

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

Tuesday, August 4, 1992

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

- 1) Discussion - Geo Engineers Review Seaview IV Revised Drainage Plan.
- 2) Discussion - San Juan Fidalgo Holding Company.
- 3) Discussion - 1993-94 GMA Allocations.
- 4) Code Enforcement Activity Report.
- 5) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Budget/Finance - Mike Woodmansee, Director:

- 1) Signature - Agreements with Skagit Bonded Collectors for Court Collection Services.
- 2) Approval of 1992 Indirect Cost Assessment Formula.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 4, 1992, with Commissioners W. W. Vaux and Robby Robinson present. Commissioner Ruth Wylie's absence was excused.

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

1) Discussion - Geo Engineers Review Seaview IV Revised Drainage Plan.

Mr. Kirkpatrick informed the Board that he was not prepared to present an agreement with GeoEngineers for signature at this time, as he had planned, as the contract had been delayed or misplaced; however, Commissioner Vaux wished to have discussion on this matter, and ordered that Public Works representatives be summoned.

Commissioner Vaux read from a letter from Steve Winter, Public Works Office Engineer, to San Juan-Fidalgo Holding Company, indicating that the drainage design for Seaview Division IV was approved. Commissioner Vaux asked that Mr. Winter explain why he sent a letter approving the drainage design, and is now recommending that a consultant perform further review of the plan.

Mr. Winter explained that the drainage design had been approved; however, staff had been unaware of recent slide activity in the vicinity of a relocated drainage detention pond until notified by neighbors. Physical measurement showed the pond to be located approximately 380 feet from the site of the recent slide activity. Staff therefore felt it was prudent to request additional geotechnical review. Mr. Winter stated that GeoEngineers did not look at this area during their first project review, possibly due to inadequate briefing on the project.

Mr. Kirkpatrick explained that the contract that would have been presented for signature today allows GeoEngineers to perform this review.

Mr. Winter stated that he believes San Juan-Fidalgo Holding Company could begin some work now in other areas of the project; however, Mary Cherberg, representing San Juan-Fidalgo Holding Company, stated that a condition of Preliminary Plat approval states that no construction can begin before the drainage plan has been approved.

Ms. Cherberg also stated that two different GeoEngineers studies made mention of the area in question and could have addressed the problem, but did not, and that she now does not think San Juan-Fidalgo should

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have to pay for additional studies.

Mr. Kirkpatrick volunteered that his department would absorb the cost of the study within his budget.

Commissioner Vaux suggested to staff that significant urgency be placed on resolving this situation.

Jim Morrow, representing the Del Mar Community Homeowners Association, stated that regardless of the cost or additional time associated, those living below the proposed site of the detention pond should receive protection in the form of adequate review of the drainage facilities location. He pointed out that there can be no retrofitting once the pond is installed.

Commissioner Vaux asked Mr. Morrow if the GeoEngineers study and recommendations will satisfy those living below the site, or if other studies will be requested.

Mr. Morrow stated that based on their own analysis, the homeowners may agree with the study or disagree.

Commissioner Vaux asked if he and the homeowners have confidence in GeoEngineers.

Mr. Morrow stated that he prefers to bring in his own source to verify the GeoEngineers report.

Additional discussion ensued regarding the study process.

An unidentified Del Mar property owner stated the he is concerned about additional saturation of the groundwater table which has been occurring since the development of the McCorkle property began.

Carol Ehlers stated that she believes the plat approval process to be flawed, and that the drainage ordinance is inadequate. She stated that proper review of development is not addressed following preliminary plat approval. Many changes are made after the preliminary plat is approved that are reviewed and approved at staff level, but not in a public process. She recommended that staff be directed to rectify the incongruity in the ordinance.

Mr. Kirkpatrick clarified that the Board wished the GeoEngineers contract be placed on Monday's Consent Agenda, and that after the GeoEngineers work product is transmitted to the County, Mr. Morrow and the homeowners be allowed three to five days to review the report. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that it is estimated that it will take three weeks to complete the report.

Commissioner Vaux verified with Mr. Winter that after his June 10 letter to San Juan-Fidalgo, neighbors brought the slide issue to his attention sometime around June 17.

Though the contract copy which Mr. Kirkpatrick had was not conformed by the contractor, the Board chose to sign it at this time. Ms. Cherberg complained that further delay will put San Juan-Fidalgo out of the construction season.

Commissioner Vaux promised to phone the GeoEngineers representative and urge speed in completing the study. He then motioned to approve for signature the contract with GeoEngineers, Inc., for a study of the Seaview IV Drainage Plan, to be performed from August 1, 1992, through no longer than October 31, 1992. Chairman Robinson seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Contract #001385)

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2) Discussion - San Juan Fidalgo Holding Company.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that he had been contacted by the San Juan-Fidalgo Steering Committee and had agreed to meet with them last week to discuss the possibility that San Juan-Fidalgo will be unable to complete the Lake Chiquita Bypass, as required in a resolution of the Board of Commissioners. The Steering Committee suggested that the County participate in the costs of completing the bypass.

On Friday, July 31, Mr. Kirkpatrick and the Board received a written request from the San Juan-Fidalgo Steering Committee reflecting what had earlier been discussed with Mr. Kirkpatrick, and asking that the Board meet to discuss this proposal today. Mr. Kirkpatrick stated that internal review of the proposal has not yet occurred, and that the County's legal counsel for this matter has not yet commented on the legality of the County's participation.

Chairman Robinson suggested that the item be postponed until legal counsel has commented, and until Commissioner Wylie has returned.

3) Discussion - 1993-94 GMA Allocations.

Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that the Skagit Council of Governments August agenda will include an item authorizing the division of the 1993-94 Growth Management Act allocation as follows:

- \$5,000 to SCOG to coordinate City/County Planning meetings
- \$9,500 each to the Towns of Hamilton, Lyman, Concrete and LaConner
- \$71,000 for Skagit County (which is \$20,000 less than last year's allocation)
- Remainder split on a per capita basis between the four large cities

Mr. Kirkpatrick does not agree with the allocation. He feels that the small cities should combine their resources to hire one person to complete their GMA requirements.

4) Code Enforcement Activity Report.

Provided for review.

5) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items from the Planning Department; however, discussion with the audience continued regarding the San Juan-Fidalgo Holding Company status, and Carol Ehlers made a long speech regarding the lack of adherence to original conditions included in the Preliminary Plat approval.

BUDGET/FINANCE- MIKE WOODMANSEE, DIRECTOR:

1) Signature - Agreements with Skagit Bonded Collectors for Court Collection Services.

Mike Woodmansee presented this item. He referenced a memorandum from District Court judges in which 10 points of concern were raised regarding an earlier draft of the agreement. Each point was addressed in the final agreement. Skagit Bonded had also recommended clarifications on a number of items, several of which Mr. Woodmansee included in the final agreement.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to approve for signature the contract with Skagit Bonded Collectors for court collection services for the period from August 1, 1992, through July 31, 1993. Chairman Robinson seconded

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the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Contract #001386)

2) Approval of 1992 Indirect Cost Assessment Formula.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that he is recommending that the County's policy for assessing costs incurred by other departments for services to the County Road Fund be modified to reflect the fact that Public Works remote offices do not receive building maintenance services.

With changes suggested by Mr. Woodmansee, Commissioner Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution modifying Skagit County's cost assessment policy. Chairman Robinson seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14433)

Commissioner Vaux then motioned to adopt the resolution establishing the 1992 cost allocation to the County Road Fund and Solid Waste Operating Fund, a total of \$661,388. Chairman Robinson seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14434)

3) Miscellaneous.

Commissioner Vaux motioned to call for a public hearing to consider a supplemental budget in the amount of \$900,000 for the Current Expense Fund for the benefit of the Sheriff's Office, Data Processing and the Best SELF Program. Chairman Robinson seconded the motion, which carried and was so ordered. (Resolution #14435)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

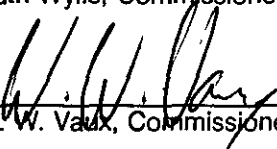
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Robby Robinson, Chairman

Ruth Wylie, Commissioner



W. W. Vaux, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners