

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

Tuesday, February 1, 1994

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning Department - Dave Hough, Director

- 1) Discussion - Urban Growth Areas.
- 2) Discussion - Alternative Permit Processing.
- 3) Code Enforcement Report.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Sheriff's Office - New Personnel Introductions.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bid Opening - 1 New Four Wheel Drive Special Purpose Passenger Vehicle.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 1994, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Robby Robinson and Harvey Wolden present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - David Hough, Director.

1. Discussion - Urban Growth Areas.

David Hough, Planning Director, discussed with the Board the processing of Urban Growth Areas (UGA) and how to incorporate the UGA information provided by the cities and their review of land needs determinations into the Comprehensive Plan. Paul Carr, Planning Department Staff, advised the Board that part of the process included a review of other jurisdictions and their approach to this issue. He advised the Board that the Planning Department is developing a suggested process and content package for the Board's review. Mr. Carr reviewed with the Board three documents:

1. Urban Growth Area Designation and Locational Criteria;
2. Criteria for Adopting Comprehensive Plans and Development Regulations; and,
3. Urban Growth Area Locational Criteria.

Mr. Carr advised the Board that the Planning Department is now to the point of determining the cities' role in how they will absorb the urban growth areas. Commissioner Wolden expressed his concern that the cities submitted their plans and boundaries, and need justification to back-up their boundary decisions. The Board acknowledged that most cities have limited staff and time to provide additional documentation.

Mr. Hough advised the Board that the Planning Department has had numerous meetings with the cities within the County and that the County is now at an impasse with the cities concerning the differences between city and county urban growth area designations. Mr. Hough also stated that Planning Department Staff will be going back to the cities outlining what is needed to be obtained to add information into the comprehensive plan. A discussion ensued on the ability of some cities to maintain current levels of services if their boundaries increase dramatically. For example, stated Mr. Hough, in the City of Hamilton many people included in the urban growth area do not want to be included therein. Requirements currently state that if a city or town cannot provide city police protection, it is mandated that the County Sheriff must provide such services at County expense. It was suggested by Staff that perhaps there should be interlocal agreements with the cities to cover the cost of the additional services required.

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Mr. Carr advised in closing that the Planning Department Staff recognize that the issues need clarification and are working to incorporate the city urban growth area information into the Comprehensive Plan.

2. Discussion - Alternative Permit Processing.

A discussion ensued between the Board and Mr. Hough regarding Planning Department scheduling for the next 5 months. Staff advised that there are several applications pending that will require hearings prior to July 1994. Planning Commissioners have expressed their willingness to meet more than once a week to help expedite processing.

As part of the permit processing, Staff will be reviewing the technicalities of the codes, permit processing and procedures, and conflicts between existing codes. This review will begin within the next 30 days.

Commissioner Hart noted that during the Commissioners' Staff retreat one of priorities discussed was a rework of the County's regulatory process, and to find ways to serve County customers better, and not to duplicate efforts. Commissioner Hart further noted that procedures should be developed and followed, and should be followed consistently. Commissioner Wolden added his concern that the process is streamlined and a determination of what needs to be done should be made. Mr. Hough advised the Board that the Planning Department is forming a committee to establish processes to streamline application procedures.

Commissioner Robinson stressed the need to ask citizens informational questions to identify what they really want to do with their property. It was noted by Staff that many people are reluctant to indicate what they really want to do.

Mr. Hough indicated that the County needs to recognize that the applicants want some assurances as to the use of their land. One of the goals of the department will be to get the annual report to the Board with suggestions to improve public consistency and public involvement.

3. Code Enforcement Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was reviewed by the Board.

4. Miscellaneous.

Gary Christianson, Planning Department Staff, attended a public meeting on the draft EIS on the land use designation element. Mr. Christianson informed the Board that more than 100 people were in attendance at this public meeting. Much of what was said was directed to the things the public felt the EIS should address. Staff was generally pleased that so many have shown interest and want to be involved in the process.

BID OPENING - ONE NEW FOUR WHEEL DRIVE SPECIAL PURPOSE PASSENGER VEHICLE.

Commissioner Robinson waived the reading of the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus. The following bids were received and opened:

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- 1) Gordon Nissan
655 Auto Blvd./P.O. Box 569
Burlington, WA 98233

Base Bid: \$23,955.32
No Alternate Proposal
Cashier's Check enclosed

- 2) Skagit River Ford
680 Auto Blvd.
Burlington, WA 98233

Base Bid: \$27,002.82
No Alternate Proposal
Bid Bond enclosed

- 3) Blade Chevrolet
1100 Freeway Drive
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

Base Bid: \$24,231.58
No Alternate Proposal
No Bid Bond, No Cashier's Check Enclosed

Charlie Tewalt, Equipment Rental & Revolving Fund Coordinator, will review the bids received and return with a recommendation for award in approximately one week.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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.

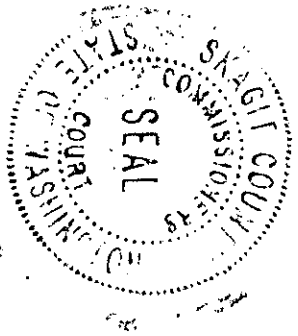
As of this date, February 1, 1994, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrant #107199 through #107771 (Voucher numbers 30020113/4000273/P1064001-P1064017/P147001-147032, P1148001-148002/P147033-149141, and 3020517/4000675) in the total of \$1,640,860.56. (Transmittal #C06-94)

ADJOURNMENT:

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON





Harvey Wolder, Chairman



Robby Robinson, Commissioner



Robert Hart, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Patti J. Owen, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners