

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

Monday, October 4, 1993

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Work Session - ADA Priorities - Dave Fleming, Risk Manager.

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Senior Services Department - Tim Holloran, Director:

- 1) Submittal - 1994 Action/RSVP Grant Proposal.
- 2) Presentation on New Fidalgo Senior Center Facility.

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Discussion - Funding of Case Manager Position for Administration of Homeless Family Services - Lynn Christopherson, Skagit Community Action Agency.

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

- 1) Public Hearing - No Parking Ordinance - Old 99 North, #5051.
- 2) Discussion - Design Alternatives - Chilberg Road.
- 3) Signature - Agreement with Regional Disposal Company for Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Services.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Discussion - Grant Proposal to Support Dental Hygienist for Health Department.

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Proclamation - United Way Month - October.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Presentation - Rail Passenger Program - Washington State Department Of Transportation, Michelle Rush.

2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Planning Commission Recommendations:

- 1) Approval - Rezone Request #REZ-93-002 for Mrs. Ella Friedrichs for Property East of and Adjacent to Cedardale Road, North of Hickox Road.
- 2) Approval - Amendments to Skagit County Code 14.04.150(2)(g) and (h) and 14.04.030 to Allow Gun Clubs/Rifle Ranges as an Unclassified Special Use in Rural Zoning Districts.

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Proclamation - 4-H Week in Skagit County, October 3-9, 1993.

7:00 p.m. Public Meeting - County Wide Drainage Utility Plan.
(Concrete Senior Center).

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 4, 1993, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Robby Robinson, and Harvey Wolden present.

SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT - TIM HOLLORAN, DIRECTOR:

1) Submittal - 1994 Action/RSVP Grant Proposal.

Tim Holloran, Senior Services Director, presented for signature the annual application to the Federal Government's ACTION program to support the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), which the County has sponsored for the past 20 years. Mr. Holloran reported that this year's grant has been reduced by \$7,000, therefore, the program has had to cut over 4% from its annual budget. A total of \$80,157.00 is being requested, \$21,413.00 of which is the County's matching share.

Dot Schleef, RSVP Program Director, gave information on the annual budget of the RSVP program, as well as *information on what services the program provides.*

The Board approved the grant proposal for signature. (Contract #001796)

2) Presentation on New Fidalgo Senior Center Facility.

Mr. Holloran stated that the Anacortes senior citizens have for many years met in the basement of the City of Anacortes' municipal building. This arrangement has been difficult, since the building has been subject to flooding, it is adjacent to a noisy gym, and it cannot be dedicated to the use of the seniors, therefore all of the seniors' property must be packed away after each use.

After it was agreed that a new senior center should be built in concert with a number of other users to provide a multi-use building, a grant from the State Department of Community Development was sought, and the City of Anacortes agreed to make application for the grant, which was ultimately successful. Early this year, the State provided \$500,000 in grant funds, while the seniors raised \$165,000. Property for the Fidalgo Center has been donated by the City of Anacortes for a senior/parks/community center, which will be dedicated to senior services for a portion of each day, and shared by the Headstart program as well as other programs. A church adjacent to the property has also been approached to sell additional property. Mr. Holloran provided a conceptual sketch for the Fidalgo Center created by the project's architect, Marc Estvold.

Marc Estvold was present for the discussion, and was invited to speak. He reviewed with the Board blueprints of the Center which will be located between "H" and "J" Avenues. Mr. Estvold stated that he has not yet provided preliminary estimates for construction costs, but that he is working in the area of \$1.2 million.

Mr. Holloran stated that the seniors are within \$300,000 of raising the entire amount for the building.

DISCUSSION - FUNDING OF CASE MANAGER POSITION FOR ADMINISTRATION OF HOMELESS FAMILY SERVICES - LYNN CHRISTOPHERSON, SKAGIT COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY.

Lynn Christopherson, representing the Skagit Community Action Agency (SCAA), provided a written proposal to the Board, which requests that the County join with the SCAA to fund a case manager position for administration of homeless family services at SCAA. Ms. Christopherson stated that the administrator would teach families basic skills in areas such as how to access social services, how to get a job, and how to *obtain education and training.*

Ms. Christopherson stated that the State Emergency Shelter System program has provided \$8,332 to fund this position. She stated that a total of \$21,832 is needed to fund the position. Jerry McInturff, Skagit

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County Auditor, has indicated that under new legislation, House Bill 1395, Skagit County now has the authority to collect an additional \$15 per marriage license to fund family services, which will raise \$13,500 per year. Ms. Christopherson suggested that this source could provide the additional money needed for the position.

Ms. Christopherson provided a letter of support from Skagit Rape Relief and Battered Womens' Services for the proposal.

The Board asked a number of questions regarding what programs are currently being provided by Skagit Rape Relief and Friendship House and how this proposal will interact with these programs. The Board participated in a discussion of the provision of affordable housing in Skagit County with Ms. Christopherson and Bill Shuler, Executive Director of SCAA.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated that he has been given to understand that the Court Commissioner, Susan Cook, should be consulted on what designs she may have on the use of the family services fund generated by marriage license fees, and he recommended that Ms. Christopherson contact Ms. Cook regarding her intentions.

The Board agreed to take this proposal into consideration during the 1994 Budget process.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - RICH MEDVED, DIRECTOR:

1) Public Hearing - No Parking Ordinance - Old 99 North, #5051.

Chairman Hart waived the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in The Skagit Argus.

Steve Blair, Traffic Engineer, stated that the residents at 327 Old Highway 99 North have requested a "no parking" area in front of their property. A pull-out area to accommodate entrance into their driveway helps this elderly and disabled couple enter and exit their car and access the road. Public Works staff, Mr. Blair stated, feels that given the disabled status of this couple and the assistance this request would provide to them, this request should be approved.

There being no public comment, Commissioner Robinson motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve the request to establish a no parking restriction zone in front of 327 Old Highway 99 North. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2) Discussion - Design Alternatives - Chilberg Road.

Doug Barnet, County Engineer, explained that it has become necessary to look at other alternatives for the route for the planned Chilberg Road realignment. The notion of a realignment project has been discussed for a number of years, and last year the Board chose a realignment route and gave instructions to begin improvements to Chilberg Road, which included the purchase of some right-of-way at the Fohn farm location. The stretch of Chilberg Road in front of the Fohn residence is now in question, as the Fohn family has refused to sell any property to the County to complete the project. Right-of-way maps, appraisals, cost estimates and plans have been completed; however, it appears that it now is necessary to revise a portion of those plans to exclude a purchase of Fohn property.

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Mr. Barnet referred to the original plan as Alternative #1. Alternative #2 is to keep the western right-of-way line where it currently is in front of the Fohn farm and move the road into the hillside, which would require a retaining wall and underground storm water retention facilities. Alternative #3 picks up the curve and skirts the western and northern property line of the Fohn farm. Mr. Barnet provided engineering estimates for all three options. The original Alternative #1 would cost \$936,000. For all three alternative the cost to perform realignment and widening on other areas besides the Fohn farm stretch would be \$500,000, bringing Alternative #1 to a total of \$1,436,000. Alternative #2 is estimated at \$854,000 plus \$500,000 for a total of \$1,354,000. Alternative #3 is estimated at \$900,000 for a total of \$1,400,000.

The advantages and disadvantages of each alternative, including the potential for litigation by the Fohns and the probability of a cost savings due to the passage of fewer waterways with Alternative #3, were discussed.

Chairman Hart reported that he has been in contact with a local group that champions protection of farmland, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland, regarding the potential for impact to farmlands that the realignment of Chilberg Road presents. He stated that the Skagitonians are not opposed to the project, as no other alternative appears to be available to correct this dangerous curve.

Mr. Barnet stated that Engineering staff recommends Alternative #3, and requests authorization to proceed with survey and design work with the intention of bidding the project next summer.

The Board concurred with staff's recommendation.

3) Signature - Agreement with Regional Disposal Company for Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Services.

Don King, Incinerator Manager, reported that some time ago the Board gave staff direction to negotiate with Regional Disposal Company for long-hauling of solid waste from Skagit County to the Roosevelt Landfill in Klickitat County. In the interim, a temporary contractor was hired to provide ash transportation service until a permanent contractor could be chosen.

Mr. King reported that a 10-year contract, with the option of four extensions, has been negotiated. No minimum tonnage promises are included, so that the County may implement any type of recycling or reclamation program, or may continue to pursue the option of rail transportation of waste.

The long-haul rates were quite extensive, and were included on Pages 26 and 27 of the 300+ page document. These were reviewed by the Board, and read into the record by Chairman Hart. Some of the rates were tied to the Consumer Price Index. The proposal was to transport solid wastes by truck to a rail head in Everett, from there to be taken by rail car from Everett to Roosevelt.

A representative of the contractor, Mark Wolken, reassured the Board that the prices negotiated were commensurate with those being paid by other counties in this area. Mr. Wolken indicated that Skagit County will pay slightly more than other counties because of the off-loading of wastes to rail cars at Everett. Some counties have access to rail service at their solid waste facilities and do not require partial trucking of wastes. The Board was concerned with competition from RDC at the point when rail service becomes available at the County incinerator, and Mr. Wolken assured the Board that RDC is interested in a long-term arrangement, not jeopardizing their relationship with the County by a short-term gain.

Mr. Medved indicated staff's confidence in this contract and the concept of long-hauling of solid waste, and recommended approval of the RDC contract.

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Bill Stensland, an associate of Skagit Waste Systems, Inc., had some comments regarding the contract and the County's plans for the recycling and disposal of solid waste in future.

Commissioner Robinson then motioned to approve for signature the contract with Regional Disposal Company for solid waste transportation and disposal services. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract #001795)

4) Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Medved reported that the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility opened for business today.
- B. Mr. Medved reported that tomorrow, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., the PUD and City of Anacortes will consummate an agreement to install an intertie between their respective water systems. The Resource Recovery Facility staff has been notified that during this period, occasional fluctuations in water pressure may occur. Mr. Medved stated that staff has elected to shut the Incinerator down during this period to avoid damage due to water pressure fluctuations.
- C. Mr. Medved reported that the surplus property auction netted slightly more than anticipated this weekend.
- D. Mr. Medved reported that the removal of the sandbar near the Skagit River Railroad bridge commenced today.

DISCUSSION - GRANT PROPOSAL TO SUPPORT DENTAL HYGIENIST FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

John Thayer, Health Department Environmental Health Supervisor, provided a list of those grants currently being administered by the Environmental Health section. He stated that Environmental Health has a single coordinated prevention grant which contains two parts: a Solid Waste Enforcement Grant, and a Moderate Risk Waste Grant. These two parts support illegal dumping investigation and monitoring of landfills. The Model Toxics Control Account, the source of which is sales of hazardous materials in Washington State, provides the funds to support this grant. Mr. Thayer stated that the source of this grant is very dependable, and anticipated that this grant will continue for a number of years, and in fact, a renewal of the grant is being compiled at this time.

Barb Meier, Director of Nursing Services, reported that a number of nurses within the Health Department are grant funded. She did not, however, elaborate on these grants or the positions they support.

Ms. Meier reported that the State has offered to fund a dental hygienist, plus supplies and annual training, for 1994. She stated that the program targets the school districts, providing fluoride rinses for grades 1 through 6, and training for teachers, parents and WIC and Well Child clinics.

Chairman Hart questioned whether it is the County's focus to provide this service.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, asked how the program will avoid "re-serving" those students whose parents already provide dental care which includes fluoride treatments.

Ms. Meier stated that the Anacortes School District will not be included, as the water in the City of Anacortes is fluoridated. In the other school districts, the program will be provided after parental consent is obtained.

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Dr. Howard Liebrand, County Health Officer, felt that this program is an interim measure to protect children until the County voters agree to include fluoridation in the local water supply.

Mr. Woodmansee followed up with a concern as to whether or not this grant assures that all those students who are eligible under this program will receive benefits in addition to those their parents or other programs provide or will be missed because their parents did not return a consent form.

Ms. Meier noted that the program that the Board is being asked to sanction is not through a grant application, that the State simply sent her a contract, followed up by a phone call, offering the funds. Ms. Meier stated that the amounts being offered are \$8,000 for the remainder of 1993, and \$22,000 for 1994.

Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve for signature the contract for a dental hygienist for the Health Department, which Commissioner Wolden seconded, and received unanimous approval. However, Ms. Meier had no grant agreement or contract to be signed, and indicated that she had submitted it by another manner without requiring signature by the Board.

The Board indicated a desire that goals and priorities be set for the Health Department to assist in deciding which grants should be pursued. Then a policy for approval of grant applications on short notice can be developed.

PROCLAMATION - UNITED WAY MONTH - OCTOBER.

Jere LaFollette, Executive Director of Skagit Community Mental Health, and Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor, were present for the presentation.

Commissioner Wolden read the proclamation into the record, and motioned to approve the proclamation declaring October as United Way Month in Skagit County. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 4, 1993, as submitted.

* Public Works:

1. Personal Services Contract with Mary Applehof, Flowerfield Enterprises - to present a three hour Worm Composting Workshop for teachers on using worm bins in the classroom. This Agreement begins October 4, 1993 and terminates October 5, 1993 at the cost of \$500.00. (Contract #001784)
2. Personal Services Agreement with American Linen - Linen/Coverall Service for Resource Recovery Facility and Operations Division beginning November 3, 1993 and continuing through November 3, 1994 at a cost of \$9,500. (Contract #001790)
3. Final Cost Records - Hansen Creek Sedimentation Pond.

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* Parks, Recreation and Fair:

Signature - Mount Vernon School District #320 School Facility Rental Application and Agreements for the following (Contract #001292):

4. Use of the LaVenture Gym from 7:30-10:30 p.m. for adult volleyball at a charge of \$50.00 per night for Wednesdays - October 6, 1993 through December 22, 1993 and January 5, 1994 through March 30, 1994.
5. Use of the Centennial Gym from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for adult volleyball at a charge of \$25.00 per night for Wednesdays - October 6, 1993 through December 22, 1993 and January 7, 1994 through April 1, 1994.
6. Use of the Centennial Gym from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for girls basketball at a charge of \$25.00 per night for Mondays - October 18, 1993 through December 22, 1993 and January 5, 1994 through March 30, 1994.
7. Use of the Lincoln Gym from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for adult volleyball at a charge of \$25.00 per night for Wednesdays - October 6, 1993 through December 22, 1993 and January 5, 1994 through March 30, 1994.
8. Use of the Lincoln Gym from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for basketball at a charge of \$25.00 per night for Wednesdays - October 18, 1993 through December 20, 1993 for girls and January 3, 1994 through March 21, 1994 for boys.
9. Use of the LaVenture Gym from 9-Noon for youth basketball at a charge of \$50.00 per day for Saturdays - October 4, 1993 through December 20, 1993 and January 8, 1994 through April 2, 1994.
10. Use of the Lincoln Gym from 6:30-9:30 p.m. for adult volleyball at a charge of \$25.00 per night for Fridays - October 1, 1993 through December 17, 1993 and January 7, 1994 through April 1, 1994.
11. Use of the LaVenture Gym from 7:30-10:30 p.m. for adult volleyball at a charge of \$50.00 per night for Fridays - October 1, 1993 through December 17, 1993 and January 7, 1994 through April 1, 1994.
12. Use of the LaVenture Gym from 7:30-10:30 p.m. for mens basketball at a charge of \$50.00 per day for Mondays - October 4, 1993 through December 20, 1993 and January 3, 1994 through March 28, 1994.
13. Signature - Agreement for use of school facilities with the Sedro-Woolley School District #101 to use the multi-purpose room and tumbling mats at Mary Purcell for Tuesdays - October, 1993 through April, 1994 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for dance classes at a cost of \$5.00 per session.

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* Treasurer:

14. Signature - Personal Services Agreement with Compu-tech, Inc. for updating and on-going maintenance on the Compu-tech Investment Computer Program beginning January 1, 1993 and continue until the Compu-tech Computer Investment Program is no longer needed at a cost of \$60.00 per hour. (Contract #001791)

* Sheriff:

15. Signature - Out-of-State Travel Request for Johnie M. Rose to attend the Critical Incident Stress Training in Post Falls, Idaho, on October 27, 1993 and returning November 1, 1993 with a cost of \$150.00 for lodging and \$180.00 for meals for 6 days.
16. Signature - Out-of-State Travel Request for Gerald R. Bowers to attend the Critical Incident Stress Training in Post Falls, Idaho, on October 27, 1993 and returning November 1, 1993 with a cost of \$150.00 for lodging and \$180.00 for meals for 6 days.

* Budget/Finance:

17. Signature - Resolution modifying statutory date for the 1994 budget hearing and establishing December 6, 1993 at the date for the Public Hearing to adopt the 1994 final budget. (Resolution #15034)

* Juvenile Probation:

18. Agreement with DSHS to provide drug and alcohol treatment services to youth who have been incarcerated in the Juvenile Justice System at a cost of \$41,557.00 beginning July 1, 1993 and continuing through June 30, 1995. (Contract #001792)
19. Agreement with DSHS to provide assessment, monitoring, and treatment services to youth sentenced and serving a community supervision sentence in lieu of a standard range commitment at a cost of \$14.00 per youth per day from date of program assignment. The total cost of program is not to exceed \$75,081.00 and shall begin July 1, 1993 and continue through June 30, 1995. (Contract #001793)
20. Agreement with DSHS to evaluate appropriateness of, and provide dispositional alternatives for sex offenders without prior history of a sex offense at a cost of \$16.00 per youth per day from date of program assignment beginning July 1, 1993 and terminating June 30, 1995 at a total cost of \$108,272.00. (Contract #001794)

* Commissioner's Office:

21. Record of the proceedings from September 27, 1993.
22. Record of the proceedings from September 28, 1993.
23. Record of the proceedings from September 29, 1993.

PRESENTATION - RAIL PASSENGER PROGRAM - WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

Greg Lippincott and Allen Harger of the State Department of Transportation's Rail Branch gave a presentation regarding the Northwest Rail Corridor program. A videotape advertising the program was shown. A sample resolution showing support for the rail program was provided, which Mr. Lippincott suggested the Board might wish to adopt.

Mr. Harger reviewed a general overview manual which was provided to the Board for information. The Program develops upon a Federal Railroad Administration decision to designate the corridor between Portland, Oregon, to Vancouver, B.C., as one of five "high speed" rail corridors across the nation. The Program requires that sustained speeds of 90 m.p.h. be developed. It builds upon a joint partnership between the States of Washington and Oregon and the Province of British Columbia, as well as the Burlington Northern Railroad Company and Amtrak, to produce a service that provides shorter time frame and greater frequency of trips. The Program also focuses on "multimodal" transportation, which is the linking of ferry, air, bus, train, private vehicle and bicycle traffic. Rail passenger service between Seattle and Vancouver will be restored beginning in October, 1994.

A detailed set of maps and a narrative showed the improvements that will be required on Skagit County track and crossings. It also indicated that there will be some speed increases of up to 79 m.p.h. associated with the restoration of passenger train service.

The Board stated their concerns regarding the location of the multimodal transportation station planned to be located in the City of Mount Vernon. Also discussed was the State's plans to relocate Highway 20 where it runs west of the City of Burlington.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

- 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, October 4, 1993, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

- 1) Manual Warrant #MW102771-24 in the amount of \$1,353.27.
- 2) Manual Warrant #MW-102770-23 in the amount of \$322.59. Transmittal #C-48-93.
- 3) Warrant #123521/E30001 through 124446/E30390 and payroll warrants #38582 through #39875 (Vouchers #PW9300005691 through #PW93000060000) in the amount of \$1,115,317.30. Transmittal #P-20-93.

- B. A resolution was introduced which provided support for an international park across the United States - Canada border, in Washington and British Columbia. The resolution was presented at the request of the Cascades International Alliance.

Chairman Hart motioned to adopt the resolution presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15035)

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- C. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve a resolution calling for a public hearing on October 18, 1993, at 1:30 p.m. to consider an ordinance amending Skagit County Code 14.20.010, fees for recording Records of Survey. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15036)
- D. Commissioner Robinson motioned to approve a resolution calling for a public hearing on October 18, 1993, at 1:30 p.m., to consider a resolution modifying the fees charges for recording short plats and issuing marriage licenses. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution #15037)

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Approval - Rezone Request #REZ-93-002 for Mrs. Ella Friedrichs for Property East of and Adjacent to Cedardale Road, North of Hickox Road.

Edwyna Fong, Associate Planner, reviewed the Board's options in this matter, they were:

- 1) To adopt the recommendation of the Planning Commission.
- 2) To remand the matter back to the Planning Commission for further consideration.
- 3) To call for the Board's own public hearing to consider testimony on the matter.

Ms. Fong explained that this item received unanimous support from the Planning Commission. The request is for the rezone of approximately 1.83 acres from Agriculture to Commercial-Limited Industrial located east of and adjacent to Cedardale Road, north of Hickox Road, south of Mount Vernon. The Staff Report and Planning Commission Recorded Motion had previously been supplied to the Board. The Comprehensive Plan Map designates this property as Commercial, while the Zoning Map indicates that the property is Agriculturally zoned. Other similar rezones have been granted in the immediate area, southwest across Interstate 5, southeast along Hickox Road, north of the WSDOT site along Cedardale Road and northwest across Interstate 5. The Planning Commission noted that commercial development should not be permitted until adequate public facilities and services become available.

No public comment was forthcoming.

Commissioner Wolden motioned to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Commission to permit the rezone of property belonging to Mrs. Ella Friedrichs. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- 2) Approval - Amendments to Skagit County Code 14.04.150(2)(6) and (h) and 14.04.030 to Allow Gun Clubs/Rifle Ranges as an Unclassified Special Use in Rural Zoning Districts.

Jeff Morgan, Associate Planner, reviewed the Board's options in this matter with them. They were:

- 1) To adopt the recommendation of the Planning Commission.
- 2) To remand the matter back to the Planning Commission for further consideration.
- 3) To call for the Board's own public hearing to consider testimony on the matter.

Mr. Morgan reminded the Board that this is a non-project recommendation by the Planning Commission. Although some testimony may refer to a gun club which is the subject of an enforcement action at this time,

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this merely recommends a new policy that would allow gun clubs in Rural zoning, if the owner obtains a special use permit following a public hearing in front of the County Hearing Examiner.

Mr. Morgan stated that although the Planning Commission considered it, the Commission chose not to permit gun clubs in Residential zoning, feeling that even by special use, it is an inappropriate place for gun clubs.

Chairman Hart remarked on several letters received from the public, which referred to the particular gun club that is the focus of an enforcement action.

Mr. Morgan stated that there has been a gun club identified which is illegally existing in Residential-Reserve zoning. Since the Planning Commission chose not to permit gun clubs in Residential zoning, this gun club's enforcement action would not cease.

Chairman Hart advised the audience that additional testimony cannot be accepted, but invited comments from the audience. Chairman Hart once again explained the action before the Board today. The audience had several questions regarding this ordinance. One audience member asked the difference between a gun club and a rifle range. The new definition was read to the audience. A gun club, under the proposed ordinance, was defined as a facility utilizing shotguns for trap, skeet and/or sporting clay target practice and training, with only short range and target load ammunition allowed. A rifle range was not defined.

A gentleman suggested that the caliber of weapons permitted should also be listed in the definition of a gun club. Another gentleman discussed the types of loads which effect the noise generated by shooting.

A male audience member asked what would be done about the lead that is allowed to remain on the ground at gun clubs.

Oscar Graham, Shorelines Administrator, again explained the non-project nature of this recommendation. He again explained the Planning Commission recommendation.

Commissioner Wolden then motioned to adopt the recommendation of the Planning Commission to amend Skagit County Code section 14.04.150 and 14.04.030 regarding the permitting of gun clubs in Rural Zoning designations by conditional use permit. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

A long discussion with the audience followed regarding the gun club belonging to a Mr. Corbell in the Alger area. Once again, Chairman Hart explained that Mr. Corbell was advised that he could seek the opportunity to apply for a special use permit by requesting a Code amendment which would permit gun clubs in Residential zoning by special use permit. The Planning Commission, however, refused to allow gun clubs in Residential zoning, and chose instead to allow gun clubs by special permit only in Rural zoning. The zoning ordinance currently allows gun club to apply for special use permits in Forestry Zoning as well.

The audience contained both supporters and opponents of the Corbell gun club. The supporters made the Board aware that they desired some local facility where they could shoot firearms. Many present asked that the Corbell facility be allowed to remain open with reduced hours of operation and other reduced conditions; however, the Board made it clear that while the gun club was making efforts to resolve their situation through a change to Skagit County Code it was allowed to remain open, but once that possibility was rejected, the Club must be closed unless it can obtain a rezone to Rural Zoning and a special use permit.

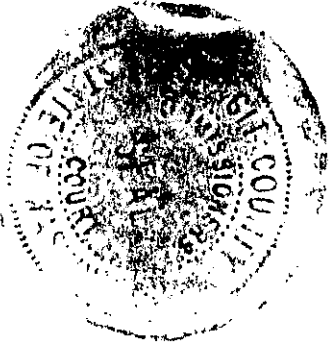
PROCLAMATION - 4-H WEEK IN SKAGIT COUNTY, OCTOBER 3-9, 1993.

Chairman Hart read the proclamation, and Commissioner Wolden motioned to approve the proclamation declaring October 3-9 as 4-H week in Skagit county. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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Robert Hart, Chairman

Robby Robinson

Robby Robinson, Commissioner

Harvey Wolden

Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Stephanie Wood

Stephanie Wood, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners