

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 13, 1990

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

- 1) Schedule of Charges - Proposed Revisions.

10:00 a.m. Discussion - Gene Erwin Request for Variance from Fidalgo Water Coordinating Plan.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

2:00 p.m. Department of Planning and Community Development - Scott Kirkpatrick, Director:

- 1) Approval - Records Management Contract - Phase II.
- 2) Enforcement Update.
- 3) Staffing Update.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

3:30 p.m. Senior Services Department - Tim Holloran, Director:

- 1) Approval - Request for Letters of Interest - Consultant for Mount Vernon Senior Center Heating System.
- 2) Discussion - Anacortes and Burlington Senior Center Construction Proposals.
- 3) Discussion - Mount Vernon Senior Center Drainage Situation.

4:00 p.m. Public Comment Period.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 1990, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux and Dave Rohrer present. Chairman Wylie's absence was excused.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1) Schedule of Charges - Proposed Revisions.

This item was rescheduled for the following week to allow Chairman Wylie to attend the discussion.

DISCUSSION - GENE ERWIN REQUEST FOR VARIANCE FROM FIDALGO WATER COORDINATING PLAN.

Commissioner Vaux explained that the Fidalgo Water Coordinating Plan contains no provisions for variances from the articles of the plan. He stated that Mr. Erwin has a circumstance which he would like to explain to the Board which he believes qualifies him for a variance to the plan. Members of the Fidalgo Water Utilities Coordinating Committee have agreed that the Board of County Commissioners may allow variances when deemed appropriate.

Commissioner Vaux invited Mr. Erwin to explain his situation.

Mr. Erwin stated that he is developing a 5 acre parcel on Rosario Road into 4 lots; two at .75 acres, one at .6 acres and one at approximately 3 acres. The parcel is bordered on the north by Seaview Acres and on the south by Sunset Estates. Neither of these developments, nor the City of Anacortes, is able to provide him with water service for his proposed development. He has the ability to develop his own water system for the four lots, but this system would not provide adequate flow for fire protection.

Mr. Erwin stated that the Anacortes-Fidalgo Water Coordinating Plan states that fire flow must be maintained if the net development density is less than one residence per acre. He stated that his parcel is zoned residential. Mr. Erwin provided a map of his development and the surrounding area, showing a fire hydrant 200 feet from the corner of his development.

Lorna Haycox, Skagit County Environmental Health Specialist, stated that Mr. Erwin would like to be allowed to provide his own water system, via his well and a new reservoir, until such time as another water system with adequate fire flow becomes available. A condition or covenant attached to the sale of any of the lots would be that the new property owners hook up immediately to the first system that becomes available.

Dan Cain, County Fire Marshall, questioned how this type of agreement could be enforced.

Commissioner Vaux suggested pre-payment for hook ups by Mr. Erwin into an escrow account dedicated to each of the new properties. He stated that it is likely that the City of Anacortes will be the first to provide water to that area.

Discussion ensued. It was noted that the expense is too great for Mr. Erwin to provide fire flow capacity for his own system, and that the Seaview water system gets its fire flow capacity from the City of Anacortes.

Enforcement was further discussed, and a bond was suggested. It was felt that Mr. Erwin could recoup the costs of the water hook ups in the price of his lots, and that he should discontinue his water service immediately on availability of alternate service.

Finally, Commissioner Vaux motioned to allow a variance from the Fire Protection Regulations section of the Anacortes-Fidalgo Coordinated Water Plan based on three conditions:

- 1) That no further subdivision of the parcel occur until fire protection can be provided.
- 2) That Mr. Erwin prepay the \$855 Anacortes City Water hook up fee via an escrow account for each parcel within his development under one acre in size, and that these parcels should connect to the first available water system providing service to these parcels. Upon availability of a new water system, Mr. Erwin should immediately discontinue his water system.
- 3) That Mr. Erwin contact the City of Anacortes to work out a plan for provision of fire hydrants every 600 feet, as provided in the requirements of the Anacortes-Fidalgo Coordinated Water Plan.

Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

There were no miscellaneous items for discussion at this time.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SCOTT KIRKPATRICK,
DIRECTOR:

1) Approval - Records Management Contract - Phase II.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reminded the Board that his records management consultant had made a presentation to the Board last month on Phase I of the analysis of the records management system currently in place in the Planning Department. Mr. Kirkpatrick requested that the Board authorize the instigation of Phase II of the study, which will include a study of the possibility of utilizing optical disk technology for saving of records, archiving, permit indexing, file arrangement, and the permanency of tape recordings of Planning Commission and Hearing Examiners meetings. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that his budget will support the \$6,600 required for this study.

The Board discussed the merits of microfilming of records as opposed to new technology. As there was some question as to the current policy of the County regarding the medium for permanent storage of records, the Board requested that a study of optical disk technology be stricken from the contract, and that a work session be arranged with Steve Kleinbart, Data Processing Coordinator, at which the Board could receive an explanation of this new technology.

2) Enforcement Update.

Regarding a discussion held last week on the correspondence received from the attorney representing the Kaaland Mill and an attorney representing the Hungers, neighbors of the Kaaland Mill, Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he has visited the site and completed some preliminary research. He stated that a noise study of the mill is incomplete. He has contacted the Health Department for more information regarding this. The establishment of right-of-way in accordance with County Public Works Department standards has also not been finalized. Some conditions of the permit have May 1 deadlines which may or may not be met. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he intends to send letters to both parties stating what conditions have been met and what conditions have not been complied with, and to set a deadline for compliance with all conditions.

3) Staffing Update.

Mr. Kirkpatrick discussed with the Board the continuing search for a Plans Examiner.

He stated that in addition to the Plans Examiner position, he will be advertising for a variety of positions as project managers for D.O.E. projects on an independent contractor basis, and for the positions Assistant Planner

and Planning Technician for the comprehensive plan update his department will be undertaking. Mr. Kirkpatrick requested to be allowed to keep these two positions following the completion of the comprehensive plan update to keep up with the increasing demands being placed on the Planning Department for permit processing.

The Board agreed that these two employees would remain under the Planning Department staffing allocations.

4) Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he has been contacted by the Town of LaConner to sponsor a short course on planning for city and county officials. He has agreed to put on this course sometime in May.
- B. The Board discussed with Mr. Kirkpatrick the timely processing of permits, particularly timely requests for information and additional lists and paperwork required from other departments. The Board directed that Mr. Kirkpatrick ensure a full disclosure of the requirements of a permit to the applicant at the time of the initial request.
- C. Brief discussion was held on the progress of the permit request for Deception Pass Gardens.

SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TIM HOLLORAN, DIRECTOR:

3) Discussion - Mount Vernon Senior Center Drainage Situation.

Mr. Holloran explained that during times of moderate rain, five of the parking bays near the dumpster in the parking lot of the Mount Vernon Senior Center are flooded. Mr. Holloran requested a review by the Flood Control Section Manager of the Public Works Department, Don Nelson.

Mr. Nelson and his assistant, Dave Brookings, gave information on the findings of their review. Mr. Nelson stated that a catch basin located near the property is inadequate to handle the run-off of a 25-year design storm. Mr. Nelson discussed options for handling the run-off, and made a recommendation that a pipeline be installed west of the existing catch basin to intersection with the existing City of Mount Vernon sewer via a manhole. The cost for this project would be approximately \$3,000.

The Board approved this project.

1) Approval - Request for Letters of Interest - Consultant for Mount Vernon Senior Center Heating System.

Mr. Holloran stated that it is within his budget to spend \$7,921 to renovate the heating system at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. A preliminary bid by Meyers Heating; however, does not address plumbing at the center, and so the County Facilities Manager, Roger Howard, has suggested a consult be obtained.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution calling for Letters of Interest for a consultant to provide mechanical and electrical engineering

services to Skagit County. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12414)

2) Discussion - Anacortes and Burlington Senior Center Construction Proposals.

Mr. Holloran discussed the new windows, ceiling and lighting installed at the Mount Vernon Senior Center. He also discussed a citizen's group being formulated to head a funding drive for renovations to the Burlington Senior Center.

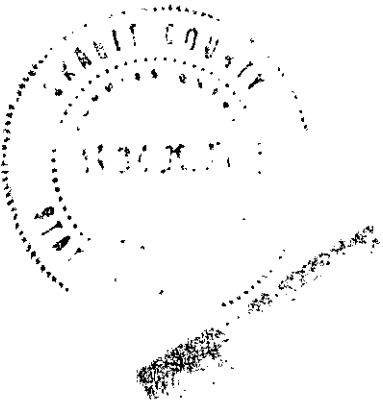
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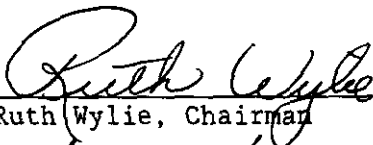
No members of the public were present to participate in the public comment period.

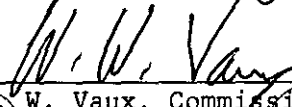
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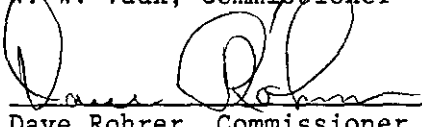
Commissioner Vaux motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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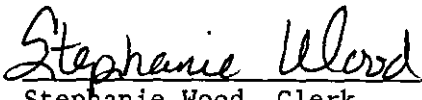



Ruth Wylie, Chairman


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner


Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners