

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

Tuesday, January 19, 1993

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning and Community Development - Dave Hough, Acting Director:

- 1) Discussion - Town of Hamilton Annexation.
- 2) Watershed Planning Overview.
- 3) Code Enforcement Report.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

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

- 1) Public Hearing - Regarding the Adoption of Proposed Skagit County Public Works Utility Policy.
- 2) Signature - Interlocal Agreement, Dike District No. 20.
- 3) Signature - Final Records for Jackman Creek Project.
- 4) Signature - Consultant Agreement for Design Services on Rosario Road with Reid-Middleton and Associates.
- 5) Signature - Resolutions Establishing CRP's:
 - a) South Skagit Highway, et al: Guardrail Installation.
 - b) Highway 9 North: Preliminary Engineering.
 - c) Pioneer Highway: Preliminary Engineering.
- 6) Miscellaneous.

Consent Agenda.

Miscellaneous.

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ARIS Program Update - Mike Woodmansee.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 1993, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Harvey Wolden, and Robby Robinson present.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - DAVE HOUGH, ACTING DIRECTOR:

- 1) Discussion - Town of Hamilton Annexation.

Kraig Olason, Assistant Director, reviewed with the Board that in June, 1992, the Board of County Commissioners established a policy regarding cities considering annexing property into their boundaries. It states, "The Board of County Commissioners will invoke the jurisdiction of the Boundary Review Board unless pre-annexation agreements of service boundary changes are agreed to in advance of any decision by the respective governmental entity." He said that there is a need for better criteria regarding the subject annexation. As requested by the Board of Commissioners, meetings were held with the proponents of the annexation. Reasonable conditions relating to annexations were discussed to evaluate whether the Boundary Review Board should be invoked. An attempt is being made to develop a common practice for determining evaluation criteria. He said that consistent criteria will be developed through Mr. Hough's meetings with the City Planners.

Mr. Olason said that the County Planning Department and the Town of Hamilton officials agreed that "future annexation proposals will be required to address GMA State Planning Goals, urban growth areas, and locally adopted countywide regional planning policies;" and, abide by the Board's preannexation policy. This

agreement was made following the Alice Sutton/Baptist Church proposal that occurred in September. Mr. Olason sent a letter to Mayor Tim Bates requesting three agreed upon items on the subject annexation proposal that had not yet been received. They were as follows:

1. A signed no contest agreement to sewer hook-up.
2. A maximum one acre zoning designation.
3. An Interim Urban Growth Boundary Agreement.

A packet of materials was received from Mayor Bates, but did not include an updated sphere of influence agreement, or a signed no contest agreement to sewer hook-up.

Mr. Olason stated that he received a memo from the Public Works Department that found the Carey's Lake Addition to be in the flood plain and containing wetlands. The Public Works Department strongly discouraged the annexation proposal. He will provide a copy of the memo to the Board at a later date. A response must be made to the Boundary Review Board by January 29, 1993, whether to invoke their jurisdiction.

The Planning Department's recommendation is to consider that further urbanization in the flood plain should be avoided.

Commissioner Wolden stated that it is allowable to build on the flood plain, but the first floor of the building must be one foot above the 100 year flood line. If this annexation were to be allowed, there would need to be clarification on the wetlands issues.

Mr. Olason presented copies of a memo from Ron Palmer, Skagit County Health Department, regarding the proposed Carey's Lake Annexation. Mr. Palmer found that due to the nature of the soils in the region, and shallow depth to an unprotected aquifer, there is a strong potential for ground water contamination. Moderate to high density housing using septic tanks and drain fields for sewage disposal was not recommended. The Health Department would not recommend approval of a proposal for other than low density housing, unless there were a public water supply and sewer system.

Chairman Hart said that it appeared that with the information provided it would be difficult to recommend additional building on the proposed property for annexation.

Commissioner Robinson asked whether the information requested from the Town of Hamilton was ever received.

Mayor Tim Bates said that he was scheduled to meet with the Board on Tuesday, January 26, 1993, to address the Sphere of Influence Agreement and Urban Growth Boundaries Issues. He said that when it is available, people will hook-up to the water and sewer system. Carey's Lake is already designated to have no further development around it. The Centennial Addition has been sold to a different developer and will implement a city sewer system. Only the land in the Centennial Addition that will be hooked up to the city sewer system will be developed.

Mr. Olason stated that the proposed annexation may fit into a Rural category of five to ten acre lots if the area stays a part of the County. If it is annexed into the Town, it will need to be higher density, possibly three acre lots. The subject property is not a large piece of land and won't allow for many homesites.

Mayor Bates said that the subject property is within the Urban Growth Boundary and it ties in with the city limits. The property is approximately 20 acres in size, with only 10 acres being buildable. He said that the subject property was a part of the Town of Hamilton in the past.

Mr. Olason said it was important to have room for the Town to exist, and felt that it should not be made difficult for the town to expand. This annexation would provide for a small amount of expansion. He said that the Planning Department is asking for direction on the flood plain issue in the Urban Development area and whether to invoke the Boundary Review Board on this proposal.

Margaret Fleek, City of Burlington Planner, said that it would be a major decision to disallow annexations in the flood plain. The proposed annexation is to be no more dense than County guidelines allow.

Mr. Olason said that part of the issue is that if proposed annexations are lying in the flood plain, surrounding issues need to be reviewed more closely.

Chairman Hart stated that the long range effects of this proposal need to be reviewed more closely, and felt that there was no further guidance needed for pre-annexation.

Dave Hough, Interim Planning Director, stated that when an annexation is going into a municipality and there is to be development of the land, when there is no water system and no urban sewer provided, it will affect the water supplies. The Town needs to provide information regarding whether they will be providing water and sewer to the lots.

Chairman Hart said that unless a sewer system is planned, there can be no development due to the Health Department regulations. He felt it was premature for the Board to be involved. He suggested that the Town and the County Planning Department continue discussions regarding the issues needing resolution.

Mr. Hough stated that a Notice of Intention was submitted to the Boundary Review Board, and if no request from the Board is given to invoke their jurisdiction the proposal will automatically be annexed.

Commissioner Robinson felt that since there was still time to receive the needed information, it should be provided.

Mayor Bates said that the Carey's Lake Addition will provide three to five more houses to the tax base for the Town.

Commissioner Robinson expressed understanding for the situation but reaffirmed that the Board needs more information. There needs to be a pre-annexation agreement, and the Board would like to see the Health Department's comments on the matter.

Mayor Bates felt that he did not have a flexible time schedule to locate the necessary documentation, nor the staff support to do it for him. He said that he had not fully understood what was required.

Chairman Hart said that the Boundary Review Board would not be invoked at this time.

The Board directed that more information be provided to them on the proposed annexation situation.

2) Watershed Planning Overview.

Jim Freeman, Senior Watershed Planner, presented a review of the Watershed Planning Program. Mr. Freeman said one Board member is needed for representation on the Watershed Committees. The Padilla Bay and Samish Watershed Committees are still in need of Board representation.

Mr. Freeman's presentation included the following:

- Historical Background of the creation of the Puget Sound Water Quality Management Plan - 1987, Watershed Ranking Project - 1988, Centennial Clean Water Fund -1989, and Nookachamps Watershed Action Plan 1990-91.

He said that the Watershed Ranking Project initially required to have the top three plans completed by 1996. That is not required now, but it is strongly requested, and the staff is trying to accommodate this request. It is now required to reassess the ranking order every five years.

