

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

Wednesday, March 6, 1991

- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. 1) Planning Commission Agenda Items Discussion.
2) Update - "Skagitonians" Farmland Study.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 6, 1991, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie and Robby Robinson present. Commissioner Bill Vaux's absence was excused.

PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSION.

Gary Christensen, Associate Planner, provided an updated Planning Commission 1991 schedule, showing planned meetings to discuss policy items. Private enterprise requests and project items were also shown, and Mr. Christensen discussed each one briefly. He then provided information on the policy item pertaining to the identification and classification of resource and critical lands.

UPDATE - "SKAGITONIANS" FARMLAND STUDY.

Craig Olason gave information on the progress of a study of farmland preservation methods by the Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland citizen group, and funded by Skagit County. He stated that the study, in addition to development of a farmland protection plan, seeks to provide public information and education on farmland preservation. The study is currently in Phase I, in which the Skagitonians are researching farmland protection options. Planning staff are participating by collecting data on location and classification of the agriculture zones. The Skagitonians are in the process of surveying farmers.

Commissioner Wylie stated that she has been approached by some of those farmers who were surveyed and they have indicated that they would prefer a mailed survey as opposed to a telephone format so that they could take time to complete it.

Lisa Nielsen, Director of Skagitonians, stated that the survey area includes 300 commercial farming operations. The survey area information was provided by the W.S.U. Cooperative Extension, the Skagit Farm Bureau and professional agriculture organizations.

Mr. Olason indicated that a meeting will be held with the farmers following the completion of the survey to review the results. Public hearings are also planned to explain the farmland preservation program.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, March 6, 1991, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

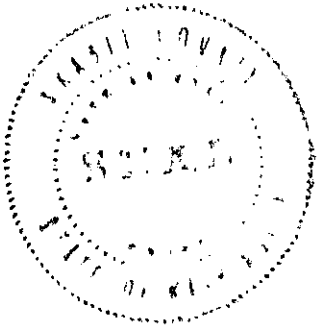
- 1) Manual Warrant #MW013-65417 in the amount of \$12,285.35. Transmittal #C-11-91.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



W. W. Vaux

W. W. Vaux, Chairman

Robby Robinson

Robby Robinson, Commissioner

Ruth Wylie

Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Stephanie Wood

Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners