

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

Tuesday, December 18, 1990

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| 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | Hearing Examiner Recommendation - Approval - Open Space Agreement for Stanley Janicki. |
| 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Discussion - Co-Sponsorship of Puget Power Community Summit. |
| 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Presentation - Skagit Council of Governments Regional Transportation Planning Organization Program. |
| 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Update - Northwest Regional Council Activities - Dewey Dessler, Executive Director. |
| 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Department of Planning and Community Development -Scott Kirkpatrick, Director:

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Update - Sewer District #1 Moratorium.2) Signature - Sphere of Influence Agreement with LaConner.3) Miscellaneous.4) Update - Forest Practices Policies. |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 18, 1990 with Commissioners Ruth Wylie, W. W. Vaux and Dave Rohrer present.

HEARING EXAMINER RECOMMENDATION - APPROVAL - OPEN SPACE AGREEMENT FOR STANLEY JANICKI.

Grace Roeder of the Planning Department reported. She presented a map of the site in question for the Boards' review. After some discussion the following motion was made:

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve a resolution concerning a timber open space application of Stanley Janicki and that the Skagit County Board of Commissioners accepts the Hearing Examiner Recommendation and approves the Timber Open Space application of Stanley Janicki subject to any conditions found on the Recommendation. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution # 1276)

DISCUSSION - CO-SPONSORSHIP OF PUGET POWER COMMUNITY SUMMIT

Paul Chaplik, Superintendent, Burlington School District and Midge Taylor, Director, Burlington Chamber of Commerce, were present to discuss the possible participation of Skagit County as a co-sponsor of the Puget Power Community Summit.

Mr. Chaplik provided a summary of correspondence directed to the Board regarding this matter. He indicated that the Summit is a very exciting event. Puget Power has been involved with over 20 communities in sponsorship of community summits. It consists of 100 to 150 people coming together to identify what they think are the strengths and needs of their community and the activities those needs can be addressed with. Mr. Chaplik said that their idea is that cooperation brings about the best results.

Mr. Chaplik advised that if the County decides to participate it would involve identifying a staff member who could represent the County as part of the planning group.

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Ms. Taylor advised that the first meeting of the Steering Committee is January 8th. The tentative date for the Burlington Summit is April 26th. She described last year's event to the Board.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that from all the input he has received, last year's event was a huge success.

Commissioner Vaux advised that a Summit was held in Anacortes two years ago which was very well attended. *It was a catalyst for a number of projects that occurred and are still occurring.*

Commissioner Wylie agreed that it was a great idea. The Board unanimously agreed to be co-sponsors of the *Community Summit*.

UPDATE - NORTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL ACTIVITIES - DEWEY DESSLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dewey Dessler, Executive Director, Northwest Regional Council, reported. Commissioner Vaux introduced Robby Robinson, Commissioner-Elect, to Mr. Dessler. Bruce Coghill, Director of Transportation, Skagit Council on Aging, was also present.

Mr. Dessler advised the Board that three different issues are occurring in Skagit County that are all positive. Services are being provided to people to help elderly people to stay in their own homes and out of nursing homes. They are doing some things in Skagit County in terms of the Respite Program. This program allows the temporary replacement of a family member who is caring for an older or disabled person. Or, a person can be cared for out of the home situation in a social day care situation. The cost of the service is much less expensive than sending someone into someone else's home.

With the Respite Program, a family member goes through an assessment and can become eligible for Respite Care. The Respite Program now is limited to individuals with Alzheimer's. The primary purpose of Respite Care is to give the family member a chance to maintain their commitment and stay healthy themselves. *This is an attempt to strengthen the family unit.*

Commissioner Rohrer spoke highly of the Respite Program.

Mr. Dessler advised that at the present time there are no adult day care programs in Skagit County. Adult day care is, in a sense, like child day care. Family members can go to work, drop off the loved one, and pick them back up again after work. A task force has been organized to develop, at the grass roots level, *some of the smaller day care programs*. Some surveys of organizations and caregivers have been done through this task force in conjunction with some support of the United Way program. They are now trying to develop small community day care programs.

A series of programs that will help people to live successfully in their own homes is being developed.

Commissioner Vaux asked if there has been any consideration to having an adult day care center with a child day care center? Mr. Dessler said they have helped organize a couple of those kinds of program in the Bellingham area in conjunction with a nursing home. This kind of thing is designed primarily, to encourage mothers to work in nursing homes, where there is sometimes difficulty in finding staff.

Mr. Dessler advised that they are looking at other ideas, such as a widow who might take care of someone during the day and the family would pick them up after work.

Mr. Dessler also advised that a task force and coordinating committee has been set up for a special transportation demonstration project that involves this community. The intent was to try and provide a single

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point of access for the client or agencies. Would expect that in the early part of 1991 they will be turning on the switch with other kinds of social and health services organizations. This would be a cost reimbursement program for Medicaid patients whereby DSHS would be paying the bills.

Commissioner Vaux asked if reimbursement would be based on actual cost? Bruce Coghill, Director of Transportation, Skagit Council on Aging, said that as long as the cost can be justified they will be fully reimbursed.

The Board thanked Mr. Dessler for his presentation.

MISCELLANEOUS

1) Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve payroll warrants numbered 8458 through 8530 in the total of \$28,620.57. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (P-26-90)

2) Correspondence to Judith Billings, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was approved for signature.

3) Don Wick, Director, EDASC, introduced Chris Greenlee of the State Department of Community Development to the Board. Mr. Greenlee presented the following items to the Board for signature:

- A Development Loan Fund Agreement between Skagit County, the Washington State Department of Community Development and Tecnal Limited Partnership was approved for signature. (Contract #00780)

- A Development Loan Fund Public Promissory Note between Tecnal Limited Partnership and the County of Skagit was approved for signature.

- A Community Development Loan Fund Program Employment and Training Agreement between the County of Skagit, Tecnal Limited Partnership, Washington State Employment Security Department and Washington State Department of Community Development was approved for signature.

- A Commercial Security Agreement between the County of Skagit and Tecnal Limited Partnership was approved for signature.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - Scott Kirkpatrick, Director:

1) Update - Sewer District #1 Moratorium.

Tom Karsh reported that Jean Jackson, one of the commissioners representing Sewer District #1, was contacted and either she or one of the other commissioners in the district was invited to attend this meeting. She advised that due to the holiday they were unable to attend. Mr. Karsh said that Commissioner Jackson has advised that they have been working closely with the Department of Ecology and have passed a resolution approving a moratorium on new hookups to their system. Any proposal for new residential construction in that district would not be approved by the sewer district. There is a moratorium for all properties within Sewer District #1 until they are able to comply with DOE mandates to update the sewage treatment to required standards.

Mr. Karsh said that at this time he would propose that the Board take no further action as no building permits will be issued

Commissioner Wylie asked if there was any way the residents in this district could have septic tanks and

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obtain a building permit? Mr. Karsh replied that this had not been considered and he would propose that this not be approved. The lots in general are relatively small in that district. One of the reasons they have a sewer system is that the soils are pretty bad.

Mr. Karsh reviewed the proposed resolution with the Board that they had directed him to draft relative to the installation and use of on-site sewage system holding tanks due to the wet weather conditions in Skagit County. After discussion, the Board directed that a Board of Health meeting be held on Monday, December 24, 1990 to review and/or approve this resolution.

2) Sphere of Influence Agreement with LaConner

Scott Kirkpatrick reviewed with the Board the Sphere of Influence Agreement with LaConner. Mayor Bud Moore was also present. The boundaries of the agreement were reviewed with the Board.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve the resolution reaffirming and expanding the adopted Sphere of Influence Agreement between Skagit County and the Town of La Conner to address the requirements of the Growth Management Act of 1990. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #12768)

3) Miscellaneous

a) Scott Kirkpatrick reported on a workshop meeting held on Wednesday evening, December 12, 1990 with La Conner, Pleasant Ridge, Fir Island and the Flats to discuss community values for the S.W. Planning District.

b) Mr. Kirkpatrick advised that it has come to his attention that the Board has not been receiving reports relative to enforcement actions. He advised that he has directed that these reports come to the Board.

c) There was some discussion about survey requirements.

4) Update - Forest Practices Policies

Gary Christensen, Bob McGill and Jim Cahill of the Planning and Community development Department focused on a study session with the Board, presenting a brief paper which dealt with the Forest Practice Policy moratorium on undeclared conversions. The main areas of discussion revolved around imposition of a moratorium on harvests prior to adopted County policy and consideration of five alternatives, which were listed in a briefing paper.

Ken Osborne, a Forest Consultant in Mount Vernon stated he felt there needed to be a division into two issues out of the moratorium, the residential areas and the urban forest interface areas and forest land. Mr. Osborne elaborated on some of his concerns.

Henry Campbell expressed concern about the controls that are in effect now. He said he feels the moratorium is an anti-growth measure in the sense that there are concerns about affordable housing. He said he would like to see the Planning staff do some more research. He said he felt that alternative #3 was the most logical.

Mr. Osborne commented further, stating that he believes the Planning Department, along with the growth initiative should dictate what land use will be in Skagit County.

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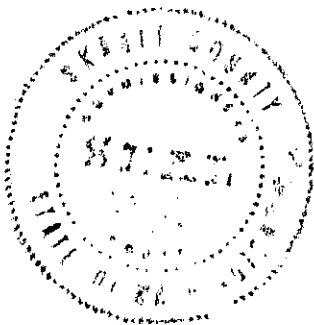
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After further comments by a representative of DNR, staff and the Board, the Board directed the Planning Department to bring back a policy based on Option #3 which reads as follows:

"Apply the moratorium only to those properties that are zoned Rural or Forestry, as these are the areas where forestry and resource uses are planned. Residential Residential Reserve, and Rural Intermediate zones are areas where conversions are likely to happen anyway; therefore, the moratorium would be conflicting with land use goals and objectives."

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vaux motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.



ATTEST:

Stephanie Wood for
Jean Copping, Acting Clerk
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