

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

Tuesday, September 20, 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) Discussion - Comprehensive Plan Element Project Report.
 - 2) Signature - Master Program Amendments (Aquaculture).
 - 3) Code Enforcement Report.
 - 4) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Skagit Search & Rescue Intent to Lease County Property Located at 1201 South Second Street, Mount Vernon.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Senior Services - Tim Holloran, Director.
- 1) New Employee Introductions.
 - 2) Program Update.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Facilities - Superior Court Relocation Alternatives.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Work Session - County Parks Comprehensive Plan.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 1994, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Robby Robinson. Commissioner Robert Hart's absence was excused.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Dave Hough, Director.

1. **Discussion - Comprehensive Plan Element Project Report.**

Gary Christensen, Planning Department Staff, advised that the Planning Commission has been meeting Mondays and Tuesdays until almost midnight, and is making progress and taking preliminary action on a number of the elements including Agriculture, Forestry, Mineral, Housing and Utility. Mr. Christensen advised that a study session and review of the Economic Development Element has already taken place and policy discussions have begun on the Rural Element. Urban Growth Area, Transportation, and Land Use Element discussions will begin shortly. Mr. Christensen stated that there has been much good discussion, many issues are being debated. It was Mr. Christensen's opinion that ultimately the right decisions will be made for Skagit County.

Chairman Wolden queried Mr. Christensen on the size of the audience gathered for the Planning Commission sessions. Mr. Christensen replied that perhaps 10 people have been sitting through the discussions. Mr. Christensen noted to the Board that John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, has attended every session to lend legal opinion as needed by the Planning Commission. The Board indicated their appreciation and gratitude for Mr. Moffat's diligent attendance.

Dave Hough, Planning Department Director, concurred with the Board's appreciation of Mr. Moffat and further indicated the fine job Dave Hughes, Planning Commission Chairman, has done in chairing these sessions.

Mr. Christensen advised that the Environment Element CAC has drafted and preliminarily approved policies

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on the following critical areas: wetlands, aquifer recharge, and frequently flooded areas. Work on geologically hazardous areas and fish and wildlife habitat conservation areas should be completed within the next several weeks.

Chairman Wolden indicated that the Board is happy with the deliberate time and consideration the Planning Commission is taking in making these determinations. Chairman Wolden stated that this is volunteerism at its finest and that it is important to note that no one outside of Skagit County is making these decisions.

Mr. Hough explained that the detail the Planning Commission is reviewing is almost "excruciating." In the long run, the County will be much better off for making this extensive review.

Mr. Christensen noted that the Planning Commission has had good attendance for these sessions and comes fully prepared. The timetable is for the Planning Commission to present their findings to the Board before the end of the year.

A discussion ensued on the effectiveness of Claire Reiner and her role as facilitator for the Environment Element Citizens Advisory Committee. It was noted that the Board is very pleased with her performance.

2. Signature - Master Program Amendments (Aquaculture).

Dave Hough presented the amendments as previously approved by the Board. Mr. Hough advised the Board that the Resolution has been approved by John Moffat. The Board signed the document as presented by Staff. (Resolution #15496)

3. Code Enforcement Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was reviewed.

4. Miscellaneous.

A. Staff presented Addendum #2 to Consultant Services Agreement #01398 to Prepare a Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Starbird Golf and Country Club Planned Unit Development. Mr. Hough explained that this involves an additional \$11,800 which Dr. Richard Bertelsen has submitted. Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the addendum as presented by Staff. The motion was seconded by Chairman Wolden, and passed unanimously. (Contract #01398)

B. As approved by the Board next week, Staff presented a Resolution Approving the Preliminary Plat PPT 93-012 Big Lake Heights. The Board signed the necessary document. (Resolution #15497)

PUBLIC HEARING - SKAGIT SEARCH & RESCUE INTENT TO LEASE COUNTY PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2101 SOUTH SECOND STREET, MOUNT VERNON.

Chairman Wolden opened the Public Hearing.

Mike Kempkes, Vice President of Skagit County Search & Rescue, stated that Search & Rescue would like to negotiate a rental agreement with Skagit County on the subject building.

There being no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Robinson moved to close the public hearing.

The motion was seconded by Chairman Wolden and carried unanimously.

After brief discussion, Chairman Wolden moved to have Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, negotiate a lease with Skagit Search & Rescue for the lease of 2101 South Second Street, Mount Vernon. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and passed unanimously.

Chairman Wolden noted for the record that there was one private citizen in attendance and one newspaper reporter in attendance in addition to Staff.

SENIOR SERVICES - Tim Holloran, Director.

1. New Employee Introductions.

Tim Holloran, Senior Services Director, reviewed the changes in personnel within the Department. Mr. Holloran advised that Donna Sitts, who has been with Senior Services since 1976, took on the job of RSVP Director. Further, Carol Taylor, an Information and Assistance/Case Management Technician for the past seven years, was hired as Project Coordinator of the I&A/Case Management Project.

2. Program Update.

Mr. Holloran presented to the Board a written Update of the Skagit County Senior Services. Mr. Holloran advised that the County's programs are the strongest in the State. Senior Center attendance is up 44% over last year.

Mr. Holloran reviewed a current set of plans for the proposed Fidalgo Center in Anacortes. Specifics of fundraising events were discussed.

Mr. Holloran briefly reviewed the Senior Nutrition Program and the success of the Jan Selvig Century bicycle ride to benefit Meals-on-Wheels.

It was noted that Mr. Holloran, Donna Sitts and Wendy Weyer are serving as volunteers for the 1994 United Way fundraising campaign.

FACILITIES - SUPERIOR COURT RELOCATION ALTERNATIVES.

Commissioner Hart was present for the remainder of the proceedings.

The Honorable Michael E. Rickert, Superior Court Judge, reviewed the previous meeting with the Board concerning relocation alternatives. Judge Rickert suggested utilizing Hearing Room "A" as a courtroom. Judge Rickert further advised that Hearing Rooms "B" and "C" are not acceptable. He has used Hearing Room "A" quite satisfactorily in the past, and when doing so, has utilized his office as chambers. Judge Rickert indicated that Superior Court is amenable to this solution rather than expending a large expense to remodel the existing facilities in the courthouse. Judge Rickert stated that it would only be necessary to construct a Bench and possibly a Jurybox.

Commissioner Hart queried Judge Rickert on the lighting in Hearing Room "A." Judge Rickert indicated that the lighting is adequate.

A brief discussion ensued on specific problems and solutions of utilizing Hearing Room "A" on a permanent

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basis and the loss of its use to other County departments. Specifics of Bench design and courtroom layout were also discussed with Roger Howard, Facilities Manager.

Chairman Wolden indicated that the County can live with the loss of Hearing Room "A."

The Board indicated their concurrence with this plan.

Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, noted that a security system at points of entry to the new courthouse should be considered.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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ATTEST:

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