

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

Wednesday, July 13, 1994

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. 1994 Budget Call.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 13, 1994, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robby Robinson and Robert Hart present.

1994 BUDGET CALL.

Jerry McInturff, County Auditor, advised that this session is an official budget call as required by Statute. Various changes in the budget worksheet forms were reviewed by Mr. McInturff, and he stated that budget information for the first six months of 1994 is included in the handouts. Mr. McInturff noted that under the "Benefits" section the amounts included cover 7 months of the year, rather than 6 months. Mr. McInturff advised that these worksheets are available on the network and can be returned to the Auditor's office electronically. Mr. McInturff further advised that all of the information must be returned to him by August 18th.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated that there are no significant changes in revenues forecast for 1995, other than an anticipated increase of approximately 2-4%. There is no uncertainty as last year of the passage of Initiative 601 and 602. Mr. Woodmansee stated that in order to submit the budget within a realistic realm, the worksheets should be submitted with no larger than a 3% increase over 1994. Mr. Woodmansee advised that for 1995 there will be cost of living salary increases of 3%. Mr. Woodmansee stated that the numeric pages of the budget worksheets must be submitted to the Auditor within the 3% increase range. Other requests for larger increases can be submitted in writing at a later date. Mr. Woodmansee indicated that everyone should realize throughout this process that there is not much room to maneuver.

Commissioner Hart asked if the 1994 savings realized will be refunded to departments at a rate of one-half of the savings and, if so, will this money be available to departments over and above their 3%. Mr. Woodmansee indicated that it is too early to ascertain this information since only half of the year has passed. Mr. Woodmansee stated that this can be done outside of the budget process and can be added supplementally.

Phyllis Coole-McKeehan asked about the 16% increase in L&I. Mr. Woodmansee stated that his recollection is that the individual departments will be expected to absorb this cost if less than 1/2 of a percent.

Mr. Woodmansee briefly discussed the budget calendar which was also distributed.

Mike Almvig, Data Processing Manager, offered his help to anyone requesting assistance with the electronic transfer of the budget information.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The Board approved the plat map for Eagle Valley P.U.D. as presented by Staff.

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

ATTEST:


Patti J. Owen, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners