

**SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
Monday, June 15, 1992**

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

- 1) Rock Quarry Selection Contract Change Order.
- 2) County Requests for Boundary Review Board Jurisdiction.
- 3) Briefing on SEA-VAN.
- 4) Code Enforcement Activity Report.
- 5) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.        Public Works Department - Rich Medved, Director:

- 1) Resolution - Charging Interest on Past Due Solid Waste Accounts.
- 2) Discussion - Request for Qualifications - Traffic Model Consultant.
- 3) Discussion - Contract Negotiations for Remediation Work at Inman Landfill.
- 4) Discussion - SSB 5143 - Buy Recycled Law.
- 5) Resolution - Adopting Skagit County Moderate Risk Hazardous Waste Management Plan.
- 6) Call for Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Cedardale Road.
- 7) Call for Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Pioneer Highway.
- 8) Signature - Rural Arterial Program Construction Funding Contracts: a) Beaver Lake Road, b) Prairie Road.
- 9) Change Order #1 - M/V Guemes Haulout.
- 10) Signature - Engineering Services Boundary Survey - Old Day Creek Dump Site.
- 11) Miscellaneous.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.        Discussion - Capital Improvement Planning and Staffing.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.        Public Hearing - Adoption of 1991 Uniform Building Codes and Related Codes.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.        Work Session - Six-Year Road Program.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.        Executive Session - Personnel and Litigation.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 15, 1992, with Commissioners Ruth Wylie, and W. W. Vaux present. Chairman Robinson's absence was excused.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:**

- 1) Rock Quarry Selection Contract Change Order.

The Board approved for signature an addendum to the Consultant Services Agreement No. 01234, for the Skagit County Rock Quarry Selection Process and Environmental Review with David Nemens Associates, Inc. The Consultant Services Agreement shall be increased in compensation by \$1,495.00, plus actual costs of printing, collating and binding.

2) County Requests for Boundary Review Board Jurisdiction.

The Board approved for signature correspondence to the Boundary Review Board invoking jurisdiction for the following proposed annexations:

- First Baptist Church, Town of Hamilton.
- Sutton, Town of Hamilton.
- Summersun, City of Mount Vernon.
- Zeibolt, S.C.F.P.D. No. 5.

3) Briefing on SEA-VAN.

Kraig Olason, Assistant Director, presented a brief update to the Board regarding the SEA-VAN project. Mr. Olason met with the City of Mount Vernon Engineering staff, Dan Tolliver, Engineering Technician, and Steve Winter, Office Engineer, met to review the SEA-VAN golf course drainage erosion control plans. Mr. Olason suggested the possibility of hiring a third party consultant to provide engineering review of proposed drainage plans for the project. An impartial analysis by a third party would provide protection of the County's long term interests. Mr. Olason felt that this would be a good opportunity to improve the communication between the City and the Drainage Districts.

4) Code Enforcement Activity Report.

The Code Enforcement Activity Report was presented to the Board.

5) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items from the Planning Department at this time.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR:**

1) Resolution - Charging Interest on Past Due Solid Waste Accounts.

Greg Thramer, Accountant, presented to the Board a resolution to establish charging of interest on past due accounts at the rate of one percent per month.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopted the resolution to charge interest on past due accounts in the Skagit County Public Works Solid Waste Division at the rate of one percent per month.

Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motioned carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14351).

2) Discussion - Request for Qualifications - Traffic Model Consultant.

David Baltz, Transportation Planner, addressed the Board to request authorization to submit a Request for Qualifications for a Traffic Modeling Consultant. Funding to pay the consultant has been requested from the Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) in the amount of \$6,000.00 that looks promising. Mr. Baltz felt that the model can be created in-house with the assistance of a consultant. Other cities have a consultant do the entire model, which does not allow for staff to be familiar with the uses.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to call for a Request for Proposals for a Traffic Modeling Consultant. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.

3) Discussion - Contract Negotiations for Remediation Work at Inman Landfill.

The Board approved the selection of the engineering firm, Parametrix, to contract for remediation work at Inman Landfill. The contract is being reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office and Risk Management and will be presented for signature next week.

4) Discussion - SSB 5143 - Buy Recycled Law.

Ric Boge, Waste Reduction/Recycling Coordinator discussed with the Board SSB5143, the Buy Recycled Law. Mr. Boge requested direction from the Board regarding the Department of General Administrations request that each local government designate one procurement officer who shall communicate with them regarding the new regulations. Mr. Boge stated that it will be a time consuming project, but the County will gain from the products. There are no State funds available to accomodate the use of staff time. The Clean Washington Center is taking the lead on compiling an available products list. Mr. Boge stated that there is a need for a procurement officer to be the primary contact with the General Administration Office. He does not have a lot of time, but will get started on it.

Commissioner Wylie suggested that a summer intern could be assigned to assist Mr. Boge.

5) Resolution - Adopting Skagit County Moderate Risk Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

Mr. Boge presented to the Board a resolution adopting the Skagit County Moderate Risk Hazardous Waste Management Plan. He stated that all eight municipalities in the County have adopted the plan and with the passage of the resolution being presented, local adoption of the Plan will be complete.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to approving the resolution adopting the Skagit County Moderate Risk Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14352).

6) Call for Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Cedardale Road.

Ed Hawes, Traffic Technician, presented a resolution for signature to the Board calling for a public hearing regarding the lowering of the speed limit on a portion of Cedardale Road, #7055.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopted the resolution to call for a public hearing to establish a maximum speed limit of 35 m.p.h. for motor vehicles traversing Cedardale Road, #7055, between the intersection of Anderson Road, #7100 (M.P. 0.51), and Hickox Road, #7200 (M.P. 1.55). (Resolution #14353).

Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.

7) Call for Public Hearing - Speed Limit Reduction on Pioneer Highway.

Mr. Hawes presented a resolution for signature to the Board to call for a public hearing regarding the lowering of the speed limit on Pioneer Highway, #8009.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adopt the resolution to call for a public hearing to establish a maximum speed limit of 50 m.p.h. for motor vehicles traversing Pioneer Highway, #8009, between the Snohomish/Skagit County line (M.P. 0.00), and the Town of Conway (M.P. 3.07).

Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14358).

- 8) Signature - Rural Arterial Program (RAP) Construction Funding Contracts: a) Beaver Lake Road, b) Prairie Road.

The Board signed two RAP construction funding contracts as presented by Doug Barnet, County Engineer:

- a) Prairie Road #5000-2 - an agreement was executed on September 4, 1991. The funds authorized at that date were \$109,511. The agreement being submitted at this time increases the funds to \$250,000.00.
- b) Beaver Lake Road - this project is on the Six Year Road Program, however no work has been accomplished at this time. If anticipated funds are received under this agreement, a C.R.P. will be established and work will proceed.
- 9) Change Order #1 - M/V Guemes Haulout.

Robin LaRue, Assistant Public Works Director, presented to the Board for signature Change Order #1 on the MV/Guemes Island Ferry dry docking and periodic maintenance contract. This change of \$10,640.75 will allow for the repair of the hull, replacement of a leaking fuel valve, removal of gate stanchions, and sand blasting the bottom of the vessel. The Board signed the Change Order.

- 10) Signature - Engineering Services Boundary Survey - Old Day Creek Dump Site.

The Board signed a contract for engineering services with Leonard Boudinot and Skodje, Inc. to provide the following services:

- a) Set the four corners of the County's old dump site which is located on Old Day Creek Road in Section 33, Township 35 North, Range 5 East, W.M.
- b) Prepare a Record of Survey Map and record it with the Skagit County Auditor's Office.

Contract shall commence upon receipt of executed Contract and be completed within 30 calendar days, or sooner termination. (Contract #01339).

#### CONSENT AGENDA.

• **Sheriff's Office:**

1. Out-of-State Travel Request for Chief John Hunter to travel to Quantico, Virginia, to attend the FBI National Academy from June 20 to September 9, 1992. Total cost for travel is \$800.00.

\* **Parks and Recreation Department:**

2. Contract for Professional Services with Jerry Draggoo and Associates to perform drafting and mapping for the Centennial Trail grant application project from May 21, 1992, through June 30, 1992, at a maximum fee of \$500.00. (Contract #01340).
3. Amendment to IAC Project Agreement #91-157A extending the project period for the Centennial Trail from June 30, 1992, to June 30, 1993. (Contract #00798).

\* Health Department:

4. Guest Speaker Contract with Steve Salget to give presentations on "Personal Perspectives on HIV/AIDS during the year 1992 at the rate of \$25.00 for each presentation. (Contract #01341).

\* Public Defender:

5. Contract for Professional Services with Ricardo Delafuente of Clear Lake to provide interpreting services for clients, attorney and investigators at the rate of \$20.00 per hour for the period of June 1, 1992, to December 31, 1992. (Contract #01342).

\* Commissioners' Office:

6. Record of the Proceedings from Monday, May 18, 1992.
7. Record of the Proceedings from Tuesday, May 19, 1992.
8. Record of the Proceedings from Wednesday, May 20, 1992.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- A) The Board signed a resolution to call for bids for catered meals for senior citizens for the period of January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993. Bids will be opened at 1:30 p.m., June 29, 1992, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 202A, County Administration Building, 700 South Second, Mount Vernon, Washington. (Resolution #14354).
- B) The Board signed a resolution regarding the annexation of Lennox property, described as the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 1, Township 35 North, Range 8 East, W.M., If Any; to Fire District No. 10. (Resolution #14355).
- C) The Board signed a resolution authorizing the sale of a 1970 Suburban Utility Truck (ID #KE260Z177383) to Skagit Explorer Search and Rescue. (Resolution #14356).
- D) The Board signed a resolution to issue a Request for Proposals to provide a vote tabulation system. Request for Proposals are due in the Skagit County Auditor's Office June 30, 1992. (Resolution #14357).
- E) The Mylars for the Final Plat of Billy Ray, #PPT 91-014, Chase Road, Sedro-Woolley, Washington were presented and signed.
- F) The Board signed a resolution to call for a public hearing to consider amending Skagit County Code 9.20.050 Regarding Use of Fireworks. The public hearing shall be Monday, June 29, 1992, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 202A, County Administration Building, 700 South Second, Mount Vernon, Washington. (Resolution #14360).
- G) 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, June 15, 1992, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants #82888 through 83738 (Vouchers #2007021 through 2008066) in the amount of \$980,478.25.  
Transmittal C23-92.

**DISCUSSION - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING AND STAFFING.**

Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, Scott Kirkpatrick, Planning and Community Development Director, and Kraig Olason, Assistant Planning and Community Development Director were present for this discussion with the Board.

Mr. Woodmansee began the discussion, stating that under the Growth Management Act (GMA) there is a need for a Capital Facilities and Capital Improvement plan in the County. The GMA adds the requirement for a transportation plan. Mr. Woodmansee stated that he and Mr. Taylor attended a conference presented by Henderson & Young where they were encouraged to do a plan covering government services. Examples were provided at the seminar covering plans for roads, impact fees, parks, and schools. Mr. Woodmansee stated that the County's focus needs to be on what the GMA actually requires and leave other desirable issues to contract out. This will allow the County to get the basic plan in place. The growth plan is a combined skill task, so hiring one person to fill the needs would be unlikely. The determination needs to be made on how big the plan should be and who shall do it.???HIRE A CONSULTANT???

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that from a planning standpoint, the issues go back before GMA. He read a statute in State R.C.W.'s from 1959 that dealt with a lot of what is embodied in the GMA. The Planning Enabling Act for the County requires submission of capital expenditure projects at least 5 months before the end of each fiscal year. Each County office or department, Board or Commission, and each governmental body who's jurisdiction lies entirely within the County except in incorporated cities and towns, (such as PUD's, drainage districts, etc.) whose functions include preparing and recommending plans for or constructing major public works shall submit to the respective planning agency a list of proposed public works being recommended for initiation for construction during the fiscal year.

The next Cite Mr. Kirkpatrick read was relating capital expenditure projects to the comprehensive plan as required by the RCW. The planning agency shall report to the Board of Commissioners through the planning director, if there be such.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that before the GMA, a lot of what is embodied in the GMA was in effect already regarding Capital Improvement Plans. There are other factors as well, three most important being: 1) that the Board of Commissioners annually, when a PUD is being planned or a special district plan is being put together, are to review and approve it as to compliance with the County-wide Land Use Plan, 2) Concurrency, and 3) Impact fees, which are discretionary.

Mr. Kirkpatrick felt that there could not be impact fees unless the Capital Plans and Budgets were lined up and working together, which can't be done without concurrency. Concurrency is a term that means that or provision of services has to be in place at the time of development or within 6 years.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that one person can't do all that is necessary to be done on Capital Facilities Planning at this time, but felt that a consultant could not do the planning and then interact with all the agencies and departments efficiently.

Mr. Taylor stated that the issue of concurrency did not have to be dealt with for about a year.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that on the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan on July 1, 1993, it is supposed to be enacted. He didn't think it will be fully able to be enacted.

Mr. Woodmansee asked if the County has ever received any of the things referred to in the statute that Mr. Kirkpatrick read.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the County had not, that the only Counties that had followed it are Clark, Vancouver, Thurston and King.

Commissioner Wylie asked if the statute said that a review was necessary, or if it said to pass on the construction projects, diking districts and PUD's.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the projects were to be brought to the Board for coordination with the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Wylie asked if the Board had the authority to turn a proposal down if they did not like it.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that under the GMA the Board has that authority now.

Commissioner Wylie questioned whether the RTPO was part of the CIP and if it was taken care of.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the transportation portion is only one element of the CIP.

Mr. Taylor stated that the only element concurrency was attached to was transportation.

Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that he was defining that the requirement in the GMA that special district plans be approved by the County and that coordinating planning for capital facilities and capital budgets with them ultimately rests with the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Wylie questioned what capital improvements the County was looking at besides roads and bridges.

Mr. Kirkpatrick replied that buildings, Parks, Recreation and joint ventures such as dike and drainage must be considered. The relationship of the Skagit PUD Comp Plan, and budgeting, fulfilling that plan to the County Comprehensive Plan, new projects, etc. are being looked at.

Mr. Taylor stated that there is a lot to be accomplished to be up to speed by July of 1993, or reasonably thereafter. There may eventually be a need for a person to devote to this down the road, but in order to get up to speed a consultant would be the way to go.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that Henderson & Young would be coming Tuesday, June 23, 1992, and maybe some of the Board's questions could be answered then.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he felt that the biggest reason that the 1959 law referred to was not accomplished was because of money. Those counties that have done it have always been rich Counties.

Commissioner Wylie stated that a priority list of work program so that the Board will know what is going to happen is necessary. She asked if anytime any development was to be done, that the Board will have to

look at it in the whole scheme of the County.

Mr. Olason stated that the issue of discussing a new staff person is that consultants will come and go and then Skagit County will have no one in-house that knows the project. The County needs expertise in-house to manage consultant to have familiarity with the project.

Commissioner Vaux stated that he will be ready to support a program where Mr. Kirkpatrick puts together a flow chart of what has to be done and what good it will be when it is done, and a quote of the law that says the County has to do it. He directed Mr. Kirkpatrick to bring a plan in that Mr. Woodmansee would approve of since he is the one who is responsible to budget it, and then he will be supportive.

**PUBLIC HEARING - ADOPTION OF 1991 UNIFORM BUILDING CODES AND RELATED CODES.**

Commissioner Vaux stated that as Chairman Robinson was not present for the hearing, the written record would remain open for one week, (until 6/22/92, 4:30 p.m.) after the day's public hearing.

Roxanne Michael, Building Official, reviewed with the Board that the UBC is updated on a three year cycle. To keep up with methods and materials, all are updated at the same time statewide.

A copy of the proposed Code revisions/amendments was provided to the Board.

Ms. Michael presented the following to be the main points of change in her area of responsibility:

- (c) Section 303(d) Expiration. Building permits will have a three year expiration.
- (e) Section 304 (e) Investigation Fee. Fees for investigation will be tripled rather than doubled.
- Minimum Permit Fee - SICBA reviewed the County's fees with Ms. Michael and found that the County fees were low. The fees were raised to \$30.00 (based on \$30/hour plan review, inspection, processing and administration.)
- UBC Appendices #7, Control Towers.
- 11 Agricultural Buildings.
- 12-II, this is a new chapter allowing for group homes, and elder care homes.
- Chapter 25, Light Frame Construction.
- 70,
- (2) Uniform Mechanical Code. A, Factory Made Air ducts; 21 - Boilers, 22 - Gas Piping, 23 - Hydronic Panel Heating Systems.
- (3) Uniform Plumbing Code. C, Number of Toilets Necessary; H - Grease Interceptors, I, except those sections which are in conflict with the state and local onsite sewage.
  
- Ms. Michael presented a handout on Requirements for Group R Occupancies. She stated that the main changes are smoke detector requirements. There is to be a smoke detector in every sleeping room plus a backup.
  
- 10% natural lighting and ventilation - skylight can be included.
- Guard rails are changed from 6 in spacing to four inch.

Commissioner Vaux questioned what the County is obliged to adopt.

Ms. Michael stated that the State required the guardrail spacing to be four inches.



Commissioner Wylie asked if that was true for the smoke detectors also.

Ms. Michael affirmed.

Commissioner Wylie asked what the requirements on congregate care are.

Ms. Michael stated that at present if there are 10 or more others being provided care, there must be an apartment or hotel status on the facility. A new category was created to accomodate congregate care facilities.

Commissioner Vaux asked for questions or comments from the audience. Seeing and hearing none, the public hearing continued.

Dan Cain, County Fire Marshall addressed the Board regarding recommended amendments to the Uniform Fire Code.

(b) Part I, Division III, Board of Appeals - members of Building Code Board of Appeals and Fire Board of Appeals are the same.

(c) Part II, Article 9, Definitions and Abbreviations, Section 9.105 - The word "Chief" shall mean Fire Marshall in unincorporated areas of the County.

(d) Part III, Article 10, General Provisions for Fire Safety. Mr. Cain stated that this Article is not normally able to be amended but Article 10.103 Required Access, shall read: Fire apparatus access roads shall be provided for every facility building or portion of a building hereafter constructed or moved into or within the jurisdiction when the facility is in excess of 150' from fire apparatus access.

Mr. Cain stated that an informational handout had been put together and used since June of 1990, regarding General Provisions for Fire Safety. The list in the proposed amendments being requested to adopt in this article are as covered in the handout.

(e) Part VIII, Division I, Regulations Applicable to Existing Buildings. This shall remain the same, existing buildings will be inspected on a complaint basis.

Mr. Cain defined the following items of the Uniform Fire Code supplements, mandated state amendments and appendices: 1A - Existing Buildings as amended; Division II - Special Hazards; Division III - Fire Protection; Division IV - Special Combustible Hazards; V - National Recommended Standards of Good Practice.

Mr. Cain stated that Division III - Fire Protection is a controversial division. On (a) Fire Flow Tables, there have been many discussions. When the 1988 Uniform Fire Code was adopted, Appendix III was not adopted by the County as flows were unattainable in most of the County. There is a footnote to a table in the appendix which requires hydrants to be placed every 1,000 feet in non-developed areas where traffic hazards may be present. This is the contentious part of the appendix. Fire departments generally support the footnote, while water purveyors feel it is an unnecessary expense their ratepayers are being asked to bear.

Commissioner Vaux read into the record correspondence received: 1) Skagit County Fire Commissioners' Association supporting the adoption of the recommended Fire Codes; 2) Mr. D. L. Anderson, Inc., a General Contractor in Alger, whose questions will be addressed at the decision making meeting; 3) Jim Kirkpatrick, Manager, PUD, requesting that Article 15.04.020 (4) read as provided in his correspondence, and requesting the Board to support the standards for fire hydrant placement approved by the Water Utilities Commission Committee. (WUCC).

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- Ken Johnson, Commissioner, Fire District #4 addressed the Board. Mr. Johnson stated that it was hard to accept the WUCC dictating fire codes. He felt that their letter to the Board as read into the record by Commissioner Vaux was a good, detailed letter and commended them on it. He stated that there is no alternate source of water in the County then the purveyor - PUD. Mr. Johnson stated that the Board should have the PUD's support and didn't understand why they were at odds. He wondered why they were against an ordinance that only they can help provide. He stated that residents work and provide support by their taxes. Our own PUD is not supporting our fire ordinance. He request the Commissioner's to support the adoption of the Fire Codes.

- Dave Ford, City of Anacortes addressed the Board. Mr. Ford stated that he was representing the City of Anacortes' Public Works Department and Engineering Services, and asked the Board to support Mr. Kirkpatrick's letter from the PUD. Mr. Ford stated that the decision should also be centered on the GMA and Urban Services relating to the GMA and how it is implemented by the City and County. The cost and provision for protection is not the PUD's responsibility. Who is to pay needs to be worked out. Maybe some agreement could be reached. The appendix in question has been adopted in the City and there has been no problem in adhering to it.

Mr. Ford stated that outside the city is different. There are over 40 miles of transmission main. If hydrants were provided as proposed the rates would be very high. For example: for the distance from Bradshaw Road to LaConner-Whitney Road it would be an additional \$20,000 to \$30,000 to provide hydrants and the City of Anacortes would not benefit from them. The City is not opposed to working with the Fire Departments, but does not agree with this specific appendice.

Commissioner Vaux read a resolution from the Fire Chiefs Association supporting the proposed Fire Codes into the record.

- Jim Kirkpatrick, General Manager, PUD addressed the Board. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that the PUD is sizing all new water mains to accommodate hydrants. They will not resist hydrants on Gunderson Road if population density increases, the WAC will be followed. Over the last few years almost all new lines have required hydrants. Rural areas don't support hydrants at this point. Eventually all will be sized to accomodate, but the process will be one-step-at-a-time.

- Tom Jones, Chief, Fire District #10, (Grassmere) addressed the Board. Chief Jones stated that the development on the east side of Lake Shannon creates concerns. The access roads are converted logging roads. He drove a four mile run on a dry day, with no traffic, and it took 17 minutes. He felt that there will be a problem with no water access. Chief Jones stated that the code needs to be passed.

- George Theodoratus, Concrete citizen, addressed the Board. Mr. Theodoratus felt that community pumps and tanker trucks would suffice in some areas. Hydrants are not needed in all the areas where smaller systems could be installed. There isn't the population density to justify installing the costly systems with hydrants.

- Don Bockleman, citizen, addressed the Board. Mr. Bockleman asked what would happen if the county doesn't adopt the amendments as recommended.

- Mr. Cain stated that Code changes will be adopted for the County by State Law. The advantage to local adoption is that appendices can be adopted or rejected as well. The State will only adopt the body of the code.

- Martin Corrin, WUCC member, and Manager of DeMar Community, addressed the Board. Mr. Corrin

stated that people move in to rural limited fire protection areas knowingly. It creates frustration for the fire protection departments. The people know that it will be a limited access area. If low population density can't afford hydrants there should be no obligation. A standard hydrant installed in a close main costs \$2,500 to \$3,000. If the main will support it and someone is willing to pay for it, fine. Mr. Corrin felt that if someone was willing to pay for the hydrant, then the Utility would be willing to install it. If a system won't support a hydrant, then a reservoir would be necessary. Mr. Corrin felt that there will never be the level of fire protection in rural areas as there is the cities due to population density differences.

Commissioner Vaux stated that the record would remain open to written comment until Monday, June 22, 1992, at 4:30 p.m. Any correspondence shall be delivered to the Skagit County Commissioners' Office.

Commissioner Wylie motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.

The decision on the adoption of 1991 Uniform Building Codes and Related Codes shall be Tuesday, June 23, 1992, at the hour of 8:00 a.m., in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 202A, 700 S. Second, Mount Vernon, Washington.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- A) The Board signed an Interim Funding Agreement between the County, Lexington Insurance Company, Lloyd's of London, and the St. Paul Surplus Lines Company in order to settle the Chester and S. Danielle Swindle litigation. Nothing in the Agreement is intended to constitute a waiver of any claim which one party may have against another. Nor is the amount of contribution to settlement under this Agreement to be construed as an admission of liability or obligation in any subsequent proceeding. The parties simply are attempting to settle the plaintiffs claims now and to reserve their rights to decide ultimate responsibility for an apportionment of defense and settlement costs later. (Contract #01343).
  
- B) The Board signed a resolution upholding the determination made by the Planning Director denying the Administrative Appeal of Jim Cook, James A. Cook and Donald Payne of Short Plats #91-70, 91-71, 91-98, 91-95, 91-102, and 91-104. (Resolution #14359).

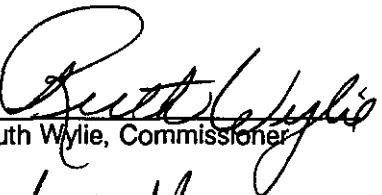
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wylie motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Vaux seconded the motion. The motion carried and was so ordered.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON




  
Robby Robinson, Chairman

  
Ruth Wylie, Commissioner

  
W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:

  
Connie Carter, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners