

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, June 19, 1990

- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Agricultural Industry Damage Report - Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management Department Director.
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Department of Planning and Community Development - Scott Kirkpatrick, Director:
- 1) Sphere of Influence Agreements and the Growth Management Act.
 - 2) Enforcement Update.
 - 3) Staffing Update.
 - 4) Miscellaneous.
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Public Comment Period.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 19, 1990, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie and Dave Rohrer present. Commissioner Vaux's absence was excused.

AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DAMAGE REPORT - TOM SHEAHAN, EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR:

Mr. Sheahan stated that a meeting of the Emergency Management Board was held yesterday, June 18, to discuss the impact of the extremely rainy conditions on the area's agricultural industry. Many agencies were represented at that meeting in addition to Skagit, Island and San Juan County officials. Some of those represented were the ASCS, State Employment Security, the Farm Home Association and County Extension. An attending representative from the State Department of Emergency Services, Ben Dew, felt that a declaration by the Board of Commissioners would be helpful in obtaining relief for the industry.

Sharon Bumgarner, Staff Assistant, stated that the committee is charged with determining whether or not a Flash Report should be sent to the USDA to include a preliminary estimate of damages. She stated that it was the recommendation of the committee, with support from Mr. Dew, that sufficient damage exists to warrant the transmission of a Flash Report to the USDA, which would then respond to the County, after which a request could be made to Governor Gardner for assistance.

Ms. Bumgarner stated that if the Governor declares that loans should be made available to Skagit County farmers and ranchers, a more detailed report must be completed.

Mr. Sheahan reviewed the preliminary loss report, which showed total losses of \$20,646,913, including production costs and crop losses.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution presented by Mr. Sheahan, which requests Governor Gardner to declare that USDA Farm Home Emergency Credit Program loans be made available to farms and ranches that have sustained economic injury, and to request that Governor Gardner encourage State and Federal legislators to reinstate the USDA's Disaster Assistance Program to provide disaster payments. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #12543)

Ms. Bumgarner stated that these loans would be available only to farmers and ranchers, not to canneries and other agriculture-related businesses that are impacted. She did state that those businesses could pursue Small Business Loans, if they are able to document their losses.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature a resolution calling for a public hearing on July 2, 1990, at 1:30 p.m., to consider an amendment to the Skagit County Code Chapter 3.12 which would impose a one-quarter percent real estate excise tax on property sold within unincorporated Skagit County. (Resolution #12541)

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

Due to the absence of a quorum, this item was deferred to next week's agenda.

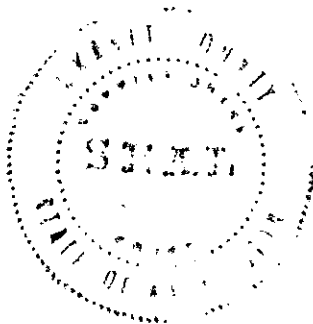
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

No members of the public were present for the Public Comment Period.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON






Ruth Wylie, Chairman

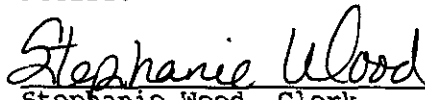


W. W. Vaux, Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners