

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

**Tuesday, February 5, 1991**

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Department of Planning and Community Development - Scott Kirkpatrick, Director:

- 1) Resolution - Planning Commission Annual Meeting Expenses.
- 2) Resolution - Uniform Building Code Waiver for Flood Damage.
- 3) Resolution - Approving Skagit County's Participation in Regional Transportation Planning Organization.
- 4) Planning Commission Update - Policy Agenda Items.
- 5) DOE Grant - Lower Skagit River Water Quality.
- 6) Miscellaneous Items.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Discussion - Department of Natural Resources Three-Year Forest Management Plan - Pat McElroy, Deputy Supervisor.

- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 1) Call for Bids - Re-roofing of County's Bayview Maintenance Shop.
  - 2) Discussion - Lease of County Property in Sedro Woolley.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Public Comment Period.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 5, 1991, with Commissioners Robby Robinson and Ruth Wylie present. Chairman Vaux's absence was excused.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SCOTTKIRKPATRICK, DIRECTOR:**

- 1) Resolution - Planning Commission Annual Meeting Expenses.

Mr. Kirkpatrick indicated that Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, would present this resolution later in the day.

- 2) Resolution - Uniform Building Code Waiver for Flood Damage.

The resolution was presented and read. It gives authority to the Building Official to interpret the building code to allow existing flood damaged structures that are not in full compliance with the code to be repaired provided that they will not be a fire, safety or sanitation hazard. This action will require a signed waiver from the building owner.

Brief discussion was held, and then Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the resolution, as presented and read. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution # 12835)

- 3) Resolution - Approving Skagit County's Participation in Regional Transportation Planning Organization.

A resolution was presented and read which directs the County Public Works and Planning Departments to develop a work program and make recommendations by July 1, 1991, for carrying out the County responsibilities under the recently approved Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO). The RTPO consists of Skagit and Island Counties and the Skagit Council of Governments. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated

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that the resolution "seals the bargain", officially adopting participation of the County in the project. He stated that a meeting has been set between the Planning and Public Works Departments to discuss their responsibilities and to begin the development of the work program.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the resolution, with Commissioner Wylie seconding. The motion carried and was so ordered. (Resolution # 12836)

### 4) Planning Commission Update - Policy Agenda Items.

Gary Christensen, Associate Planner, reviewed the Planning Commission's proposed 1991 work program. Some items were requested by the Board of Commissioners, some evolved as a result of expiring moratoriums, and some occurred because of Growth Management Act requirements. Mr. Christensen asked the Board to review the proposed program and comment on priorities.

### 5) DOE Grant - Lower Skagit River Water Quality.

Craig Olason, Associate Planner, reported that the DOE grant for studying the lower Skagit River water quality has a total budget of \$250,000, of which water testing will require most. Mr. Olason provided a list of watersheds that are included in the lower Skagit River basin. He stated that the difference between this study and the Nookachamps Watershed Action Planning is that the Nookachamps grant is to formulate an actual plan of action, using public participation. The lower Skagit River project is a study only, involving data collection to create a reference library for future use.

### 6) Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the Department of Ecology Coastal Zone Management Program has invited Skagit County to apply for a grant. The grant will match funds with the County in the amount of 75% of the total. The deadline for application is February 20, 1991. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the grant would be used for dealing with aquaculture issues which will come up at the expiration of the aquaculture moratorium in 1992, updating some components of the Shoreline Master Management Plan for Skagit County, and printing of Shoreline Plans. He stated that no funds currently exist within the department budget for this project, and that the County would not be bound to accept the award if no matching funds exist at the time of award. Mr. Kirkpatrick asked for permission to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to grant the Planning Department permission to apply for a Department of Ecology Coastal Zone Management Grant. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

- B. The Board directed Mr. Kirkpatrick to arrange for a briefing on the Town of Hamilton relocation at next week's Planning Department session.
- C. Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the emergency closure of the Behrens & Millett Road #4582, from February 6, 1991, at 8:00 a.m., to February 8, 1991, at 4:30 p.m., for the purpose of pumping excessive water from the McLean Road area into the Skagit River. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution # 12831)

**DISCUSSION - DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THREE-YEAR FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN - PAT MCELROY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR.**

Mr. Pat McElroy, Deputy Supervisor, Department of Natural Resources, reported. He said that the DNR has been operating with a 1983 policy plan, and it is their intention to have the plan rewritten by the end of calendar year 1991.

Mr. McElroy said that they are talking to key members of government, the environmental community, timber community and others. There are a number of counties with a significant interest or assets in terms of forest board lands. The early stage is an attempt to provide an opportunity to tell these groups what issues should be addressed as the process moves along. There is no draft at this time.

Mr. McElroy explained that the plan is a policy document. It is a policy framework within which the Department of Forest Lands are operated, focused on trust lands. There are 2.1 to 2.2 million acres of DNR land involved. A number of issues have created a need to revise the plan. Some of those things are the spotted owl, log export restrictions, and regulatory changes in protecting the environment.

Mr. McElroy asked the Board what some of their issues and concerns are in this matter.

Commissioner Wylie said one of the issues that she is concerned about is that the revenue coming off the trust fund lands is equivalent so it would have a sustainable yield. In Skagit County it is a big portion of the County budget.

Mr. McElroy said that this is basically calculated on a state-wide basis at this time. It equals cut but not revenue because the value changes over time.

Commissioner Wylie asked if this was done by county instead of state. Mr. McElroy said they are looking at doing it by county but there is no recommendation at this time.

Commissioner Robinson asked if this relates to jobs available in the forest industry. Mr. McElroy said not really. They represent from 8 - 12% of the harvest. They will not be focusing on employment or job impact in terms of analysis. They are working with the University of Washington and the U.S. Forest Service on a timber supply study which he stated, in his opinion, is more relevant. This addresses issues from the point of view of all lands, not just trust lands.

Mr. McElroy said that in visiting some of the other counties, it is becoming increasingly clear that treatment of forest board lands is going to change county by county because each county's needs are different.

Commissioner Robinson asked about the time frame of the plan. Mr. McElroy said that they hope to have it done in 1991 and brought to the Board in 1992. Commissioner Robinson asked to be kept apprised of what is going on in their rewrite of the plan.

Mr. McElroy said they are meeting with five counties and when they are done with these visits they will prepare a synopsis about those visits. Then everyone can see concerns and issues raised by their compatriots. This is going to be a policy manual on state lands.

Ted Anderson was present and questioned Mr. McElroy about whether the plan would encompass lands currently within the spotted owl recovery plan area. Mr. McElroy said they are not using this as a tool to deal with the spotted owl recovery plan. That is a separate plan run by the federal government.

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There was further discussion about the market and how it is affected by spotted owls, and about log export restrictions.

Mr. McElroy said that on February 20 there will be a hearing in Mount Vernon. At this time input will be accepted at the early stage.

Because of an inquiry from an audience member there was some discussion regarding the age at which timber is harvested.

### 1) Call for Bids - Re-roofing of County's Bayview Maintenance Shop

Roger Howard, Architect, Director, Facilities Management, reported to the Board on the need to call for bids to reroof the Public Works Department Shop building at Bayview, Washington.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to Call for Bids to Reroof the Public Works Department Shop Building, 1139 Bayview Edison Road, Bayview, Washington. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution # 12837)

### Discussion - Lease of County Property in Sedro Woolley

Mayor Walley of the City of Sedro Woolley was present to propose to the Board that the City of Sedro Woolley purchase property for \$1.00 that they currently lease from the County. Then, if they cease to use this property for city functions it would revert back to the County.

Mark Spahr, Director, Public Works Department, said the County would like to continue parking County vehicles there if the Commissioners opt for sale of the property to Sedro Woolley. He added that the Public Works Department has no objection to selling the property to Sedro Woolley.

Commissioner Wylie asked Mayor Walley if the County can continue to park County vehicles there. Mayor Walley said there would be no problem with that.

Commissioner Wylie said she would lean toward sale of the property to the City and suggested that the issue be on the agenda again when Commissioner Vaux is present. Commissioner Robinson agreed.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Bob Taylor presented the following miscellaneous items to the Board:

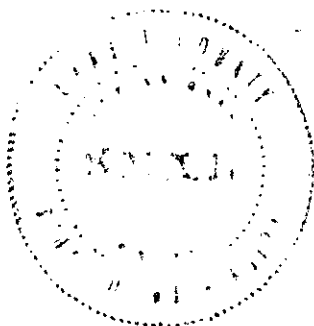
1) Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution to increase the employee mileage allowance from 21 cents to 25 cents per mile. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution # 12839)

2) Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution amending the Skagit County Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual effective September 1, 1990, adding 19.8 - Meeting Refreshments and Meals. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution # 12838)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON




  
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W. W. Vaux, Chairman

  
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Robby Robinson, Commissioner

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Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
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Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners