

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

Tuesday, February 15, 1994

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.

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

- 1) Signatures - Addendum to Nookachamps Hills Consultant Contract with Huckell/Weinman Associates, Inc.
- 2) Signatures - Personal Services Agreement on Coastal Zone Management Grant Contract with David Nemens Associates, Inc.
- 3) Signatures - Grant Proposal for the Centennial 5-Year Watershed Plan.
- 4) Discussion - Regulatory Reform Program.
- 5) Code Enforcement Report.
- 6) Miscellaneous.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 15, 1994, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Robby Robinson and Harvey Wolden present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Dave Hough, Director

1. Signatures - Addendum to Nookachamps Hills Consultant Contract with Huckell/Weinman Associates, Inc.

Jeff Morgan, Associate Planner, presented an addendum to the Nookachamps Hills Consultant Contract with Huckell/Weinman Associates, Inc. This addendum extends the contract to, but not beyond, July 31, 1994, and also agrees to include an additional \$4,250.

Dave Hough, Planning Director, noted that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement in this area was issued on September 15, 1992. Since a significant amount of time has passed, an addendum to the Draft EIS should be submitted for comment, thereby going an extra step to get additional public comment on the Draft EIS. The original contract expired September 15, 1992. Mr. Hough confirmed that the developer will reimburse the County for this addition to the contract.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve this addendum to the contract. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed. (Contract #0907)

2. Signatures - Personal Services Agreement on Coastal Zone Management Grant Contract with David Nemens Associates, Inc.

Oscar Graham, Planning Staff, gave the Board a brief overview of the necessity for this Personal Services Contract to prepare amendments to the Shoreline Master Program addressing the siting and development of hydroelectric generation facilities. The project will also provide a list of mitigation issues concerning hydroelectric projects. The total compensation for this contract will be \$20,000 and the term of the contract will be February 16, 1994 through June 30, 1994.

Commissioner Robinson asked Mr. Graham if this is a duplication of processes previously instituted by state agencies or other environmental concerns. Mr. Graham advised that the requirement to review this project

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is not a local requirement, but is a federal requirement. All hydropower projects must be consistent with all federal regulations.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve this Personal Services Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart, and passed unanimously. (Contract #01939)

3. Signatures - Grant Proposal for the Centennial 5-Year Watershed Plan.

Kraig Olason informed the Board that the County is seeking funding assistance for the development of a five-year integrated watershed planning program. This program will be developed through a technical and citizen committee process. The primary elements involved in the development of the five year plan include:

- A. Review and evaluation of the present approach to watershed planning to date;
- B. Development of an updated approach for the next five-year watershed planning program;
- C. Re-evaluation of the initial county-wide watershed ranking;
- D. Establishment of a prioritized five-year implementation plan;
- E. Lead Agency staffing to administer and coordinate the plan requirements.

Mr. Olason then explained the ways the Planning Department would involve the public in developing this program approach. The goals include establishing a level of local commitment to implementation of water quality improvement in Skagit County and implementing prioritized water quality improvement programs and activities.

Mr. Olason further reviewed with the Board the government agencies and interested parties that would require interaction during this process. These include the Department of Ecology's Water Quality Enforcement Section, Puget Sound Water Quality Authority's "Puget Sound Ambient Monitoring Program", Department of Health, Shellfish Section, Department of Natural Resources, Federal Government's Lead Agency for the Interagency Watershed Restoration Strategy, Tribal Governments, and others as defined through the planning process.

Mr. Olason discussed "opportunistic" implementation of projects or plans that are collaborative and incorporate other agencies' work program goals, objectives and requirements. He also discussed with the Board the final Skagit County Coordinated Five-Year Watershed/Water Quality Program Plan and the necessary components and requirements that needs to be established and/or maintained.

Mr. Olason advised the Board that this plan will require establishment of local ownership/commitment as a key component of the final plan and this grant proposal. Local comments before local appointed and elected decision-makers for or against any activities proposed to take place on private lands is an essential part of development any locally implemented programs. Mr. Olason queried the Board on their feelings concerning the public process for input to the five-year plan. Chairman Wolden indicated the Board's desire to include the public in the decision-making process and the concern for duplication of effort in applying for other grants at this same time.

Mr. Olason assured the Board that the plan should not be a wish-list of projects, but should be what can be most realistically accomplished in the five-year term of the grant.

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Commissioner Robinson asked how this fits in with the timelines of the GMA. Mr. Olason indicated the watershed plan would come on line in November or December of this year. Commissioner Hart asked if the County has prioritized which Centennial funds should be applied for and whether or not this is auxiliary to those already submitted, or does this supersede those already submitted.

Mr. Olason advised the Board that he hopes to have the grant prepared by Friday, and asked if the Board would like Planning Staff to continue to move forward with the preparation of this grant application. Commissioner Robinson expressed concern over the necessity of developing the GMA and the possible diversion of valuable time to this type of project. Chairman Wolden asked for clarification of existing grants and public hearing/review process currently in-house. Mr. Olason clarified that this grant attempts to deal with implementation of components to the watershed process and GMA process.

It was the Board's concern that the County is not double-funding or overlapping the same projects, and not simultaneously doing separate work on various grants that could be combined.

Mr. Hough advised that applying for this grant will not affect the GMA, that no additional employees will be hired, and that the County will have one year to decide if the grant will fit in to the general scope of watershed planning for the County.

4. Discussion - Regulatory Reform Program.

Mr. Hough advised the Board that the Planning Department is setting up a technical advisory committee comprised of various individuals from numerous departments. In the evaluation of code revisions, it will be necessary to go beyond the face value of just changing the pertinent regulations, but also need to see how other relevant codes are affected, and if the change will affect permit processing. The program will start within the next several weeks.

5. Code Enforcement Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was reviewed.

6. Miscellaneous.

Oscar Graham advised the Board that the County is closely following the development of the forest service on the bald eagle program on the upper Skagit River. In light of this activity, Mr. Graham advised that he would like to attend the Bald Eagle Conference in Klamath Falls, Oregon, during February 18-20, 1994. The cost to the County will be \$50 only. The Board indicated their consent for Mr. Graham to attend this event for the nominal amount of \$50, and Staff indicated that Mr. Graham should submit an out-of-state travel request at his earliest convenience for the Board's approval.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. Cori Russell, Records Management Staff, presented a contract for signature by the Board which the Board questioned on the Consent Agenda of February 14, 1994. This contract renews our microfilming contract with the State. Ms. Russell confirmed to the Board that the County only pays for the service that we request, rather than for the optimum amount of the contract and assured the Board that this dollar amount fits well within her budget. She advised the Board that quality has improved and that the State is still the lowest bidder. Commissioner Robinson moved to approve

the contract as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart and unanimously approved. (Contract #01708)

2. 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 15, 1994, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants numbered MW107773-06 through MW107773-06 in the total amount of \$3,507.79 (Transmittal No. C08-94).

3. Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, presented to the Board for signature a Call for Proposals re: PC Network Hardware and Related Products. After brief discussion, Commissioner Hart moved to approve this Call for Proposals. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #15240)
4. The Board was advised by Public Works Staff that a road closure would be necessary on Deer Creek Road #0125 due to deteriorating roadway conditions as a result of the freeze/thaw breakup and heavy rains. Consequently, Staff presented a Resolution to the Board for signature noticing such a road closure. Commissioner Hart moved to adopt the resolution closing Deer Creek Road #0125. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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 Wolden, Chairman



Robby Robinson, Commissioner

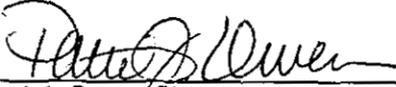


Robert Hart, Commissioner



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ATTEST:



Patti J. Owen, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners