

**Record of the Proceedings
Skagit County Board Of Commissioners**

Tuesday, April 11, 1995:

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
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- 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 - Critical Areas Ordinance.
2) Code Enforcement Report.
3) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Amending the Boundary Lines for Various Precincts in Skagit County.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Discussion - Community Development Block Grant - Swinomish Tribe.
- 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Proclamation - Earthquake Awareness Month.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 1995, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Harvey Wolden and Ted W. Anderson present.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Dave Hough, Director.

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

Oscar Graham, Planning Department Staff, reviewed the history of the Critical Areas Ordinance, noting that the Board previously directed Staff to develop the draft interim ordinance.

A discussion ensued and staffing issues and administrative procedures were addressed.

Chairman Hart suggested acquiring citizen participation. Commissioner Wolden mentioned the limiting factors in the plan as presented and suggested drafting a plan more suitable for Skagit County.

Commissioner Anderson inquired as to whether the process would be accelerated and if the process would be more or less expensive to the property owner than it is currently. Mr. Graham indicated that this would in some instances, speed the review process and result in a net increase to the property owner.

A discussion ensued in regard to the legal aspects of the critical areas ordinance, the administrative policies, and the need for more input in regard to site specific areas.

Chairman Hart mentioned that there is not an urgency to have a Public Hearing at this time.

Mr. Graham proposed providing the technical basis for the standards and forming a steering committee from a citizens group to provide citizen input. Mr. Graham also proposed providing the Board with a list of candidates in this regard before proceeding further.

2. **Code Enforcement Report.**

The Code enforcement report was reviewed.

PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDING THE BOUNDARY LINES FOR VARIOUS PRECINCTS IN SKAGIT COUNTY.

Commissioner Wolden opened the Public Hearing.

The precinct maps were presented by Kathy Hill, Auditor, and Krista Johnsen, Auditor's Staff, showing the amended boundary lines.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Wolden made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution #15717).**

Commissioners Ted W. Anderson and Harvey Wolden were not present for the remaining agenda items.

DISCUSSION - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT - SWINOMISH TRIBE.

Paul Schissler, Grant Facilitator, reported that he anticipates this block grant will be expeditiously processed.

Mr. Schissler mentioned that applications and forms are being drafted and will be soon be available for applicants.

Mr. Schissler indicated that applicants will be able to use their previous year's tax return as certification of annual income. Mr. Schissler noted that applications will be reviewed by staff to determine eligibility.

A discussion ensued in regard to the distribution of the grant funding. Mr. Schissler mentioned that the funds would be first used to pay 100% of the assessments of those households with incomes below 50% of the median income and then allocated to pay an equal percentage of the assessments of those households between 80% and 50% of the median income.

Mr. Schissler mentioned that Skagit County will coordinate with the Swinomish Tribe, the Sewer District and the Tenant Association to implement distribution of information and application forms to all households who reside in the project area.

Mr. Schissler mentioned that the Washington Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development requires a subrecipient agreement to articulate and confirm that there is local consensus in regard to the CDBG implementation process.

Mr. Schissler mentioned that the CDBG Handbook provides detailed implementation guidelines and that the CTED staff are scheduling a visit to review construction project files to verify compliance with such CDBG requirements.

A brief discussion ensued in regard to securing a contract with Mr. Schissler for his facilitation of the grant.

Mr. Schissler provided a time line, as follows:

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| April 14 | -Work Plan submitted to state. |
| April 21 | -Entities will do mailings. |
| April 28 | -Contract back for signing. |
| Early May | -CTED visit and schedule public meetings. |
| May 8 | -Proceed with follow-up and obtain all applications. |
| May 15 | -Review applications for eligibility. |
| May 22 | -Meet with Board to review. |
| Late May/June | -Money should be available/draw on funds based on eligibility. |

A discussion ensued in regard to whether assessments stay with the property in the situation of a home sale. Mr. Woodmansee suggested that special situations be brought up early, in the event we need to inquire at state level.

A discussion ensued in regard to application contents.

Chairman Hart stated that Mr. Schissler should proceed.

PROCLAMATION - EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS MONTH.

Chairman Hart read the Proclamation proclaiming the month of April 1995 as Washington State Earthquake Preparedness Month.

Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management, mentioned that on April 26 & 27th there will be a county-wide simulated earthquake exercise. Mr. Sheahan reviewed the scenario scheduled for the exercise.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. The motion was carried unanimously.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Robert Hart, Chairman

Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Commissioners