

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

Tuesday, December 6, 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 - Critical Areas Ordinance.
2) Code Enforcement Report.
3) Miscellaneous.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Bid Opening - Pump, Haul and Discharge Lechate from Inman Landfill.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget for Veterans Relief Fund.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 1994, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robby Robinson and Robert Hart present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Dave Hough, Director.

1. **Discussion - Critical Areas Ordinance.**

Gary Christensen, Planning Department Staff, reviewed the purpose of critical areas ordinance. Critical areas should be considered as strategies to conserve and protect private and public property. Local governments are required to adopt a critical areas ordinance. A citizens advisory committee (CAC) has been established on the environmental and critical areas. Interim measures have caused public dissatisfaction, and have generated concern on how some of these developmental regulations could be improved upon to eliminate redundancy and create efficiencies.

Oscar Graham, Senior Planner, presented in this regard a Resolution Directing Preparation of an Interim Critical Areas Ordinance. Mr. Graham advised that critical area management has been addressed under interim regulations, with existing ordinances and through state environmental policies. The Department has been criticized from the standpoint of regulatory complications associated with development review. The environmental review process has been lengthy and needs to be streamlined. Mr. Graham advised that measures relied upon for the past three years have complicated development review. This resolution is necessary to direct the Planning Department to prepare an ordinance which will direct staff to include:

- A. Coordination with resource management agencies in the drafting of interim regulations.
- B. Utilization of existing resources in identifying, classifying and designating critical areas.
- C. Development of site specific identification requirements and performance standards.
- D. Intergovernmental coordination/cooperation providing streamlining of development review and regulatory requirements.
- E. Re-convening of Citizen Advisory Committee for the purpose of assuring consistency with draft policy directives.
- F. Preparation of status report to be presented to the Board no later than February 7, 1995.

The Board reviewed the Resolution as presented by Staff.

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June Kite, private citizen, questioned the February 7, 1995 date and asked if this process needs to be completed prior to the completion of the Comprehensive Plan. Chairman Wolden replied that yes, this task needs to be accomplished with the use of the CAC and the facilitator, prior to the completion of the Comprehensive Plan.

Greg Harris, Department of Natural Resources, commended the Planning Department for proceeding with the ordinance, developing the framework, and noted that this is a law that must be complied with.

Dave Hough, Planning Department Director, stated the Department's feeling that there is a need for the interim step proposed, recognizing that this is something that can be accomplished much sooner than a final ordinance, and that the interim standards will be included in the final ordinance as part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Robinson noted that this is a very emotional issue and painful process, but the County is working through it step-by-step.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the Resolution Directing Preparation of an Interim Critical Areas Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hart and passed unanimously. (Resolution #15566)

2. Code Enforcement Report.

The Code Enforcement Report was reviewed.

3. Miscellaneous.

- A. Staff gave the Board a Planning Commissioner update in that all rural village boundaries, with minor modifications, have been reviewed. The Planning commission will address petitions and letters that have been submitted on individual property requests. Chairman Wolden noted that the rural element will not be completed by Christmas, but will be to a point close to completion. The dedication of the volunteers on the Planning Commission was applauded by the Board.
- B. Staff presented a Resolution Amending Resolution #15547 concerning the "innocent purchaser" determination of applicants Conrad Bock and Fred J. Lotz, to comply with suggestions made by Chief Civil Deputy John Moffat. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which unanimously carried. (Resolution #15567)
- C. Jim Cahill, Planning Department Staff, presented to the Board an Addendum to a contract with Geometrics which adds a scope of work to provide mapping services for an additional amount of \$7,500. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the contract addendum as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (Contract #01752)
- D. Mr. Hough briefly reviewed the Tewalt prehearing conference and advised that the trial has been scheduled for March, 1995.
- E. Mr. Hough briefly reviewed the public meeting concerning the Summit Park area annexation to the City of Anacortes, wherein approximately 250 citizens attended.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Staff advised that the Swinomish Tribal Community has asked for assistance with their application for a Community Development Block Grant. Consequently, a public hearing will be necessary to solicit public input. A resolution calling for a such a public hearing was presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart indicated the Board's willingness to assist in this regard and moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. (Resolution #15568)

BID OPENING - PUMP, HAUL AND DISCHARGE LECHATE FROM INMAN LANDFILL.

Staff advised that there were no bids received as of the time of the bid opening. The Board directed Public Works Department Staff to come back to the Board next week with a recommendation for handling this matter, perhaps with the current contractor.

PUBLIC HEARING - SUPPLEMENT BUDGET FOR VETERANS RELIEF FUND.

Chairman Wolden opened the public hearing.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, advised that the 1994 budget was adopted for the Veterans Relief Fund of which \$75,000 was awarded as a provision for relief for veterans. That amount was appropriated for use in 1994, and two weeks ago it came to light that the rate of expenditure exceeded the fund. Consequently, this public hearing was called to consider a supplemental budget amount of \$7,500.

Mr. Woodmansee noted that the amount now being considered may be taken from the 1995 appropriation, realizing that overexpenditures cannot continue.

Bob Buckley, Mount Vernon, President of the Veterans Advisory Committee explained that the Committee is very much aware of the overage to the fund, and are looking at solutions to this problem such as developing a 13-month budget. The Committee is actively trying to obtain grant monies to bolster these funds. Mr. Buckley reviewed statistical information concerning those who were assisted in 1993 and 1994.

Chairman Wolden clarified with Mr. Buckley that the Veterans Relief Fund could operate on a 13-month budget for 1995. Commissioner Hart noted in this regard that approximately \$2,500 of the amount proposed to supplement the budget has already been committed to pay outstanding grocery vouchers. Commissioner Robinson concurred that a 13-month budget will be necessary to stay within acceptable limits.

Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, noted that this is the first full year of this arrangement per the agreement with Skagit County Community Action Agency and that difficulties were bound to development. The plans for managing the funds being proposed were applauded by Mr. Taylor

The Board concurred the need to leverage the fund and obtain additional funding sources.

Stan Petrowski, 2716 Oakes Avenue, Anacortes, Vice Chair of the Veterans Advisory Committee, noted the need of the individuals requesting assistance and questioned the amount of money being allocated under the law.

Mr. Woodmansee indicated that the County allocates the minimum amount required by law to the fund. A discussion ensued on property tax revenues and alternative funding sources. Statistical information concerning the numbers of veterans assisted and the repetitive patterns of such veterans was reviewed.

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Wayne Waits, 1605 E. Fir, Mount Vernon, offered some clarification of the numbers that were reviewed.

Col. Edmondson, member of the Veterans Advisory Board, noted that the whole point of the program is to assist needy veterans.

Nick Petta, 1211 No. 9th, Mount Vernon, acknowledged the effective work that Suzi Cafron as coordinator is doing in assisting veterans with financial emergencies and finding other avenues of assistance for them.

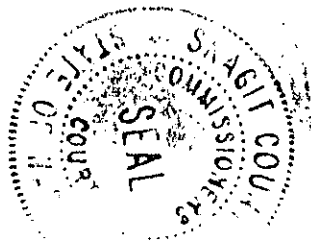
There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Hart moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Commissioner Robinson moved to approve the supplemental budget of \$7,500. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. (Resolution #15569)

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