

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Wednesday, January 17, 1990**

- 11:00 a.m. Planning Department Items.
- 1:30 p.m. Deliberation - Request to Expand Existing Contractual Rezone #R79-017 of Food Services, Inc.
- MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.
- 2:00 p.m. Lowell Engberg Appeal of Hearing Examiner's Decision Regarding Shoreline Permit Application #12-89.
- 3:30 p.m. Continuation of Public Hearing - Moratorium on Residential Building Permits on Agriculturally Zoned Land.
- 7:00 p.m. Public Meeting - County Services to Upriver Community. (Concrete Senior Center, Concrete, Washington)

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 17, 1990, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie, W. W. Vaux, and Dave Rohrer present.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT ITEMS.**

- A. Corey Schmidt, a new building inspector, was introduced to the Board. Other new staffing additions were briefly discussed, and new employees will be introduced to the Board as time allows.
- B. Scott Kirkpatrick, Planning Department Director, provided the Board with a copy of the Agenda for a special meeting planned by the Anacortes Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 30, 1990, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., to discuss long range planning for Fidalgo Island.

Commissioner Vaux suggested that a meeting of area planning commissions and city council members be arranged for sometime in the spring at which planners from cities or counties experiencing extreme growth might be invited to speak. The rest of the Board supported Commissioner Vaux's suggestion.

**DELIBERATION - REQUEST TO EXPAND EXISTING CONTRACTUAL REZONE #R-79-017 OF FOOD SERVICES, INC.**

Commissioner Rohrer noted he has had ample time to review all records of earlier proceedings at which he was absent that pertained to this matter.

Commissioner Vaux noted that the absence of the applicant, and expressed his wish to visit the site. The Board discussed the possibility of a site visit, and Commissioner Vaux motioned to call for a public hearing on February 5, 1990, at 9:00 a.m., at the site of Food Services, Inc., 1587 McClean Road, Mount Vernon. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the Records of the Proceedings from Monday, January 8, 1990; Tuesday, January 9, 1990, and Wednesday, January 10, 1990, as presented. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- B. As of this date, Wednesday, January 17, 1990, the Board, by unanimous vote, did approve the following warrants and vouchers:
- 1) Warrants #51316 through #51748 (Vouchers #913570/000001 through #914067/000135) in the amount of \$452,117.37. (C-5-90)
  - 2) Warrants #62570 through #62677 (Vouchers #62570 through #62677) in the amount of \$181,272.56. (R-4-90)
  - 3) Warrants #1084 through #1124 (Vouchers #PDRAWJAN001 through #PDRAWJAN041) in the amount of \$14,296.13. (P-1-90)
- C. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approved the Petition for Property Tax Refund of Gull Industries, 3404 4th Avenue South, Seattle, WA 98124, in the amount of \$48.73, due to a portion of the taxed property being sold to the City of Burlington. (000789)

LOWELL ENGBERG APPEAL OF HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION REGARDING SHORELINE PERMIT APPLICATION #12-89.

Oscar Graham, Skagit County Associate Planner, stated 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.

Mr. Graham warned the Board and audience that only testimony pertaining to that contained in the file of the Hearing Examiner may be discussed before the Board at this time.

Mr. Graham stated that Mr. Engberg owns property located at the southwest end of Big Lake. He gave a chronology of the events leading up to today's appeal.

Mr. Graham stated that prior to the application for the Shoreline Permit, he visited the subject property in late 1988 at the request of the applicant. At that time Mr. Engberg stated he might be doing some brush clearing and construction of a dock. Mr. Graham told Mr. Engberg that the dock might be exempted from Shoreline Permitting if it were used for non-commercial purposes.

A Forest Practices Application was reviewed by the Planning Department for a loop road on Mr. Engberg's property on March 3, 1989. On March 7, 1989, Mr. Graham visited Mr. Engberg's property and found that the loop road was, in fact, underway, and that a dock being constructed was near completion. Mr. Graham responded to the DNR regarding the Forest Practices Application, asking

that the request be denied pending shoreline review. On March 8, 1989, the Planning Department issued a stop work notice until a Shoreline Application was submitted and processed.

Mr. Graham then met with Mr. Engberg and his attorney, Brock Stiles, on the site. Mr. Graham determined that the dock could be exempted, but the road construction and campsite development that was underway would require shoreline permitting. The OHWM was also determined by Mr. Graham to be at the landward end of the dock. A subsequent exemption for the dock was issued on March 30, 1989.

On April 21, 1989, Mr. Graham, Mr. Stiles and Michelle Stevens of the State DOE met at the site. Ms. Stevens concurred with Mr. Graham's determination of the OHWM, and indicated that an Army Section 404 permit should be obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

On April 28, 1989, the Planning Department received an application from Mr. Engberg for a Shoreline Substantial Development/Conditional Use/Variance Permit application for the development of a loop road, utilizing about 400 cubic yards of fill, and five campsites for private recreational use. The Planning Department, on May 30, 1989, advised Mr. Engberg that he would also need a Special Use Permit for his trailer park. Mr. Engberg subsequently submitted a revised site plan on June 29, 1989, reducing the number of campsites from five to one, causing the Planning Department to withdraw their requirement for a Special Use Permit. The date for the public hearing on the request was set for July 19, 1989.

On July 10, 1989, in response to a complaint, Mr. Graham visited the Engberg property once again and noted that Mr. Engberg had continued to work on the loop road, in violation of the stop work order, adding approximately 1000 cubic yards of fill material. A second stop work order was issued on July 11, 1989, and the public hearing was cancelled pending a revised application and environmental checklist noting the changes in the project. The revised application and environmental checklist was received on July 18, 1989, indicating that the fill required would be increased from 400 to 800 cubic yards.

Additional pertinent facts cited by Mr. Graham were:

- 1) The DNR issued a stop work order on the project on October 10, 1988.
- 2) Mr. Engberg received a criminal citation from the DNR on March 15, 1989, for operating without a Forest Practice Permit.
- 3) Mr. Engberg received a criminal citation from the Department of Wildlife on March 29, 1989, for operating without a hydraulic project approval.
- 4) The Army Corps of Engineers visited the site on July 24, 1989, and determined that the project was being done without the necessary Army Section 404 Permit, as well as was violating the Clean Water Act through the filling of wetlands.

On July 20, 1989, Mr. Engberg submitted an administrative appeal contesting the requirement by the Planning Department of a revised shoreline application. After a public hearing on the matter, the Hearing Examiner, on August 25, 1989, denied the appeal. The Hearing Examiner further ordered that fill

placed in areas not designated as wetlands may remain, while that fill in areas designated as wetlands must be removed at Mr. Engberg's expense. A variance request to allow the existing road and parking area fill to remain was denied, and construction of a road to the dock was likewise denied. Mr. Engberg was ordered to replenish the area with natural vegetation as well. Mr. Engberg was assessed a fine of \$7,000 for disobeying the stop work order, although the amount of \$5,500 could be suspended if Mr. Engberg completes the fill removal and associated vegetation planting.

Mr. Graham stated that an appeal of this Hearing Examiner's decision was received on November 21, 1989, citing errors in judgement. An explanation of these errors was requested and received yesterday.

A copy of the Planning Department Staff Findings, Hearing Examiner's Orders, Planning Department correspondence and applicant's appeal had been provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

Brock Stiles, attorney for Mr. Engberg, was then given an opportunity to speak. Mr. Stiles requested that the Board hold their own public hearing to receive testimony on the matter. He gave a lengthy report, in which he pointed out that the subject property falls under the jurisdiction of the conservancy portion of the shorelines act. Using vicinity maps of the Engberg property, he demonstrated the stages of work performed on the property. Mr. Stiles objected to the fact that Mr. Graham had led Mr. Engberg to believe that shoreline permits would be required only if the development fell within 200 feet of the OHWM, especially in view of the fact that Mr. Graham was not an expert on the location of the OHWM. Mr. Stiles also objected to the fact that the Forest Practices permit was denied based on a letter from Mr. Graham, who stated that Mr. Engberg had not filed for shorelines permits. Mr. Stiles was also unhappy with the way the Planning Department had first asked for one shorelines application, then asked for a special use permit, then asked for a new application. At this time, Mr. Engberg got fed up with all of these requests, and went ahead with the construction of one campsite. Mr. Stiles went on to point out that the Hearing Examiner has ordered that no fill be placed in a natural wetlands, but the fact that a wetlands exists on the Engberg property has not been established to a certainty.

Mr. Stiles then reviewed portions of the Shorelines Master Management Plan which support the notion that the Engberg property is a conservancy area, where shorelines recreation is encouraged. He reviewed other data contained in the SMMP which, he stated, supports Mr. Engberg's claims, and noted that the section which describes fragile and unique areas does not apply to Mr. Engberg's property. Mr. Stiles went on to state that the determination that the property was a natural wetlands was not made at the Hearing Examiner's public hearing, and that the \$7,000 fine levied on Mr. Engberg is unfair, since Mr. Engberg was first told he would not need a permit.

A second representative for Mr. Engberg, William Stiles, III, stated that at the meeting between Mr. Graham, DNR and Mr. Engberg, a Mr. Stendal from the DNR felt that it would be appropriate to divert or bridge a stream that Mr. Engberg's road impeded, but that Mr. Engberg should check with Mr. Graham. Also, when Mr. Engberg made an honest effort to discuss his plans with Mr. Graham, Mr. Graham stated that no permits would be needed unless Mr. Engberg's

project came within 200 feet of the OHWM. Later, when a Forest Practices Permit was requested, Mr. Graham decided a shoreline permit would be required. This is response by Mr. Graham is inconsistent, and so is his determination of the OHWM, according to Mr. Stiles.

Regarding Mr. Engberg's continuance of work after the issuance of a stop work order, Mr. Stiles noted that he had not made a timely filing for the Forest Practices Permit, so it was partly Mr. Stiles's fault. Additionally, Mr. Engberg was in danger of losing his fill material before permits could be issued.

Jeff Gillard, DNR Enforcement Officer, gave information. He stated that he was charged with the administration of forest practice rules in Skagit County in 1987, 1988, and 1989. He stated that streams, such as the one on Mr. Engberg's property, are typed based on their value. He stated that on October 10, 1988, he found new road construction at a T-3 stream located on the Engberg property. At that time he posted a stop work order and notified Mr. Engberg to obtain the proper permits. He later found that the road had been extended without permits in violation of his stop work order. At that time he issued a criminal citation to Mr. Engberg for operation without application. In addition, Mr. Gillard stated that Mr. Engberg has been inconsistent in his stories about his project, stating that only one campsite would be constructed, when Mr. Gillard has seen up to six units parked on the Engberg property. Mr. Engberg also said he would promptly obtain permits for his construction and did not, and has placed fill up to the edge of the stream and has cut away vegetation there. Mr. Gillard stated that allegations made by Mr. Engberg that his project would have no impacts on the environment are untrue. Regarding the changes in response to the permitting issue made by Mr. Graham, Mr. Gillard pointed out that Mr. Engberg kept changing his plans. Mr. Gillard recommended the removal of fill from the entire area of the stream, and the re-establishment of the thick natural vegetation as a buffer for the stream.

Art Stendal of the Department of Wildlife gave information about his site visit of October 21, 1988. He stated that he received correspondence from Mr. Engberg containing an environmental check list in which the proposed dock construction was addressed. A new letter later arrived that had attached to it the old environmental check list referencing the proposed dock, although Mr. Stendal was aware that the dock had, in fact, already been completed.

Mr. Bill Stiles responded to Mr. Stendal's statement, noting that the SEPA check list was submitted for the hydraulics permit only, so it was not felt that it was necessary to list all of the work planned.

Mr. Graham then stated that it is understood that an environmental check list is submitted for a project so that it can be reviewed by any involved agency. The document is intended to give a complete disclosure of all planned and completed work. Mr. Graham attested to the accuracy of his reports. He stated that the Planning Department relies on the accuracy of submitted work plans to make decisions. Mr. Graham reiterated that every phase of Mr. Engberg's work has been done with proper permitting and review.

Andrea Xaver, a concerned neighbor, stated that she represents 5 of the 6 residents living in the vicinity of Mr. Engberg's property. She stressed that these property owners are permanent residents who use their property for permanent households, not vacationing. She stated that the area in which her home is located is swampy and poorly drained, therefore, her property, as well as her neighbors' property, often suffers from lowland drainage. She noted that the creek being discussed today traverses an area from Lake McMurray, across her property and her neighbors' property, and into Big Lake. She stated that the flood problems experienced with the creek have been great, and that cumulative effects to Mr. Engberg's neighbors would be possible if he should force the water from his portion of the creek onto other property. She stated a second concern about the vanishing wetlands.

Darlene Swain stated that she helped with a Federal Phosphate and Nitrate Study of Big Lake. She is concerned for the increasing siltation in Big Lake. She stated that this situation endangers the vegetation in the lake, which in turn endangers the wildlife dependent on the lake. She stated that further siltation from any fill placed within the borders of a creek such as that located on Mr. Engberg's property would disturb the lake's fragile state.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that he felt there were enough unanswered questions regarding the appeal to compel him to suggest that a public hearing be held. He motioned to schedule the same.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he did not wish to send a message to the community that work can be done without permits, but that he would defer to the wishes of the commissioner of that district.

Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The date was determined to be set at a later date to allow consultation with the County's Civil Deputy on the proper publication period.

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING - MORATORIUM ON RESIDENTIAL BUILDING PERMITS ON AGRICULTURALLY ZONED LAND.

Chairman Wylie called for a reading of the Notice of Public Hearing, which was accomplished. She then opened the floor for public testimony.

Kurt Renehaver stated that he received farmlands through inheritance, and is opposed to the moratorium on the basis of the marketability of his inherited land.

Doug Grant of Dunbar Road, Mount Vernon, was in favor of the moratorium, noting that an off-shoot of agriculture is tourism.

Zel Young was in favor of the moratorium, stating that land is not recoverable once it is black topped.

Wally Eckberg of Burlington wanted to see his own farmland developed, therefore was opposed to the moratorium.

Cole Cummings, a former Planning Commission member, favored the moratorium.

Stan Walters of Beaver Marsh Road was opposed to the moratorium as it penalizes property owners. He wondered if restrictions on the siting of a home on agricultural land would stand up on court.

Don Nevitt read a statement in favor of the preservation of farmland.

Clee Richardson, a former developer and builder from Orange County, California, advocated taking time to plan for the future of Skagit County.

Francis Ambrose of Bayview favored the moratorium, stating that the valley floor should be kept for agriculture and the hills area for development.

Melvin Dotson of Burkland Road stated that the attitude of the audience seemed to be, "now that I'm here, let's keep everyone out".

Howard Armstrong of Mount Vernon stated that besides using agricultural land for the growing of food, it is needed as a habitat for trumpeter swans and birds of prey.

LaVonne Newell made comparisons between Skagit Valley, the Kent Valley and areas in Switzerland.

Tom Soleburg felt that a farmer should have the right to dispose of his own land as he sees fit. He felt that growth cannot be stopped in Skagit County.

Beth Haley felt a moratorium would give officials an opportunity to plan for the common good of the County.

Charlotte Johnson of Fir Island noted that people from out of the area who are wealthy enough to buy land here are offering more to the farmer for his land than he can make in farming it. She cited the case of a home constructed on Fir Island which is constructed on the top of a man-made hill surrounded by a man-made moat. Regarding small isolated parcels of farmland, she felt alternate forms of farming could be utilized to make these parcels productive. She stated that a moratorium would be a way for each citizen to think of the good of all people instead of one's own personal life.

Cathy Anderson supported the moratorium.

Judy Olson of Conway supported the moratorium and stated that the Comprehensive Plan is in need of review.

Phillip Jennings stated that town people don't want to help the farmer out. He felt that prices for farmland are set by the current market.

Don Kruzy, a member of the Skagitonians to Preserve Our Farmland, disagreed that only townspeople are in favor of the moratorium, as he is a farmer, and so are many members of his group. He pointed out that a recent Skagit Valley Herald survey showed that many people are concerned about farmlands preservation. He stated that his group has received many, many calls from concerned people as well. He supported the moratorium.

Lloyd Loop of Bow stated that he has been living at his present residence in a farmland area for the past 45 years. He stated that within 1-1/2 square miles of his home 44 houses have been added, most within the past 10 years. Of those 44, only 6 were built on parcels of 40 acres or more. None of the homes were build anywhere but close to the road. Four homes are being built on small acreage by "city people". He asserted that variances are what is eating up our farmland. He pointed out that farmlands are being taken out of agricultural production because they are being inherited by non-farming families or purchased through bankruptcy. He thought that the food tax should be reinstated in Washington State to help pay for farmland.

Brian McGinnis, representing Skagit-Island Builders Association, stated that the builders of Skagit County want to preserve farmland, but feel time would be wasted in a moratorium. He felt a meeting should be arranged between concerned parties to negotiate a solution.

Dan LeFebre noted problems with drainage when the Port of Anacortes was established. He also stated that the Department of Agriculture has changed their regulations for pesticide spraying.

Don Moe of West Mount Vernon supported the moratorium.

No other audience member wished to testify, and Commissioner Vaux motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Wylie stated that she is herself a farmer and understands the concerns of those both for and against the moratorium, but stated that she is concerned about the siting of houses on farmlands. She thanked the audience for their participation in the hearing.

Commissioner Vaux voiced his appreciation of some of the comments made by audience members. He recommended that the Board request that the Planning Commission submit a recommendation for an immediate order to protect Skagit County Farmlands.

John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, was invited to comment, and stated that the best way to achieve the Board's goals would be to invoke short term temporary zoning measures to deal with the immediate problem of the siting of homes on agricultural land so as to make farming difficult or impossible. He stated that if a moratorium is invoked, it would not deal with applications submitted during the time of the moratorium, as these would be processed according to whatever rules were in place at the time of their submittal. He recommended that the Board adopt a resolution to 1) have the Planning Commission consider the issues raised at the public hearing, and 2) ask the Planning Commission to recommend interim zoning measures for adoption by the Board.

Commissioner Vaux then motioned to instruct the Planning Commission to 1) make recommendations to the Board on interim zoning measures that limit residential construction on agricultural land to the proximity of natural barriers, roads, etc., and 2) instruct the Planning Commission and Planning Department to undertake a long-term Comprehensive Plan update. These items shall be forwarded to the Planning Commission at their next meeting and a



reply requested immediately following that meeting. Commissioner Rohrer seconded Commissioner Vaux's motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING - COUNTY SERVICES TO UPRIVER COMMUNITY.

The Board met with members of the upriver community at the Concrete Senior Center in the Town of Concrete.

Chairman Wylie introduced to the audience County department heads and elected officials who were in attendance. In attendance was Jerry McInturff, County Auditor; Gary Frazier, County Sheriff; Scott Kirkpatrick, County Planning Department Director; Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, County Clerk; Paul Mahoney, County Assessor; Judyanne Menish, County Treasurer; Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer; Mike Woodmansee, Budget Finance Director; Carolyn Milat, County Health Department Director; Barb Meier, Public Health Nurse; Rosemary Rognstad, Public Health Nurse; Larry Talbott, Skagit County Chief Deputy; and John Rose, Skagit County Deputy Sheriff.

Jane Zillig of Skagit Community Action Agency introduced several members of the audience. Vicki Johnson and Kay Burkhouse were in attendance from Upper Skagit Community Services; Jim Loop attended representing Puget Power and Light Company; and Sara Huntington, a Concrete School Board member, attended.

Chairman Wylie invited the audience to comment on their wishes for services the County might offer at a satellite station located in their community.

Gayle Rose presented the Board with a petition containing names of those in favor of asking the Health Department to provide a public health nurse to the community approximately one time per week to administer immunizations, well child clinics, prenatal information and parenting information. Additionally, Ms. Rose presented a letter which outlined an endorsement by the Concrete City Council for the service. She explained that Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church located in Concrete has offered the use of a portion of their facility for the clinic.

Corky Hundahl of Marblemount complained that the Sheriff's Office response time is slow. She gave examples of response times of between 2-1/2 and 4 hours. She also advocated parks development in the vicinity of Marblemount, and the presence of the District 3 Commissioner one time per month in Concrete.

Vicki Johnson, a Rockport resident and representative of Upper Skagit Community Services advocated playgrounds and recreation programs for children and teenagers of the upriver community.

Don Clark wished to have someone from the County road crew available upriver. He also asked for more services for the elderly.

Sara Huntington made the following suggestions for services:

- Assessor: Property tax refunds-help with senior exemptions.  
Other property tax help at appropriate times of the year.

- Permit Center: A representative one time per month for building project questions.

She pointed out that full time workers have difficulty accessing County services located in Mount Vernon during business hours.

Richard Miller felt that the community does not know what they want or how often yet. He wished to have time to look at what is available and decide what is needed.

Vicki Johnson expressed a need for a facility where confidentiality is assured to those receiving services.

Ted Anderson noted that when a hearing is conducted on a major issue, it is usually done late at night and people from the upriver area may not attend because it puts them home at a late hour. He felt the Board should conduct dual meetings; one in Mount Vernon and one in Concrete. He also suggested that the Board's agenda be mailed to community locations where it would be accessible to upriver residents. Suggestions were made for Corky Hundahl, the Rockport Store, and the Concrete Post Office to receive the agenda, in addition to the Chamber of Commerce and Concrete Herald, who already receive the agenda.

Katy Philbrick suggested that there is a need for a coordinator at a central location for the dissemination of all kinds of information regarding County services, as well as information about emergencies, State services, etc. She pointed out that Representative Mary Margaret Haugen had indicated that State funds are available for this kind of outreach program, but that the County must act as a lead agency.

Commissioner Rohrer agreed with the notion of a county coordinator, who would have access to a Fax machine, a computer and a direct line to the Courthouse.

Debra Lancaster of Concrete thought that a coordinator could schedule residents to meet with department representatives as needed, instead of having representatives present on regular hours and days.

Answering a question from Mr. Miller, Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that some permits can be issued from a satellite location.

Mike Williams, a representative from the Contel Corporation, stated that his corporation is considering offering extended area service to the Mount Vernon area, which has previously been charged at a long-distance rate to upriver residents. Mr. Williams stated that the extended service would encompass an area as far east as Marblemount, and residents would be charged an additional \$2.80 per month, bringing their charges up to a rate equivalent to that paid by Mount Vernon users. He felt his corporation would know whether this service will be possible within three to four weeks.

Mr. Miller reminded the audience that there is a toll free number to the Courthouse available to all upriver residents.

Sheriff Frazier answered questions pertaining to 911 emergency service. He stated that he believes this year Skagit County will be receiving 911 service. He stated that a committee is being formed consisting of representatives of all service areas and representatives of fire and police departments, as well as the Emergency Medical Services Council, who will be charged with instigation of the service. Most probably a ballot issue will be requested, which will ask the voters to assess themselves \$.50 per phone line per month to fund a 911 emergency system.

Carol Heidel of Marblemount discussed a flood problem with Chairman Wylie, who was familiar with the problem, and who volunteered to speak with Flood Control Supervisor Don Nelson immediately about the problem.

Don Clark recommended that the County consider installing a culvert under Highway 20 where Corkendale Creek floods each year.

A location for office space was then discussed and recommendations were made to use the Concrete High School and the Concrete Senior Center. Shirley Claybo, Concrete Senior Center Coordinator, stated that the entire Senior Center building is used five days per week and would not be available for day time use. It was noted that the high school would be available only after the school day on a limited basis. Judy Ross made supportive remarks regarding the functioning of the Senior Center, and noted that the center also provides other services for the community, which she listed. A suggestion was made to pursue office space in the Old Concrete Clinic building owned by Dr. Garcia.

At this point, each County official introduced him or herself and explained the function of their department.

An audience member suggested that food handler permits be made available at an upriver location.

Debra Lancaster of the Skagit Valley College Small Business Resource Center stated that counseling and workshops are available to be held in the upriver area at the request of the community.

Linda White of the Skagit Valley College Displaced Homemakers program spoke on her program, which would similarly provide workshops.

Dr. Gil Holt, Concrete School District Administrator, stated that the Concrete High School now employs a community education coordinator. He encouraged those present to call on that person with ideas for community education projects.

At this point, when everyone had had a chance to speak, the Board announced their intention to discuss the issue during the Board's regular session the following week, and that they were looking favorably upon the establishment of some sort of satellite service in the upriver community.

At a request from Sammy Lane for a timeline, Commissioner Vaux noted that it would most likely take from five to six months to arrange the project.


ADJOURNMENT

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

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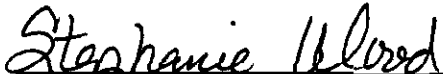


  
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