- Chapter 400-12 WAC - Local Planning and Management of Non-point Source Pollution. The purpose of the Watershed Action Plan, according to WAC, is 1) to control water quality problems of the river system caused by non-point source pollution; and 2) protect the beneficial uses of the watershed.
- Watershed Action Plan Planning Process - will take approximately two years, public involvement and education is required, and a watershed management committee is to be formed.
- Watershed Management Committee - This is comprised of local government representatives, special purpose districts, Tribal representation, a watershed resident, affected parties, and appropriate State and Federal agencies.
- Decision Making Authority of the Watershed Management Committee (WMC) -The WMC is the main decision making body of the Watershed Action Plan. The WMC cannot change or create laws on its own or direct an involved agency to perform an unlawful action. Changes to existing laws can be recommended. The Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) has the final approval of all watershed action plans. The Board of County Commissioners does not act on the Plan as a whole.
- Required Elements of the Watershed Plan - Water Quality Assessment Report, Watershed Characterization, Problem Definitions, Goals and Objectives, Source Control Programs, Monitoring and Evaluation, Public Involvement, and Implementation.
- Source Control Programs - There must be at least four; Agricultural Practices, On-site Sewage Disposal, Stormwater and Erosion, Forest Practices, and Other Nonpoint Sources.
- Types of Source Control Recommendations - Incentives/Financial Assistance, Voluntary Participation, Inventories, Special Studies, Technical Assistance, Public Education, Enforcement Actions, Capital Projects, Code/Regulatory Changes, and Maintenance Programs.

- Status of Watershed Planning in Skagit County - 1) Nookachamps Watershed: WMC has agreed on draft recommendations. Staff will write draft action plan. 2) Padilla Bay Watershed: WMC is beginning review of background information and is about one-fifth through the process. 3) Samish River Watershed: Final grant agreement received from DOE January 6, 1993. First WMC meeting is scheduled for April, 1993. The intent of the program is to focus on implementing these three watershed plans before planning others.
- Funding for Watershed Planning:

	<u>State Contribution</u>	<u>Local Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>
Nookachamps	\$137,813.00	\$44,937.00	\$183,750.00
Padilla Bay	195,335.00	65,111.00	\$260,446.00
Samish River	187,500.00	62,500.00	250,000.00

The Cost of implementation of a watershed in Puget Sound has been in the range of 1.5 to 5 million dollars on average. The Samish River Project will involve two counties.

- Implementation - Each plan is required to have an implementation strategy. A designated lead agency to oversee implementation is required. Annual reporting is required. There will be a biennial audit. A long term monitoring strategy is required for evaluating the success or failure of the plan. There is to be a mechanism in place for making revisions to the plan.

Mr. Freeman will continue to keep the Board informed on Watershed Program Activities.

3) Code Enforcement Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was presented to the Board.

4) Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items presented at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR:

1) Public Hearing - Regarding the Adoption of Proposed Skagit County Public Works Utility Policy.

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

Doug Barnet, County Engineer, reviewed with the Board that the establishment and adoption of the Utility Policy is a requirement of the County Road Administration (CRAB) (WAC 136-40). The adoption of this plan was required by January 1, 1993, or as soon thereafter as possible. A draft Utility Policy was completed in October of 1992, and distributed to all utilities for review and comment on November 16, 1992. Comments were received by the Public Works Engineering Department and incorporated into the Policy. The revised Utility policy was redistributed to the various Utilities on December 11, 1992, and submitted to the Board on

December 12, 1992. Between the redistribution of the revised, proposed policy and this public hearing day, there was communication with some of the Utilities. Some of their concerns were addressed, but it is felt that the Utility Policy being submitted with the minor changes in Attachment A will best serve the interest of, and road system in, the County. Mr. Barnet stated that the Engineering Department recommends amending the Policy as in Attachment A, and adopted the remainder of the Policy as it is.

Chairman Hart opened the hearing for public comment.

Mr. John Sandell, a resident in Bow, asked what a Utility Policy is.

Mr. Barnet stated that the Policy outlines what work shall be done and by what method and/or procedure on County Land, by the local utility companies.

Doug Argo, Civil Engineer, stated that the Policy covers the physical method of installation by Utility Companies on County owned Rights-of-Way.

Mr. Sandell continued with questions unrelated to the topic of the public hearing.

Seeing and hearing no further comments from the public, Commissioner Robinson motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to adopt the Skagit County Utility Policy with the Amendments as in Attachment A. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Barnet will bring back the final document for the Board's signature at a later date.

2) Signature - Interlocal Agreement, Dike District No. 20.

Mr. Barnet presented a Resolution and Interlocal Agreement for the Board's signature with Dike District #20. This Agreement provides for the County to perform work, provide materials, and equipment rental for work on the District's facilities which shall be reimbursed to the County at the actual cost incurred. This Agreement shall terminate December 31, 1998.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the Resolution and enter into the Interlocal Agreement with Dike District #20 as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14706). (Contract #01525).

3) Signature - Final Records for Jackman Creek Project.

Dave Brookings, Flood and Drainage Control Engineer, presented to the Board for signature the final records for the Jackman Creek Project. Mr. Brookings stated that this project was begun in 1991, when an interlocal agreement between the County and the US Corps of Army Engineers was entered into. The agreement provided for the Corps to dredge a pilot channel in the creek by removing 30,000 cubic yards of gravel. The total funds available for the project was \$156,000. The total amount to be expended is \$119,070.87.

The Board signed the Final Record Notes and the Final Cost Record.

4) Signature - Consultant Agreement for Design Services on Rosario Road with Reid-Middleton and Associates.

Mr. Barnet presented the Consultant Agreement for signature with Reid Middleton, Inc. He said that the Agreement will provide for the Contractor to complete a design; and preparation of Plans, Specifications, and Estimate for the planned improvements involving the realignment of the intersection at Marine View Drive and Heart Lake Road on Fidalgo Island, in order to go out for bid for the necessary improvements. He said that there is a provision in the contract for the hiring of sub-consultants Adolfsons and Associates, and Golder Associates. These sub-consultants will be used only if the Engineering Department feels it necessary due to water run-off (Adolfsons) or geotechnical surveying for possible retaining walls. The not-to-exceed amount of this agreement is \$104,067.00.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to enter into the Agreement as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Contract #01526).

5) Signature - Resolutions Establishing CRP's:

- A) Mr. Barnet presented the resolution for the Board to sign establishing CRP #0700-3 South Skagit Highway, et.al. This is Item No. 2 in the Annual Program. This is a guardrail program, which is given the name of the longest stretch of road in the program.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approved the resolution as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14707).

- B) Mr. Barnet presented the resolution for the Board to sign establishing CRP #5051-6 Highway 99 North. This project is Item No. 7 of the Annual Program. The funding will cover preliminary engineering for the proposed road widening and overlay from milepost 7.89 to milepost 9.85.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14708).

- C) Mr. Barnet presented the resolution for the Board to sign establishing CRP #8009-1 Pioneer Highway. This project is Item No. 6 of the Annual Program. The funding will cover preliminary engineering.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the resolution as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Resolution #14709).

6) Miscellaneous.

- A) Mr. Medved updated the Board regarding the thawing road situations in the County.

CONSENT AGENDA:

* Administration:

1. Signature - Memorandum of Agreement with the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 1007, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for the 1993 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. Contractor shall provide planning, organizing and operation of the Annual Tulip Festival at the contracted amount of \$10,000. Contract begins January 1, 1993, and terminates December 31, 1993. (Contract #01527).
2. Signature - Memorandum of Agreement with Skagit County Community Action Agency, P.O. Box 1507, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for the provision of improved services to the low income residents of the County. The County will fund the Director's position, fund \$20,000 for the provision of services through the Contractor by Skagit Rape Relief and Battered Women's Services, \$12,000 for provision of homeless services by the Friendship House, and \$25,000 for provision of youth services by the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Program. Payment shall be annually with the provision of a cash flow advance of up to \$25,000. (Contract #01528).
3. Signature - Resolution - endorsing the efforts of the Build Them in Washington coalition to ensure that the Washington State Department of Transportation Marine Division have the three jumbo ferries, authorized by the State Legislature in 1992, built in Washington State shipyards. (Resolution #14710).

* ARIS:

4. Signature - Contract for Professional Services with Diaz Karate, 404 South 3rd, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for the provision of 3 months of Karate instruction for Danny Nieshe for assistance with anger management. The County will compensate the Contractor at a rate of \$49.50 per month for a total of \$148.50. Contract term is from December 1, 1992, through March 1, 1993. (Contract #01529).

* HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

5. Signature - Support Group Facilitator Contract with Jeff French, 1207 McLean Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for Skagit AIDS Volunteers Group, Wednesday evenings January 1993, through December 1993, at the rate of \$40.00 per month. (Contract #01530).
6. Signature - Guest Speaker Contract with Larry David, 120 E. Cross Island Road, Camano Island, Washington 98273, for Personal Perspectives on HIV/AIDS at the rate of \$25.00 per presentation throughout the 1993 year. (Contract #01531).
7. Signature - Support Group Facilitator Contract with Kathy Straub, 1302-B Pulver Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for Skagit AIDS Volunteers Group, Wednesday evenings January 1993, through December 1993, at the rate of \$40.00 per month. (Contract #01532).

8. Signature - Facilities Use Agreement with Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1006 Wicker Road, Sedro-Woolley, Washington 98284, for Health Care for Children, Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the rate of \$98.00 per month. Contract commences January 1, 1993, and terminates December 31, 1993. (Contract #01533).

* Human Services:

9. Signature - Contract Amendment with DSHS - Substance Abuse Services for 1991-1993 biennium #2115-834-6. This amendment adds federal and state dollars of \$7,109.00 for vendor rate increases effective January 1, 1993, plus \$10,000.00 toward the Federal Prevention Grant for the Community Youth Activity Program (CYAP) Juntos Podemos. (Contract #01023).

• Planning and Community Development:

10. Signature - Resolution Denying an appeal of the Hearing Examiner's decision to approve a Shorelines Conditional Use Permit for Tewart, Inc. (Resolution #14711).
11. Signature - Resolution Denying an appeal of the Hearing Examiner's decision to approve a Special Use Permit for Tewart, Inc. (Resolution #14714).

• Senior Services:

12. Signature - Contract for Provision of Senior Services between the County and the City of Sedro-Woolley, beginning January 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993. The City shall pay to the County the sum of \$11,420.00 in quarterly installments. (Contract #01534).

* Sheriff's Office:

13. Out-of-State Travel Request for Detective Dean Miller for a murder case at the Benton County Sheriff's Department, Corvallis, Oregon. Estimated travel expense: \$150.00. Detective Miller was subpoenaed for this case.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 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, January 19, 1993, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants #91791 through 92301 (Vouchers #2018330/3000010 through 2018966/3000213) in the amount of \$867,394.82. Transmittal # C02-93.

- B) The Board approved and signed a Cooperative Agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Damage Control, 720 O'Leary Street, NW, Olympia, Washington 98502, in the amount of \$8,300 for starling control. 1993 Year. (Contract #01535).

- C) The Board approved and signed a Memorandum of Agreement with The Lincoln Theatre Center Foundation, PO Box 2312, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, for Tourism Promotion, in the amount of \$2,500.00. Contract commences January 1, 1993, and terminates December 31, 1993. (Contract #01536).
- D) The Board approved and signed a Memorandum of Agreement with Skagit County Historical Society, PO Box 818, LaConner, Washington 98257, for Tourism Promotion, in the amount of \$3,000.00. Contract commences January 1, 1993, and terminates December 31, 1993. (Contract #01537).
- E) The Board approved and signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Concrete Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 743, Concrete, Washington 98237, for Tourism Promotion, in the amount of \$3,000.00. Contract commences January 1, 1993, and terminates December 31, 1993. (Contract #01538).
- F) The Board approved and signed a Memorandum of Agreement with The Valley Museum of Northwest Art, PO Box 1132, LaConner, Washington 98257, for Tourism Promotion, in the amount of \$3,000.00. Contract commences January 1, 1993, and terminates December 31, 1993. (Contract #01539).
- G) The Board approved and signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, 1319 Commercial Avenue, Anacortes, Washington 98221, for Tourism Promotion, in the amount of \$10,000.00. Contract commences January 1, 1993, and terminates December 31, 1993. (Contract #01540).
- H) The Board approved and signed an amendment to a contract between the Skagit County Juvenile Probation Department and Washington State Department of Social and Health Services. This amendment allows for a transfer of funds between line items, and shall not exceed a total amount of \$67,636. (Contract #01112).
- I) The Board approved and signed a Resolution for a Budget Line Item Change in the amounts of \$4,500 and \$35,000 for the Equipment Rental Fund #501 and the Solid Waste Fund #401 respectively. (Resolution #14712).
- J) The Board approved and signed a Resolution for a Budget Line Item Change in the amount of \$17,000 for Parks and Recreation Fund #117. (Resolution #14713).

