

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

**Tuesday, October 16, 1990**

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Public Hearing - Intent to Lease Property Located at Marblemount Preschool
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Discussion - Regional Transportation Planning
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Hearing Examiner Recommendations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Approval - Agricultural Lot Size Variance for Norman Hagman.</li><li>2) Approval - Agricultural Lot Size Variance for Joseph Fohn.</li></ol>
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Department of Planning and Community Development -Scott Kirkpatrick, Director.
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Public Comment Period.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday October 16, 1990, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie and W. W. Vaux present. Commissioner Rohrer was excused.

**PUBLIC HEARING - INTENT TO LEASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT MARBLEMOUNT PRESCHOOL**

Roger Howard, Director, Facilities Management, requested that the public hearing be continued, since Marblemount Preschool has not as yet responded.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to continue the public hearing to Tuesday, October 23, 1990, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion which carried and was so ordered.

**DISCUSSION - REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

Scott Kirkpatrick, Director, Planning and Community Development, reviewed a memo received from Charlie Howard of the Washington State Department of Transportation with the Board. The memo included a copy of the final draft of the Regional Transportation Planning Program Guidelines and the Regional Planning Standards. The Regional Transportation Planning Program was authorized by the 1990 Legislature as part of the state's Growth Management Act. The concept is taken from the Federal program for Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's).

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the draft says that regions may be formed in areas with less than 100,000 population with a minimum of three counties. The RTPO must have as members all counties in the region, and at least 60 percent of the cities and towns representing at least 75 percent of the cities' and towns' population.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that the guidelines state the duties of the RTPO are to develop a Regional Transportation Plan, to certify that local government transportation plans meet state requirements and to see that they are consistent with the regional transportation plan, and to review the Regional Transportation Plan every two years to ensure that it is current.

Mr. Kirkpatrick discussed some of the duties of the RTPO. One of the requirements for an RTPO is to designate a lead planning agency, create a transportation policy board with a wide range of citizen

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participation and create a regional transportation plan. Four issues have been identified pertaining to a Skagit County RTPO: 1) who would be the third county with Skagit and Island Counties; 2) timing; 3) lead planning agency designation; and 4) status of local plans.

Mr. Kirkpatrick elaborated on the status of locals plans. As yet there is no up-to-date transportation plan for the County and cities. Those plans must be coordinated as a requirement under both RTPO and the Growth Management Act. Requirements for staff, consultants and land use planning have to be worked out. We are probably three years from completion of a transportation plan. The coming together of those locals plans is very important.

There was some discussion with Bob Ruby of the Skagit Council of Governments about the three county requirement. Mr. Ruby stated that since the population of Island and Skagit combined exceeds 100,000 population they are asking for clarification with Mr. Howard. Commissioner Vaux emphasized his feeling that San Juan County needs to be part of the planning effort. Mr. Ruby advised that they are leaving the door open in this regard.

The Board also discussed with Mr. Ruby and Mr. Kirkpatrick the lead planning agency designation. Commissioner Wylie stated that the Board's letter of August 27, 1990 to the Skagit Council of Governments. That letter states the Board's position in terms of the duties to be performed by the Skagit Council of Governments. She indicated that this matter is on the agenda for the SCOG meeting on Wednesday evening. She emphasized that it is the Board's intent that the planning be done as best it can with mutual effort. Also, clarification on duties will be reached at Wednesday's meeting.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve Voucher number 72163 in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the County Road Fund for signature. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion which was carried and so ordered. (R28-90)
- B. Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution stating the opposition of the Board of Skagit County Commissioners to Initiative 547. Chairman Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and so ordered. (Resolution #12684)
- C. Commissioner Vaux motioned that a resolution for a Budget Line Item Change of \$778,000 for the County Road Fund #117 and a budget line item change of \$375,000 for the Equipment Rental Fund #501 be approved for signature. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion which was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #12685)
- D. The Board approved for signature a contract with Jim Baker of ADR Advisory Services for completion of Phase 3 of a Records Management Consulting and Implementation project for the Planning Department. A total of \$5,100.00 was approved for this phase of the project, which commenced on September 1, 1990. (Contract #00202)

### HEARING EXAMINER RECOMMENDATIONS

#### 1) Approval - Agricultural Lot Size Variance for Norman Hagman

Grace Roeder of the Planning and Community Development Department reported. Ms. Roeder reviewed a map showing the property with the Board. She clarified that the variance request includes a request to construct an addition within 2 feet of the right-of-way of the road.

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Ms. Roeder advised that the Hearing Examiner recommends approval of the application for a variance subject to conditions proposed by staff. The Staff indicates that the variance would be in line with an already existing portion of the house.

After further discussion with Ms. Roeder and Ed Hawes of the Public Works Department, Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve for signature a resolution approving the agricultural lot size variance for Norman Hagman striking "while the application does not conform" from the resolution since the Board feels the application does conform to the Skagit County Policies and Guidelines pertaining to the Division of Agricultural Lands dated March 1980. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion which was carried and so ordered.

1) Approval - Agricultural Lot Size Variance for Joseph Fohn

Ms. Roeder requested that since Mr. Fohn was not notified, that the variance request for Joseph Fohn be rescheduled for the following week. The Board agreed that the request for Approval for Agricultural Lot Size Variance for Joseph Fohn be rescheduled for Tuesday, October 23 at 11:00 a.m., and that Mr. Fohn be notified.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Scott Kirkpatrick, Director

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported. He distributed a copy of the Wetlands grant application submitted to DOE on Monday to the Board. Skagit County, in cooperation with the cities and Council of Governments, is requesting funding to start up a program which would eventually lead to adoption of a wetlands ordinance. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that the proposal is unique as it includes all of the cities they are working with on the Sphere of Influence Agreements with the exception of Anacortes.

In terms of the matching funds that are required, Skagit County is asking to be relieved of this contribution, since Skagit County is listed as a distressed county, although it would be covered by in-kind contributions in terms of staffing, etc.

Henry Campbell was present for the discussion and offered some comments. He stated that some work with regard to soils had already been done and would urge that this not be repeated. Mr. Kirkpatrick agreed that that information is available for use.

Mr. Kirkpatrick said that they are gearing up in relation to the Growth Management Act to designate some categories of land. Some of those categories will be: urban, rural, resource (which includes agricultural, forest, extraction, marine, open space).

Commissioner Vaux asked about services to an urban growth area outside of the city limits. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that if we determine an area to be urban, we have to be responsible for services and not allow areas like this to develop with suburban-type standards. The issue is that the city is going to grow to urban growth boundaries in 20 years and as it grows it needs to grow concurrently with services being available.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that in response to a request of the Board he recently met with John Moffat, Paul Mahoney and Mark Spahr on the issue of unopened plat roadways. A proposal for the Board's review will be submitted next week.

Mr. Kirkpatrick provided a report to the Board on Norway Park at Lake McMurray. He advised that Commissioner Wylie, Grace Roeder and he visited Norway Park about their concern over building permits not being issued as a result of a moratorium by the previous Planning Department Director. There was

some discussion regarding this matter, with Mr. Kirkpatrick indicating that he would like to see the situation resolved as quickly, simply and easily as possible.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

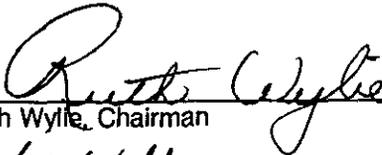
Henry Campbell discussed some concerns with the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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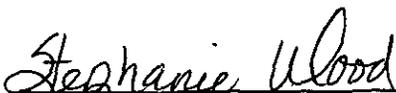


  
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Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
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