5.5% is being earned, earnings would accumulate over the remaining six years, and be transferred to the General Fund at the end of the fund's life.

The Board directed Mr. Woodmansee to contact Cynthia Waite of Preston, Thorgrimson for advice, and return with a recommendation.

- B. Mr. Woodmansee stated that of the 300 clients serviced by District Court Probation, 110 were referred on violations occurring within the cities. Mount Vernon had the highest volume, at 87 clients. A letter was sent to the cities, requesting them to share in the cost of probation services. A response received from the City of Mount Vernon was unfavorable. Mr. Woodmansee stated that consideration is being given to allowing the cities to provide their own probation services for certain clients. This would allow the District Court Probation Department to cover a recently vacated probation officer position with present staff, instead of rehiring.

The Board requested Mr. Woodmansee keep them apprised of any new developments.

- C. Mr. Woodmansee had no miscellaneous items for discussion at this time.

SOLID WASTE/PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

1) **Discussion: Grease Disposal.**

Mark Spahr, Public Works Director, reported that, since the closure of Butler lagoon to septage, the City of Burlington has been processing sewage collected in the County. Some major restaurants, however, generate significant amounts of grease in their septic tanks, which is not accepted by the City of Burlington. The Public Works Department, with the approval of the Health Department, is proposing that grease be accepted at Inman Landfill, at a rate of \$45.25 per 1,000 gallons. Mr. Spahr related that the Inman Landfill does not process much putrescible waste. Grease, being a putrescible waste, would therefore attract birds, as well as vectors. Furthermore, some grease is

mixed with sanitary wastes, which poses additional problems. Mr. Spahr therefore recommended that the proposal be implemented at this time and reviewed in four months.

Bill Ness, Solid Waste/Environmental Engineer, stated that most restaurants separate their grease from other wastes; however, a few are disposing of it via their septic systems.

Tom Karsh, Environmental Engineer, discussed possible requirements for septic systems that would separate grease from septage.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he believed the permit for use of Inman Landfill allows no putrescible wastes after July 1, 1988.

Commissioner Wylie then questioned whether burning of the grease were possible. Mr. Ness stated that burning at the landfill causes black, noxious fumes, but that if a facility is built at the incinerator to allow acceptance of sludge from the proposed City of Anacortes waste water treatment facility, it may be possible to incinerate the grease.

Commissioner Vaux stated that the rate for grease should be higher than that for septage to discourage haulers from dumping septage into whatever system is decided upon. Commissioner Wylie stated that the rates would be passed on to the restaurants in that case, and would encourage disposal of grease with septage.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist, recommended encouragement of voluntary upgrading of septic systems, and at the very least, manual separation.

The Board directed the Public Works Department to check the language on the permit for Inman Landfill, and report the findings to the Board.

2) Discussion: Fly Ash Payment.

Mr. Spahr stated that the final billing received from Wright Schuchart Harbor Company for fly ash handling was received February 15, 1989. The bill also included a previously unreceived request for December, as well as revised amounts for July through November, 1988. The amount requested for December, 1988, was \$42,595.84. The revised amount for July through November was \$115,939.58, for a total bill of \$158,535.42. Mr. Spahr stated that after review of this invoice, Wright Schuchart was paid a total of \$48,473.06, leaving an unresolved amount of \$110,062.36. On Friday, June 16, 1989, Bill Ness met with Mr. Fred Farrar of Wright Schuchart Harbor and a final amount of \$39,041.24 was agreed upon as a final settlement. Mr. Spahr asked that the Board approve the final payment of \$39,041.24.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the final payment to Wright Schuchart Harbor Company of \$39,041.24 for fly ash handling. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Discussion: Power Installation of Sauk Landfill.

Mr. Ness stated that the Public Works Department is recommending that power be installed at the Sauk waste transfer facility for safety of the public and employees, improvement of employee working conditions, and security purposes. He stated that a quote from Puget Power for the installation is \$17,492.67, the majority of which is for burying of cable. Mr. Ness stated that the cost would be covered in the \$240,000 grant received from the Department of Ecology (DOE) for closure of the Sauk and Gibraltar landfills, but that since that grant was awarded using 1984 estimates, the grant amount has already been exceeded. The Budget/Finance Director has confirmed that the money can be loaned from the roads fund to the solid waste fund for the installation.

Commissioner Vaux questioned whether additional money might be available from DOE, in view of the fact that 1984 estimates would be substantially less than actual costs in 1989. The Board directed Mr. Ness to contact Diane Singer of DOE to see if additional money is available.

4) Bid Award Recommendation: Closure of Sauk and Gibraltar Landfills.

Mr. Spahr stated that bids were received from two contractors for the closure of the Sauk and Gibraltar landfills. He stated that the low bid of \$429,000 exceeds the 1984 estimate of \$250,000. He related that the bid must be awarded within 20 days from the bid opening, and that since the project involves working with the clay soil at the landfills, which is susceptible to moisture, every day of delay is detrimental to the project.

Commissioner Vaux then motioned to accepted the bid of \$429,000.00 by Stridor Construction of Bellingham, Washington. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #12131)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - MARK SPAHR, DIRECTOR:

1) Public Hearing: South Front Street (Clear Lake) - Regarding Parking, Safety, Traffic Flow, and Possible Lowering of Speed Limit.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on June 27, July 4 and July 11, 1989.

Jeff Monsen, Assistant Public Works Director, presented an Engineer's Report and located South Front Street on a vicinity map. He stated that, although the report mostly addresses the speed limit on South Front Street, other issues will be covered today as well. Mr. Monsen stated that in reviewing seasonal use of the road, concerns of property owners, and actual use of the road, Traffic Safety Engineer Ed Hawes has recommended lowering the speed limit from 35 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h.

Chairman Rohrer questioned whether a survey of the road has been completed. Mr. Monsen replied that preliminary data only is available, and that the survey will not be completed for approximately two weeks. Mr. Monsen recommended lowering the speed limit to 25 m.p.h. now, leaving the road as a two-way thoroughfare at this time, and later addressing parking issues and possible restriction of truck traffic.

Richard VanPelt, 1299 S. Front Street, Clear Lake, stated that he favors the prohibition of truck traffic on South Front Street, which is a danger to residents, as well as seasonal users of Clear Lake Park. He located his property on the vicinity map and stated that a parking lot built in front of his property would be undesirable to him. He supported instead a dead end at the north end of South Front Street, with parking facilities at the north end and an outlet to Highway 9.

Commissioner Wylie stated that, since the survey would not be available for approximately two weeks, she would motion to continue the discussion to August 7, 1989, at 10:30 p.m. After further discussion of options, Commissioner Wylie withdrew her motion and motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Wylie then motioned to adopt the recommendation of the Public Works Department to lower the speed limit from 35 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h. on South Front Street from Beaver Lake Road to State Route 9. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

Commissioner Vaux then motioned to call for a public hearing regarding restriction of truck traffic on South Front Street for August 7, 1989, at 10:30 a.m.

Jon Aarstad, Parks and Recreation Director, stated that he also favors road closure, as many vehicles fail to stop at the stop sign at State Route 9 on the north end.

Commissioner Wylie then seconded Commissioner Vaux's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6) Discussion: Cook Road Paving.

This item was discussed at this time for the convenience of the audience.

Mr. Spahr stated that as part of the Rosario Road C.R.P., a portion of Cook Road will be overlaid with asphalt, raising the road surface approximately two inches.

Robin LaRue, Design and Construction Manager, located the area in question on a vicinity map, and explained his measurements of road slope. He related that he found the road to have very little slope, and that the Flood Control Manager has stated he believes two inches will not noticeably impact flooding.

Chairman Rohrer produced a letter of July 14, 1989, from Paul G. Chaplik, Superintendent of Burlington Public Schools, which supports improvements to road shoulders in the vicinity of Allen Elementary School.

Neil Omdahl, 1449 Allen West Road, Bow, a Dike and Drainage District Commissioner, provided photographs of 1983 flooding at Allen School, flooding in and around his property on Allen West Road, and flooding of the Allen area. He also presented photos of 1948 flooding of the Allen West Road. He maintained that an additional two inches of asphalt would raise what is

already considered a dam and increase flood waters by two inches, which would indeed impact property owners.

John Sandell, 835 Ershig Road, Bow, located the "south channel", traversing the Allen area, which was a previous branch of the Skagit River. He demonstrated the passage of water through this channel during flood seasons.

Discussion on use of culverts ensued, and Mr. Ohmdal offered the cutting down and rebuilding of the road as an alternative to additional asphalt paving.

Bob Lee, 918 Avon Allen Road, Bow, presented pictures of flooding in the area south of his property. He questioned the goal of the proposed overlay.

Mr. LaRue cited a problem with deterioration of the pavement, as well as widening and improvement of the shoulder area. He stated that removal of the pavement, excavation and replacement would cost two to three times that of asphalt overlay, and would cause the County to lose the investment made in the present road surface.

Mr. Spahr then suggested that the two to three hundred feet of road in front of Allen School be excavated and replaced and the rest of the proposed overlay be installed, as planned. Mr. Omdahl was in agreement with this plan.

The Board instructed the Public Works Department to compile specifications for the plan suggested by Mr. Spahr and return with their recommendations.

2) Public Hearing: Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on June 27 and July 4, 1989.

Robin LaRue presented the resolution adopting the Six-Year Road Program, which he stated had been prepared in accordance with work sessions held over the past month on the annual update of the program.

Upon receiving no public comment, Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Wylie then motioned to approve and adopt the 1990-1995 Six-Year Road Construction Program, as attached to the resolution. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
(Resolution #12132)

3) Signature: Final Order of Vacation - Short Plat #57-80 (Allan Island).

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature a Final Order of Vacation for short plat #57-80 on Allan Island to Donald L. Anderson, the property owner and petitioner.

4) Call for Public Hearing: Opening Unopened County Right-of-Way - Pinelli Road.

Mary Cherberg, Office Engineer, stated that a request has been received by Mr.

Philip E. Zeidner to open unopened County right-of-way on Pinelli Road near his property to facilitate future development of the property.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to call for a public hearing to be held on Monday, August 7, 1989, at 10:30 a.m., to consider public testimony on the opening of unopened County right-of-way on Pinelli Road. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #12133)

5) Update C.R.P.:

a) Rosario Road et al Asphalt Overlay.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing construction funds in the amount of \$411,393.00 for asphalt overlay on Rosario Road, Cook Road, Mount Vernon South Road and Pioneer Parkway, as specified in the resolution. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #12134)

b) Chilberg Road Reconstruction.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing construction funds in the amount of \$424,438.00 for reconstruction of Chilberg Road from milepoint 0.00 to milepoint 2.58. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #12135)

c) Grip Road Railroad Reconstruction.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing construction funds in the amount of \$94,275.00 for installation of gates and cantilever lights and improvement of the roadway at the railroad crossing on the Grip Road. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution #12136)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

This item was discussed at this time for the convenience of the audience.

A. Suzie Racanello, 314 Snohomish Drive, LaConner, wished to discuss a safety issue at the Skagit County Fair, which has come about due to the decrease in space available for horsetrailer. Commissioner Vaux informed Ms. Racanello that he is meeting with representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department and Skagit County Fair this afternoon to discuss this issue, and will contact her following that discussion.

7) Discussion: Computer Network.

Jeff Monsen indicated that the time agreed upon for update of the Public Works Department's computer network has now arrived. He stated that he has sent a memo to Steve Kleinbart, Data Processing Coordinator, regarding the needs of his department for computer support, and wishes to work to finalize plans for purchases. Mr. Monsen asked for permission to proceed with planning.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated that it would be appropriate for Steve Kleinbart to be the instigator of any computer acquisitions.

Mr. Monsen stated his intention for approval of an estimated amount of \$150,000 for purchases only, and permission to proceed with planning only. He pointed out that there are funds of over \$1,000,000 available in the Public Works Department's Equipment Rental Fund that would be sufficient to cover a purchase of \$150,000.

The Board granted permission to proceed with compiling of a specific proposal, with the help of Steve Kleinbart, and in the amount specified.

8) Miscellaneous.

There were no Public Works Department miscellaneous items for discussion at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

These items were deferred to the afternoon session.

PRESENTATION: COMMONGROUND - DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTERS.

Rusty Kuntze and Ron Shrigley, representing the CommonGround center for conflict resolution at 302 Pine Street, Mount Vernon, were present to make the presentation.

Mr. Kuntze, Director of CommonGround, referred to a letter of June 19, 1989, sent to the Board, in which the Court Improvement Act of 1984 is discussed and provided for the Board's review. He stated that the intent of the Act (RCW Chapter 7.75) is to provide an alternate method for resolution of conflicts, thereby alleviating some of the burdens on the Courts system. He stated that Snohomish, King, Spokane and Walla Walla Counties all have recognized Dispute Resolution Centers. A Dispute Resolution Center is a mediation service sanctioned by the County authority as such. Mr. Kuntze stated that CommonGround desires this status to take advantage of the portion of the statute which protects the confidentiality of their proceedings, and to take advantage of the suspension of the statute of limitations which occurs when a Dispute Resolution Center becomes involved in a case. He stated that the Board's recognition of CommonGround would also lend credibility to his organization. He provided a brief introduction of the services provided since the creation of CommonGround as a private, non-profit organization in the fall of 1987. Mr. Kuntze requested to be allowed to submit a package to the Board containing a history, forms, budget information and plans for CommonGround's proposal.

The Board discussed with Mr. Kuntze the performance history of his organization, as well as the avenues for funding of his service. Mr. Kuntze stated that charges for his service range from \$60.00 per hour for one mediator to \$90.00 per hour for two mediators.

The Board informed Mr. Kuntze that they would entertain his proposal when available, although would have to consider a formal Request for Proposals in

future, if a Dispute Resolution Center is found to be warranted for Skagit County.

SIGNATURE - DSHS MENTAL HEALTH CONTRACT AMENDMENT.

The Board approved for signature a contract amendment (2200-73630 1) between D.S.H.S. and the Human Services Department for increase in funding by \$43,510 in one-time Block Grant funds for Community Mental Health Outpatient Counseling to the Hispanic population of Skagit County via SeaMar Community Health Center.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. The Board approved for signature the following Petitions for Property Tax Refunds:
- a) Francis R. Sullivan, 1125 Sullivan Road, Bow, WA 98232, in the amount of \$161.44, due to a senior citizen exemption. (006689)
 - b) Edward J. Bates, P.O. Box 707, Mount Vernon, WA 98273, in the amount of \$20.57, due to a senior citizen exemption. (006889)
 - c) Kathryn Huckleberry and Michael Burr, 2115 244th Ave. S.E., Issaquah, WA 98027, in the amount of \$92.83, due to a manifest error. (006389)
 - d) Cascade Chiropractic, P.O. Box 433, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284, in the amount of \$193.53, due to an amended affidavit decreasing property value. (001989A)
 - e) Cascade Chiropractic, P.O. Box 433, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284, in the amount of \$116.55, due to an amended affidavit decreasing property value. (001989B)
- B. As of this date, July 17, 1989, the Board, by unanimous vote, did approve for signature the following warrants and vouchers:
- a) Warrant #45893 through #46157 (Voucher #906480 through #906822) in the amount of \$579,752.91 (C-29-89).
 - b) Warrant #61218 through #61338 (Voucher #61218 through #61338) in the amount of \$554,601.36 (R-18-89).
 - c) Warrant #77608 through #77658 (Voucher #77608 through #77658) in the amount of \$12,855.00 (PR-13-89)
- C. The Board approved for signature a Letter of Intent to Propose for Skagit County Health Department Senior Health Screenings through the Northwest Washington Area Agency on Aging, 1000 N. Forest Street, Bellingham, Washington.
- D. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution submitted by the Treasurer's Office to direct the treasurer not to sell certificates of delinquency for 1986 and/or prior years real property taxes. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. (Resolution #12137)

E. Commissioner Vaux motioned to accept the Records of the Proceedings from Monday, July 10, 1989, Tuesday, July 11, 1989, and Wednesday, July 12, 1989, as submitted. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF 1988 UNIFORM BUILDING CODES.

Chairman Rohrer waived the reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus on July 4 and 11, 1989.

Roxanne Michael, Building Official, explained the changes made in the 1988 Uniform Building Codes over the present codes. She provided a synopsis of each change for the Board's review.

Betsy Stevenson, Acting Planning Department Director, stated that changes were made to the fee schedules for permits in 1982, when the 1976 fee schedule was adopted, and in 1986, when an additional 20% was added to the 1976 fee schedule. She provided a comparison of the 1988 fee schedule to the present fees. An intercounty comparison of fee schedules was also provided, as was building valuation data. She stated that the 20% fee increase in 1986 has not kept pace with increases in salaries, administrative costs, etc., of approximately 200%. She proposed that, with the adoption of 1988 fees and the additional revenues of approximately \$160,000 that would be generated, she would like to add three new positions to her staff. This would include a Permit Coordinator, at approximately \$24,000 per year, an enforcement position at approximately \$27,000 per year, and a clerical position at approximately \$21,000 per year.

When questioned, Brian McGinnis of the Skagit-Island Builders Association stated that his organization has placed their emphasis on lobbying the Building Codes Council for their input on codes changes. This negates the need for local lobbying, so that uniformity of building codes can be preserved and no "stand alone" codes will be passed. His organization therefore has no objection to adoption of the 1988 Uniform Building Codes as submitted.

Dan Cain, County Fire Marshall, presented a proposal which stated that, in view of the fact that the Building Codes Council has rejected Article 80 of the Uniform Fire Code and Chapter 9 of the Uniform Building Code, retaining the previous editions of these chapters, that Skagit County follow suit. He stated that a special study group has been commissioned to rewrite these chapters, and that the new sections may be adopted as soon as they are available.

Brian McGinnis was then given an opportunity to speak. He voiced his objection to the blanket adoption of the 1988 fee schedule to raise an additional \$160,000, when only an additional \$70,000 is needed for additional salaries. He felt that raising of fees should be directly related to salary and administrative needs.

There being no further public comment, Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. Commissioner Vaux then motioned to adopt the 1988 Uniform Building Codes, exclusive of Article 80 of the Uniform Fire Codes and Chapter 9 of the

Uniform Building Codes, which shall remain as per the 1985 codes presently in use. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DOUGLAS S. RAMEY APPEAL OF HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION REGARDING VARIANCE REQUEST #V-89-007 OF CLARENCE ROZEMA.

Grace Roeder, Associate Planner, submitted site plans showing the existing facility and the proposed construction. Also submitted was an assessor's map with the subject property marked and site photographs of the facility at the time of consideration and of the employee parking area to the east of the facility.

Commissioner Vaux explained that the Board may exercise any of the following options:

- 1) To uphold the decision of the Hearing Examiner.
- 2) To remand the matter back to the Hearing Examiner for further consideration.
- 3) To call for the Board's own public hearing to consider testimony on the matter.

Commissioner Vaux asked Mr. Ramey what remedy was being sought in his appeal. Mr. Ramey replied that he was requesting that the Board hold their own public hearing.

Ms. Roeder then gave the following history of the Rozema variance request. She stated that in April a request was received from Mr. Rozema for a special use permit for his boat building operation to construct a 56 x 60 foot building on his residentially zoned property. Additionally, Mr. Rozema submitted a request for a Shorelines Substantial Development and a Variance Permit to locate his new building within 14 inches of the front property line on Bayview-Edison Road. Ms. Roeder stated that Mr. Rozema's reason for his request was to remain competitive within his industry, and that a Declaration of Non-Significance was issued in January.

Ms. Roeder read each of the Staff Findings regarding the special use permit. She reviewed section 14.04.150(3)F regarding unclassified special uses, and the items that must be considered when reviewing an application. Ms. Roeder stated that the Health unit completed a review of the sewage system, the flood management reviewed the drainage system and the Public Works Department also completed their review. The recommendation of the Planning Department was for denial of both requests.

Ms. Roeder stated that the Hearing Examiner held a public hearing in May and approved both requests with a number of conditions, which she read.

Mr. Ramey was then given an opportunity to speak. He reported that Rozema Boatworks has engaged in the dumping of fill in the Bay, without a permit, to facilitate the construction of his new building. He cited a lack of enforcement proceedings for this illegal dumping. Mr. Ramey stated that although the Planning Department recommended denial of the Rozema requests, Mr. Scofield ignored their recommendation and granted them. Mr. Ramey stated that although Mr. Ramey maintains that his business is a water-dependent enterprise, he still must trailer his boats to the water to launch, therefore

he could building his shop at any location. He stated that the 16 foot height limit was not addressed by the Hearing Examiner, and that the Hearing Examiner was mistaken in his belief that the new building would have not sight impact. Mr. Ramey also complained of trucks from the boatworks impeding traffic for extended periods of time, and stated that 14 inches is too close to the right-of-way for a building to be located.

Bud Norris, 3780 College Way, Mount Vernon, represented Mr. Rozema. Mr. Norris requested that the Board uphold the decision of the Hearing Examiner. He stated that the business is a pre-existing, non-conforming structure for boat building constructed in 1906. He stated that the Rozemas have been involved in the business since 1955. Mr. Norris stated that the boatworks employees 10 persons, which makes it a supporter of a gross majority of the community. Mr. Norris requested that the entire record of the Hearing Examiner be made available to the Board to review the letters submitted from members of the community in support of Mr. Rozema's business. Mr. Norris stated that the new building would be used for boat building only, and that the aesthetics of the area would be preserved as much as possible. Mr. Norris stated that, regarding the 16 foot height limit, the Code specifies that the height limit for a residential lot is 30 feet. Further, Mr. Norris stated, the business is a commercial venture rather than an industrial one, and there are several other commercial businesses in the area, which he listed. He stated that Mr. Rozema will comply with the conditions of proper material storage, as well as other conditions of the Hearing Examiner. He addressed the issue of appropriate curbing or striping recommended by the Public Works Department. Finally, Mr. Norris stated that relocation of the business is not feasible.

Mr. Clarence Rozema, 1155 Walker Road, Mount Vernon, stated that he has been involved in the business his entire life, inheriting from his father. He stated he intends to maintain the integrity of the business and will not hire additional employees.

Mr. Ramey stated that, although he has no personal dislike for Mr. Rozema, the boatworks continually disobeys laws. He stated that as the business grows, so does the impact to the neighborhood. Mr. Ramey declared that if the structure is built within the 30 foot setback, the height limit is 30 feet; however, if the structure is built outside the setback, as was permitted in the variance request, then the 30 foot height limit is illegal. Mr. Ramey stated that he believed the growth of the boatworks would continue, and that if Mr. Rozema is allowed to continue with his present plans, all businesses in the area must similarly be allowed the same considerations.

At a request from Commissioner Vaux, Mr. Rozema demonstrated the height of his proposed building on a photo for the Board. Mr. Rozema stated that his building would be used for finishing and outfitting of boats only.

The following persons gave statements in support of Mr. Rozema:

- a) Gordon Wise, 1151 Bayview-Edison Road, Bayview
- b) Francis Ambrose, 1124 2nd N., Bayview
- c) John Tanner, 1192 Bayview-Edison Road, Bayview
- d) Denise Granger, 1049 C Street, Bayview

Mr. Ramey and Mr. Norris gave additional statements regarding the fill dumped on the boatworks property. Mr. Norris stated that the Hearing Examiner considered the fill and found that it was dumped in an emergency situation to protect Mr. Rozema's property. Mr. Ramey maintained that a permit would still be required, even in an emergency.

In answer to a question by Commissioner Wylie, Mr. Rozema stated that Tom Sheahan, Emergency Services Director, reviewed his business for hazardous material storage, and found that no hazardous materials are used on the premises.

Commissioner Vaux then gave a statement regarding the need for a site visit, and motioned to call for a public hearing to be held Tuesday, August 7, 1989, at 10:00 p.m., at the site of Rozema Boatworks, 1120 Bayview-Edison Road, Mount Vernon, Washington. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

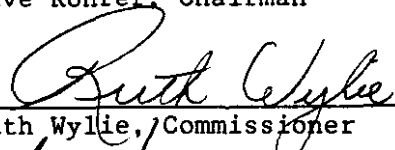
ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Dave Rohrer, Chairman



Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk

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