

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

**Tuesday, December 17, 1991:**

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.            Department of Planning and Community Development - Scott Kirkpatrick,  
Director:
- 1) Discussion - Policy for Recreational Vehicles and Mobile Homes Used  
as Residences.
  - 2) Enforcement Report Update.
  - 3) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.            Continuation - Planning Commission Recommendation - Skagit County Code  
Amendments for Fire Protection and Environmental Controls.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.            1) Public Hearing - Budget Amendment.  
2) Resolution - Setting 1992 Property Tax Levies.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 1991, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux and Ruth Wylie present. Commissioner Robinson's absence was excused.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SCOTT KIRKPATRICK, DIRECTOR:**

- 1) Discussion - Policy for Recreational Vehicles and Mobile Homes Used as Residences.

Tim Hoffman, Code Compliance Officer, explained that at least one-sixth of the complaints he deals with are related to recreational vehicles (RV's) or mobile homes. He stated that it is difficult to enforce any policies for RV's and mobile homes because the County's rules are unclear. He requested clarification of County policies on these two dwellings.

Additionally, Mr. Hoffman explained, the State of Washington has recently licensed a new vehicle which they call a "park trailer". This vehicle, while classified as an RV, is actually a portable mobile home. The State appears to encourage the use of the vehicle as a residence, but since it is less than 32 feet long, it cannot be regulated as a mobile home. Consequently, they do not meet fire code or uniform building standards for mobile homes.

Mr. Hoffman explained that RV's are virtually unregulated in Skagit County unless they violate setbacks or septic regulations. Besides the use of "park trailers" as residences, RV's are also being used as residences, although they are not constructed to the safety requirements of a mobile home. Currently at the Lake Tyee Development, Mr. Hoffman stated, he has received complaints of RV's with decks built entirely around them, with substantial outbuildings built with them, with roofs over them, and with actual additions built onto them so they are no longer moveable. Many, many of these Lake Tyee RV's are being used as permanent homes.

The discussion then turned to pre-1976 mobile homes. Mr. Hoffman stated that they do not meet fire safety requirements unless aluminum wiring boxes are replaced, smoke detectors are installed, fireproof drywall is installed near heat sources and ingress and egress windows are added. Mr. Hoffman suggested that the County require that these changes be made and an L&I inspection be accomplished on any pre-1976 mobile homes.

Chairman Vaux pointed out that most people who live in older mobile homes are unable to afford any other living quarters, so they certainly could not afford expensive upgrades.

Suggested policies were provided by Mr. Hoffman, as well as a representative sampling of the policies of

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other jurisdictions.

Brief discussion was held on the storage of mobile homes, and the Board decided that the issue of mobile homes and RV policies will require much more discussion. Mr. Hoffman was instructed to schedule additional time on the Board's agenda for more discussion.

Steve Ruhl, a "park trailer" owner living near Big Lake, and his representative, Louis Requa, remarked on policies for trailers used as residences.

2) Enforcement Report Update.

Provided for review.

3) Miscellaneous.

- A. The Board of Commissioners announced the separation of the permit center from the Department of Planning and Community Development to the staff of the permit center. The permit center will now be under the direction of Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, and Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Officer.
- B. 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, December 17, 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) Warrants #83349 through #83548 (Vouchers #83349 through #833548) in the amount of \$479,680.35. Transmittal #R-29-91.
  - 2) Warrants #17312 through #17397 (Vouchers #PDRAWDEC1327 through PDRAWDEC1412) in the amount of \$13,626.19. Transmittal #P-26-91.
- C. The Board approved for signature Endorsement #3 to the Skagit County Medical Bureau Skagit-Islands Preferred Care Contract, extending the original contract through December 31, 1992, and setting monthly rates, retention, rate stabilization reserve, stop-loss coverage, and reserve fund. (Contract #00840)

**CONTINUATION - PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION - SKAGIT COUNTY CODE AMENDMENTS FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS.**

Kraig Olason, Assistant Planning Department Director, explained that in view of the Board's busy schedule, it will impossible to schedule a sufficient study time and deliberation meetings before the end of the year. It was therefore suggested by the Planning Commission that the interim control be extended for one month, to expire January 31, 1992.

The Board concurred with the suggestion, and Commissioner Wylie motioned to approve the extension of the interim control the issuance of building permits on land located outside of a fire district to January 31, 1992. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

**PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET AMENDMENT.**

Chairman Vaux waived the reading of the notice of public hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus.

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Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, explained that there is a need to account for 1991 cost of living salary increases in the 1991 Budget, and to account for additional revenues received in the form of grants in 1991. It is also necessary to cover expenditures made in 1991 by the Planning Department for professional services. Mr. Woodmansee presented a resolution that would accomplish each of these things.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Wylie motioned to close the public hearing. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered.

Then Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing supplemental budgets as follows:

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| #001  | Current Expense Fund       | \$262,400.00 |
| #101  | Public Health Fund . .     | \$155,336.00 |
| #105  | Emergency Management       | \$2,700.00   |
| #106  | County Fair Fund . . . . . | \$8,170.00   |
| #113  | Election Services Fund .   | \$2,000.00   |
| #114  | Parks and Recreation Fund  | \$7,500.00   |
| #116  | Human Services Fund        | \$11,600.00  |
| \$118 | Senior Services Fund .     | \$12,100.00  |

Chairman Vaux seconded the motion, and the resolution carried and was so ordered. (Resolution # 14169)

**RESOLUTION - SETTING 1992 PROPERTY TAX LEVIES.**

On the recommendation of Mr. Woodmansee, Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution certifying property tax levies for the year 1992 in the following amounts:

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Current Expense . . . . .       | \$6,359,996.00 |
| Veteran's Relief . . . . .      | \$40,576.00    |
| Mental Health . . . . .         | \$90,104.00    |
| Total General County Levy       | \$6,490,676.00 |
| County Road Fund Levy . .       | \$4,542,413.00 |
| Emergency Medical Services Levy | \$734,560.00   |

Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #14170)

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.**

A. Mr. Woodmansee presented a resolution diverting road levy funds to other departments who participate in traffic enforcement.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution which states that the 1992 Road Tax levy of \$2.06588/\$1000 of assessed value be divided with \$1.97488/\$1000 of assessed value, generating approximately \$4,342,513.00 deposited in the County Road Fund #117, and \$0.091/\$1000 assessed value, generating approximately \$200,000.00 be deposited in the Current Expense Fund #001. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution # 14171)

B. Commissioner Wylie motioned to call for a public hearing on December 30, 1991, at 1:30 p.m., to consider a supplemental budget in the approximate amounts of \$1,310,000 for the County Road Fund #117, \$295,000 for the Solid Waste Operating Fund #401, \$720,000 for the Equipment Rental Fund #501, \$35,000 for Sub-Flood Control Zones, and \$ 1,000,000 for Current Expense Fund #001. Chairman

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Vaux seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution # 14171)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Robby Robinson  
Robby Robinson, Commissioner

Ruth Wylie  
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ATTEST:

Stephanie Wood  
Stephanie Wood, Clerk  
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