ARIS PROGRAM UPDATE - MIKE WOODMANSEE.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, introduced the Board to those present that are actively involved with the ARIS program in some way. Those present included: Jocelyn Palmer-Perry, Andrea Poolman, Chris Tobey, and Ken Chovil, At Risk Intervention Specialists; Nick Brossoit, Assistant Superintendent, Burlington-Edison School District; Dr. Delores Gibbons, Superintendent, Mount Vernon School District; Dr. Pam Carnahan, Superintendent, Sedro-Woolley School District; Dennis Haddock, Anacortes School District; Mike Jarboe, Superintendent, Concrete School District; and Terry Rousseau, Skagit County Juvenile Probation Officer.

Mr. Woodmansee said that Mr. Chovil was the Intervention Specialist for the Sedro-Woolley, and Concrete School Districts, but is currently enrolled full-time at the University of Washington for his Masters degree, and he now covers the Sedro-Woolley School District on a part-time basis. Ms. Poolman is the Intervention Specialist on a part-time basis for the Concrete School District.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that the ARIS program was in its third year as the result of a friendly challenge of the Board of Commissioners when the regular way of handling dysfunctional family situations was not working. In coordination with the school districts, a proposal for the program was developed in August or September of 1990. The Board approved the program in September of 1990, and the program began in February of 1991.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that the At Risk Intervention Specialist (ARIS) program was set up to save kids and save the County dollars. The cost of the program was based on the notion that if the program did not exist, provisions would not exist. Mr. Woodmansee outlined a basic, simple case scenario of a 16 year old burglar. This was a relatively non-complicated case, which the cost of handling would be approximately \$1,600.

Mr. Brossoit began his presentation by saying that "Wally and the Beaver are not in school any more." He reflected that he, and most of those present in the meeting grew up with good family structure and direction. The school populations are changing and kids are coming from backgrounds without stability. It was identified long ago that with a 300 to one ratio of students to counselors, direction for these kids cannot be affectively achieved. When the County asked the schools what could be done to assist in this problem, the ARIS concept was conceived. The schools identify the problem, the Specialists interview the school, the child, and the family, and develop strategies and actions to improve the level of life for the subject child. A discovery has to be made of what connects with the child to turn them toward "normal" acceptable behavior and use it to the child's best interest. There is a need to remove the road blocks in order to help the child's situation. The stimulus orchestrating this is the ARIS program. Mr. Brossoit said that resources have been developed as a side effect from the ARIS program. A lot of those in need of services don't know how to get them. The ARIS program provides an avenue to connect the services and the child. There are kids that would easily have been targeted for failure that are still in school as a direct result of being involved in the ARIS program. He said that there are a lot of kids and adults that are grateful for the ARIS program. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to address them and for their support of the program.

Jocelyn Palmer-Perry, who is the Intervention Specialist for Mount Vernon, Conway and LaConner School Districts, addressed the Board. Ms. Perry stated that she works directly with the kids, families, and schools and helps to find resources to fit the needs. Each school district that she is involved with has different methods and needs.

There are planning committees that she is involved with, Child Study Team, and Hispanic Council. She tries to make her presence known in the community and stay in touch with community resources. It is necessary to stay involved with the community as much possible in order to help provide needed services. Jocelyn distributed a handout outlining a case study involving a child in a single parent, single income home, is left home alone, physical and substance abuse occurs repeatedly. There has been drug involvement by the parent, grandparents, and the child. Almost all the cases that Ms. Perry has dealt with are from Mount Vernon - 35 out of 42. Thirty-eight of the 42 cases have drug involvement in the family. She said that the freedom provided to the ARIS members made it feel as though nothing was impossible to facilitate the kids' needs. The families have to be considered holistically. It takes getting the family involved, rather than just

providing services.

Ms. Perry related one Intervention situation for stepbrothers who participate in Karate instruction for anger management. They had both witnessed their mother's murder, and their father has been imprisoned for sexual abuse. The boys have suffered sexual and physical abuse, and neglect. They do not qualify for foster care, so remain in unofficial housing. The household is being counseled and all are trying hard. The younger brother is involved in sports at school and has friendship groups. The older brother is in high school and has a severe anger problem. He has been involved in shoplifting and burglary. The Karate instruction helps develop personal power, and teaches the individual how to use it appropriately. It teaches to use the power to protect those around them whether it be with physical or mental power. The instructors provide positive male and female role models and a source of discipline. Both boys are doing very well and are engaged in therapy. They are doing well in Karate and the older has been promoted early and described as being a good role model for the other students. The father will be out of prison in February and is threatening to take the kids away or find a new girl friend to dump them with. Ms. Perry stated that this was not an uncommon scenario.

Ms. Poolman stated that she has been with the ARIS program since October of 1992, working with the Concrete School District. Over the 20 years that she worked with the Juvenile Justice system, she noticed a recurring theme: 16 and 17 year old teens with a "rap" sheet and drug and/or alcohol addiction. She had always wished they could have been reached earlier, to positively impact their lives and provide less expensive assistance by using community resources. She said that the teen population is low presently, but Elementary and Junior High is huge. Most have experienced a lot of trauma such as loss of a parent, friends dying tragically, physical abuse and neglect. Since she has been working for the ARIS program, she has had 15 cases, 9 of which are on going. The methods she has employed have been to set up counseling through the Skagit Community Mental Health Center or private practitioners for kids with drug and alcohol problems or that have grown up alcoholic homes. Presently Ms. Poolman is trying to set up counseling for girls who have been sexually abused by their father, and they recently experienced the death of their brother.

Ms. Poolman felt that the present group of Intervention Specialists is a good team as they come from various backgrounds and can provide assistance to each other from their varied experiences.

Mr. Jarboe offered his congratulations to the ARIS staff, those involved with the program, and to Mr. Woodmansee, for their assistance and insistence on the success of this program. He said that the program is working and is cost effective as well. It provides assistance to kids that otherwise would not have it.

Mr. Chovil stated that he had worked for DSHS for 11 years and jumped at the chance to be involved in the ARIS program. The larger programs such as the ones he was involved in previously, did not address the potential problems, but dealt with a problem already occurring. He felt that there needed to be a pro-active approach and concept to deal with the potential problems, which ARIS provides. He said that he was happy to be a part of the ARIS program. To help avoid behavioral problems, the smallest changes must be looked for in the kids. Mr. Chovil related an analogy of Mr. Woodmansee's: While an asteroid on a collision course for the earth is still way out in space, project and apply sciences in order to prevent it from hitting the earth. Launch multiple missiles and maybe one will connect with the asteroid nudging it just enough that by the time it travels the same distance it would have toward the earth, it would miss it by light years. Mr. Chovil stated that it was satisfying to hear from kids down the road that contact him and update him on where they are in their lives. He has heard from those that are excited to be in school full time, and feels that they will

in turn bring a benefit to the County. He felt that the ARIS program was "State of the Art" social work. The program is flexible and proactive to meet the needs of the people.

Mr. Chovil stated that between September 1992, and January 1993, he had 24 referrals. He spends one day a week at the High School, one day a week at the alternative school, and 8 hours a week at Cascade Middle School. He currently has 10 kids receiving services, four that are unavailable, and 10 cases that are closed. Six of the current cases are carryovers. The program is designed to be short term, but there are those that need to continue further than others. Mr. Chovil related a case scenario regarding a 14 year old girl who attempted suicide. The method of referral was not the usual as the hospital told the family of the ARIS program, the family contacted the school and the school contacted Mr. Chovil. He met with the family and the girl, set up family and individual counseling, and met with the teachers, counseling staff, and Vice Principal of the school to set up a "safety net" program. The girl is doing better and there have been no further attempts of suicide. Mr. Chovil stated that he frequently speaks of the ARIS program at his UW classes, and those present are impressed with what they have heard.

Mr. Tobey, *Intervention Specialist for Anacortes and Burlington-Edison School Districts* addressed the Board. He said that he wanted to give the Board a true picture of what is happening in the program. Last week he had an emergency referral regarding a step-dad problem. The child was unwilling to be counselled, and the mother wanted the child out of the home. The child will go back to the Mom anyway. The morning of this meeting one of the school districts within an hour of Skagit County determined that they would not install metal detectors in the school - a student had been shot recently.

Mr. Tobey said that when he was celebrating his son's birthday at McDonalds recently, a Mom came up to him and told him that her son, who had been one of Mr. Tobey' referrals in April of 1991, was awarded a one year AA pin and doing well. He was, at the time of referral, a 15 year old with a history of poor school attendance, had been sexually abused by his uncle from age 5 to 7, at which point he started bed wetting. The minister of the family's church told the mother of the abuse but advised her not to press charges. The mother said that the father was a bi-sexual druggie, and was not an appropriate role model. In December of 1991, the kid was arrested for burglary and placed in Juvenile Detention. It was then discovered that the boy had been trying to find his father. He was placed on an anti-depressant and engaged in counseling. The biological father was found to be an upstanding citizen and the kid was given the choice to go live with him, or stay in Juvenile Detention. He went to the father, has had no further violations, and the Mom is happy. Their story had a happy ending.

Before turning the floor over to Dr. Gibbons, Mr. Woodmansee stated that when she took over Mr. Tom Pollino's position she stepped in when the ARIS program was one year old. She came in and took over and has kept the momentum going. He stated that she has been a critical component in the Best SELF program as well.

Dr. Gibbons said that before deciding to come to Mount Vernon, she made several calls, and was referred by several people to contact Mr. Woodmansee regarding the ARIS program. She found that it is unique in this community that people are willing to look at the real needs and follow through with the necessary actions. She said that her early look at the area provided an important indicator of the attitude and ability of the bureaucracy to take care of our kids.

Mr. Haddock said that he was grateful to be involved in the ARIS program. He felt that Mr. Woodmansee was a good leader for the program, and Mr. Rousseau provided a good sense of humor as well as his

Juvenile expertise. He said that Mr. Tobey was great for the Anacortes kids, their families, and the School Administration. Good feedback is received from staff and the Superintendent knows what is going on.

Mr. Haddock felt that he was a strong devil's advocate from the beginning and provided challenge to the program. That was okay, as it was agreed to disagree from the start. He felt that the ARIS team had done a fantastic job providing effective level of case management, and is making a big difference in the schools.

Mr. Haddock said that the Anacortes School District is small for some of the results of Mr. Tobey's efforts to be apparent. Some of these being:

1. Increase in attendance which provides for less possibility of criminal acts.
2. Positive Parenting changes - parents are looking at their parenting styles. When he has gone out to talk with the kids, it is apparent that the intervention has helped the kids to develop and mature, and given insight to evaluate behavior and accept responsibility.
3. Outcomes from the Program - the District can see, and develop greater awareness of youth services. They are isolated from the rest of the County services and Mr. Tobey keeps them available to Fidalgo Island.

Mr. Haddock expressed full support for the program.

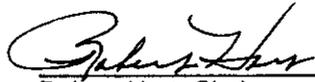
In closing, Mr. Woodmansee read the following quote from an article written by Mr. Brossoit that will be in a State-wide publication in the spring: "There is no limitation on the specialists. Their responsibility is to go through around or under any walls keeping the "at-risk" youth from a positive future."

The Board thanked all those present for their presentation and expressed congratulations for the success of the program as well as their support of the ARIS program.

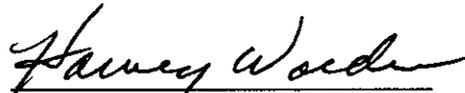
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wolden motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

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