

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

Tuesday, October 25, 1994

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Consideration of Resolution Remanding Matter of Administrative Special Use #ASP-94-005 of J. Winston Anderson to Skagit County Hearing Examiner.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Recommendation - Approval - Agricultural Variance #AGV-94-024 of Danny Miller, Samish Island Road.
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Planning Department - Dave Hough, Director.
- 1) Discussion - Padilla Bay Monitoring Program.
 - 2) Discussion - Fee Schedule.
 - 3) Code Enforcement Report.
 - 4) Miscellaneous.
- 4:00 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Resolution - Jail Inmate Co-Payment for Medical Care.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 25, 1994, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robby Robinson and Robert Hart present.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REMANDING MATTER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIAL USE #ASP-94-005 OF J. WINSTON ANDERSON TO SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER.

Commissioner Hart stated that this consideration is the result of a directive from Whatcom County Superior Court directing the Board to remand this matter back to the Skagit County Hearing Examiner to have a transcript prepared due to the lack of an audio transcript from the previous hearing before the Hearing Examiner.

The Board concurred that this is the proper thing to do. Commissioner Hart, therefore, moved to Remand the Matter of J. Winston Anderson, Administrative Special Use #ASP-94-005 to the Skagit County Hearing Examiner.

Commissioner Robinson noted that precautions should be taken to avoid this type of situation from happening again, i.e. blank tapes, and seconded the motion. Commissioner Hart stated that significant security needs to be given to all of the tapes that are made during such hearings. The motion passed unanimously. (Resolution #15527)

RECOMMENDATION - APPROVAL - AGRICULTURAL VARIANCE #AGV-94-024 OF DANNY MILLER, SAMISH ISLAND ROAD.

Chairman Wolden advised that there is a recommendation for approval of an agricultural variance of a request for a subdivision of a substandard parcel from the parent parcel in the agricultural zone.

Oscar Graham, Planning Department Staff, reviewed with the Board an assessor's map, and photographs of the subject property as prepared by the applicant. Mr. Graham briefly reviewed the history of this application for variance, and advised that the Hearing Examiner recommends approval of the application for the variance subject to the applicant obtaining an approved short plat for this 2.86 acre parcel.

After a brief discussion concerning the particular geographic conditions of the property, Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the Resolution approving the agricultural variance for the property of Danny Miller. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart and passed unanimously. (Resolution #15528)

FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - Roger Howard, Director.

Roger Howard, Facilities Director, reviewed with the Board proposed changes to the remodelling of the Juvenile Probation second floor. Mr. Howard advised that the Mount Vernon City Building Department has informed him that it is a legal requirement to have 2 exits from each end of the building. Due to the fact that the building footprint lies on the property line, it is necessary to have all four of these exits on the south side of the building. This cost has a large impact on the total budget, adding approximately \$150,000. Consequently, a whole new face is required on the south side of the building. The total cost of remodelling is now up to \$1.7 million.

A brief discussion ensued on seismic compliance costs of approximately \$70,000 for this remodelling.

Commissioner Hart queried Mr. Howard on what the total cost per square foot is. Mr. Howard responded that the square footage cost is \$150 per square foot. Mr. Howard explained that this high cost is because of the requirements of a jail remodel, which is more expensive than regular construction.

Mr. Howard advised that the bottom line for the Juvenile Probation remodelling is now set at \$2.1 million.

Various options for reducing the impact of the the exiting stairways were discussed.

Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, questioned Mr. Howard about the timing of the construction as the building permit was supposed to have been applied for by November 1. Mr. Howard advised that the plans are not ready for submission at this date due to the recent discovery of the exiting stairwell problem.

Commissioner Robinson stated that he would like to see figures on building a similar project from scratch so as to have basis for a comparison. This was briefly discussed.

Mr. Howard advised that the Mount Vernon City Council meeting is Wednesday night and if the master plan is approved, the plan check and permitting process will proceed.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Dave Hough, Director.

1. **Discussion - Padilla Bay Monitoring Program.**

Ron Knable, Planning Department Staff, presented to the Board a copy of the final monitoring report for Padilla Bay. There will be a public hearing in November on the draft plan, with a final plan scheduled for December. The final watershed action plan may be adopted in January, if the Department of Ecology finalizes their review in a timely manner.

2. **Discussion - Fee Schedule.**

Dave Hough, Planning Department Staff, reviewed with the Board a list of current costs versus the present fees being charged for services provided by the Department. Some fees are dramatically out of sync. Mr. Hough advised that the Department is not recommending an overall fee schedule change, but the longer

It goes without adjusting some of the charges, the more dramatic the changes will be. Mr. Hough advised that the largest impacts concern Shorelines and SEPA reviews, together with appeals. The appeal process is being used more and more, and is directly relative to the fact that there is no cost involved.

Mr. Hough volunteered to come up with a recommendation to the Board for a fee schedule more in line with costs at next week's Planning session.

3. Code Enforcement Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was reviewed.

4. Miscellaneous.

- A. Staff presented a Resolution opposing the designation of Northern Puget Sound as both an Estuary of National Significance and as a National Marine Sanctuary. Commissioner Hart stated that he sees no reason to add another layer of government, and therefore moved for approval of the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #15529).
- B. A brief discussion was held concerning the proposed annexations by the City of Burlington, and Mr. Hough reviewed with the Board a map detailing same.
- C. A brief discussion was held on a request from Sunland Bark & Topsoils for the Board's endorsement of their proposed composting facility project. Ken Willis, Health Department Staff, advised that the approval of the Board should follow after every other approval has been received. Therefore, Sunland Bark & Topsoils has asked for something that cannot be accomplished at this time, and should be so advised.
- D. A brief discussion was held on proposed dredging in Fidalgo Bay and the impacts thereto.
- E. The Board approved the final plat of Big Lake Ridge.

RESOLUTION - JAIL INMATE CO-PAYMENT FOR MEDICAL CARE.

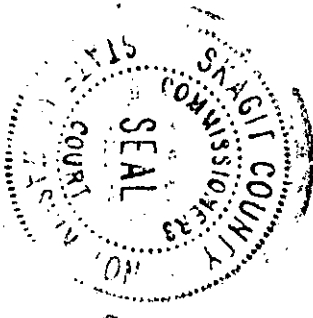
Howard Leibrand, Health Officer, gave a brief summary on the reasons for the proposal to establish a co-payment schedule for medical care for those incarcerated in the Skagit County Jail. Following Dr. Liebrand's summation, Commissioner Robinson indicated that this seems to be the reasonable proposal. Commissioner Robinson noted that there must be ironclad policies in place so as to not deny anyone medical care because they cannot afford it.

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution instituting co-pay for medical care for inmates of the Skagit County Jail. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #15530).

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