

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

**Tuesday, January 10, 1995**

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

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Work Session - Operations Division  
Manager/District Maintenance Supervisors.

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

- 1) Discussion - Capital Facilities Policy Element.
- 2) Discussion - Shellfish Protection District Options.
- 3) Code Enforcement Report.
- 4) Miscellaneous.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. Public Hearing - Establishment of Pile Size, Times and Burning Permit Fees for Written Burning Permits.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 1995, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Harvey Wolden and Ted Anderson present.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**

1. **Discussion - Capital Facilities Policy Element.**

Kraig Olason, Planning Department Assistant Director, reviewed a draft of the Capital Facilities Policy Element with the Board and asked for their comments.

Paul Carr, Planning Department, presented an overview of the draft plan. Mr. Carr noted that other areas and entities had been researched and compared in this regard. Several points were brought to the Board's attention including, the volume-to-capacity ratio, levels of service and time frame.

Chairman Hart suggested that levels of service be looked at and that it is important to get input from the private sector.

*Discussion followed in regard to future requirements and Mr. Carr noted that the planning staff will have figures of other counties available for work sessions in the future. Mr. Carr noted that there was a possible error in the 1990 report in regard to estimated office space for each employee.*

Kraig Olason mentioned that this is really the Board's decision as relates to implementation. Commissioner Hart suggested that the Planning Commission make a recommendation for levels of service to present to the Board.

Mr. Carr noted there would be a public hearing on this issue on January 23, 1995, and that the policy would be available at that hearing for comment.

2. **Discussion Shellfish Protection District Options.**

Ron Knable, Planning Department Staff, presented an overview of the importance for shellfish protection to maintain the quality of life in Skagit County. He noted that there are now twelve streams in Skagit County on the Washington State list of impaired waters. Mr. Knable then reviewed several areas including the identification of a district, sources of funding, combining authorities, district services and the options available. Mr. Knable covered five different options and the considerations of each. Mr. Knable mentioned that the county should respond before February on the formation of a Shellfish Protection District.

A discussion ensued and Commissioner Wolden asked for a review to be done in regard to where the county stands in grant funding, so the Board would know whether it would be necessary to fund the entire program.

The Board suggested that a plan be presented to enable them to make a recommendation. A suggestion was made that the Planning Department look into working with the Skagit Conversation Department.

Kraig Olason mentioned that the 180 day time line might be flexible if the county can show that an attempt is made to address the issue. The Board asked the Planning Department to include in their overview an inventory of activity and some guidelines in the formation of the district.

3. **Code Enforcement Code.**

The Code Enforcement Code was reviewed.

4. **Miscellaneous.**

There were no miscellaneous items discussed.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1. **Annual Endorsement for Skagit County Medical Bureau.**

Stephanie Wood, Personnel Director, presented an Annual Endorsement for the Skagit County Medical Bureau preferred care contract modifying monthly rates for calendar year 1995. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve this renewal as presented by Ms. Wood. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson and passed unanimously. **(Contract #01855).**

2. **Long-term Disability Policy from CIGNA.**

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to accept a Long-Term Disability Policy from CIGNA as presented by Ms. Wood. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The Board signed the relevant documents.

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**PUBLIC HEARING - ESTABLISHMENT OF PILE SIZE, TIMES AND BURNING PERMIT FEES FOR WRITTEN BURNING PERMITS.**

The Public Hearing was opened by Chairman Hart. Commissioner Wolden mentioned that the Board thought it was important to hear comment from citizens on this issue.

Dan Cain, County Fire Marshall, mentioned that the county is trying to come into compliance in order to get the maximum number of days of burning.

Dan Mahar, Northwest Air Pollution Authority ("NWAPA"), noted that the flexibility is mandated by WAC.

Brian McGinness, Executive Officer of Skagit Island County Builders Association, inquired as to whether it would be possible to quickly form a committee and then come back to commission with recommendation. There was comment on the fee schedule and it was further explained by Dan Cain.

Morris Nilsen, Excavator in Skagit County, mentioned that he agreed with Mr. McGinness and would like to review this a little more thoroughly. A lengthy discussion ensued on the fee schedule. Wade Norton, Resource Protection Agency, responded to how DNR put together their fee schedule.

Mr. Jim Hansen, local farmer, indicated his interest in working with NWAPA. He mentioned that NWAPA should be consistent with all burners who disregard regulations. Chairman Hart noted that he would like the opportunity to look at this further. The Board suggested having 30 additional days for more comment on this issue.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to continue this public hearing until Tuesday, February 14, 1995 at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.

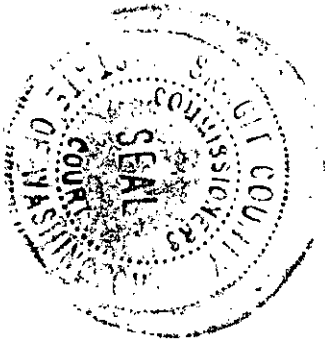
Mike Cheek, contractor, commented on the difficulty of reading all the laws and regulations. He mentioned that he would like to be more informed about these regulations and have better notification when committees are formed. Dan Mahar and the Board suggested that perhaps a work session to discuss such regulations may be advisable.

Morris Nilsen, suggested reviewing clean air act in regard to this issue. Commissioner Wolden agreed and suggested getting together with NWAPA to develop some guidelines.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



  
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Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

  
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ATTEST:

  
Debby Sims, Clerk  
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