

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

Tuesday, June 4, 1991

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

- 1) Discussion - Letter from City of Burlington Regarding Clarification of Annexation Issues.
- 2) Enforcement Report Update.
- 3) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing - Budget Amendments.

10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Comment Period.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 1991, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie and Robby Robinson present. Commissioner Vaux was excused.

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

- 1) Discussion - Letter from City of Burlington Regarding Clarification of Annexation Issues.

Ray Reep, Mayor, City of Mount Vernon; and Dennis Strobusch, Director, Planning Department, City of Mount Vernon were present for the discussion.

Scott Kirkpatrick reported on correspondence received from Margaret Fleek, Planning Director, City of Burlington relative to clarification of annexation of agricultural land. In her letter she addresses some broad questions as to how Skagit County will respond to areas within interim urban growth boundaries adopted by the City of Burlington and whether or not areas that are assumed to be in that interim growth boundary can proceed with annexation unchallenged by the County.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reviewed some of the issues involved. The Growth Management Act includes a number of factors it recommends the cities and counties take into account, particularly if responding from agriculture to a more intense urban area. He emphasized that this seems to be a policy matter in terms of what is the intent of our interim urban growth boundaries? Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he would like to see, using WAC criteria, clarification of urban growth boundaries. The loss of agricultural land, even within the urban growth boundary, is irreparable. He added that he would suggest Environmental Impact Statements be used in such areas.

There was some discussion with the Board regarding where new housing will occur. Mr. Kirkpatrick explained that one of the things that is unknown is where and when it is going to be and where and when it is going to happen. Planning is looking at the possibility that in the next ten years 80% of the growth will occur in cities and 20% in the County. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that in his opinion, until a variety of information is gathered, it is premature to make assumptions about agricultural land conversion. In terms of annexation requests, there is a choice between applying future criteria or future analysis or doing something less than that. The cities are not prepared to do a full analysis and there is not enough County staff time to look at these annexation requests on a case by case basis.

Commissioner Robinson agreed that the County is in a state of flux because of the Growth Management Act and because of this views would have to be changed.

Commissioner Wylie asked Mayor Reep and Mr. Strobusch for comments. Mr. Strobusch made some remarks about this issue and emphasized that he feels there needs to be some dialogue between the cities and the County on this. Commissioner Wylie advised that this is the first discussion on this subject and there is a lot of disparity and difference of opinion. Mayor Reep agreed that there are people who clearly do not want annexation. He suggested that when annexing certain areas that they be squared off.

There was further discussion around the issues of land conversion and the changing rules. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated he believes the County is in something like a five year state of flux. Commissioner Robinson emphasized the need to do a lot of talking on this subject.

2) Enforcement Report Update.

The Enforcement Report update was reviewed by the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET AMENDMENTS.

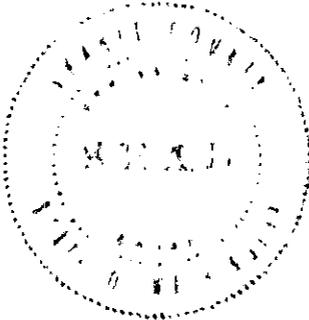
Stephanie Wood, Clerk, Board of County Commissioners, presented a budget amendment to the Board for their review and approval.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature a resolution authorizing supplemental budget in the amount of \$813,000 for the County Road Fund #117 and \$380,000 for the Emergency Communications Fund #125 be approved for signature. Commissioner Wylie seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution #12996)

ADJOURNMENT:

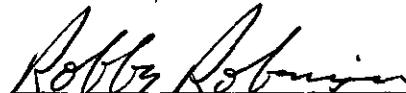
Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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W. W. Vaux, Chairman

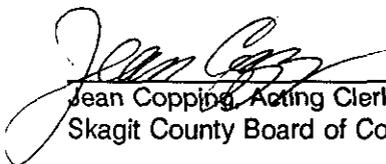


Robby Robinson, Commissioner



Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Jean Copping, Acting Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners