

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, December 4, 1995:

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- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Jan Keiser, Director.
- 1) Signature - Letter of Understanding Between Burlington Northern/Sante Fe Railroad and Skagit County.
 - 2) Signature - Resolution Establishing a C.R.P. for Cascade River Road.
 - 3) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Public Hearing - Proposed 1996 Skagit County Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Economic Development Association of Skagit County Presentation.
1. Washington Certification Project Priority Review.
 2. Request for Letter of Support - Skagit "WIN" Program.
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. Parks Projects Update.
- 2:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Work Session - Watershed Planning Update.
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 4, 1995, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Harvey Wolden and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC WORKS - Jan Keiser, Director.

1. Signature - Letter of Understanding Between Burlington Northern/Sante Fe railroad and Skagit County.

Ed Hawes, Public Works Staff, presented the letter of understanding as referenced above. Mr. Hawes mentioned that negotiations have initiated an agreement for Burlington Northern/Sante Fe Railroad to withdraw from further closure consideration for Milltown Road and Spruce Street with the stipulations that the County agree to withdraw from the protest to close Green Road. Mr. Hawes mentioned that this includes the agreement that the County would also agree to waive hearing rights for Allen Road should Burlington Northern and Sante Fe Railroad petition to close the grade crossing.

Mr. Hawes mentioned that a letter was sent to Burlington Northern and Sante Fe Railroad stating that this item would be reviewed before the Board at 10:00 a.m. today and that they were not notified of the change to 9:00 a.m.

A discussion ensued in this regard.

Mr. Hawes recommended that this item be moved to next weeks consent agenda to allow for comment. It was determined that the Board would make time at 10:00 a.m. for anyone to comment on this issue.

During the 10:00 a.m. session, Douwe Dykstra, Green Road, Burlington, remarked that the closure on Green Road would create a hardship and urged the Board to find another alternative. Commissioner Wolden indicated that Public Works would work with Mr. in this regard.

2. Signature - Resolution Establishing a C.R.P. for Cascade River Road.

Mr. Hawes reviewed the above resolution. Mr. Hawes mentioned that this is part of the 1996 Annual Road Program and stated that this would cover construction costs for safety improvements and upgrade the existing gravel road from the intersection of Rockport Cascade Road, Milepost 0.71 to Milepost 4.96.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Miscellaneous.

1. Robin LaRue, Public Works Staff, discussed the issue of providing drop boxes for flood items as in the past. The discussion continued and the Board concurred that Mr. LaRue should proceed with this. Mr. LaRue stated that a Resolution would be provided in this regard.
2. Mr. LaRue also presented an Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Personal Services Amendment #02595 with Economic and Engineering Services to continue this contract to December 8, 1995, to ensure completion. Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the contract supplement, as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract #02595).
3. Discussion ensued in regard to the recent flooding.

Chairman Hart's absence was excused for the following portion of the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 1996 SKAGIT COUNTY BUDGET.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget/Finance Director, stated that the budget expenditure plan totals \$62,284,008 and that total revenues will be \$60,651,613. Mr. Woodmansee reviewed the contents of the 1996 Annual Budget document, explaining the various budget summaries and graphs.

Chairman Hart returned to the Public Hearing at this time.

Mr. Woodmansee reviewed the statistics in regard to changes in numbers of County employees and various other budget changes.

Chairman Hart opened the Public Hearing.

Randy Good, 2246 Minkler Road, Sedro Woolley, read into the record the Oath Of Office, signed by Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart on December 28, 1992. Mr. Good urged the Board to uphold their Oath of Office and to drop the Sedro Woolley to Snohomish County line railroad corridor and Sedro Woolley to Concrete railroad corridor from the budget. Mr. Good presented information in regard to this issue and expressed his opposition to these projects.

Bob Brown, Burlington, reviewed the budget document and questioned the budget figures in regard to personnel, bonds, and property taxes. Mr. Brown maintained that a 6% property tax is not necessary and discussed several other areas of the budget.

Elsa Gruber, Box 21, LaConner, representing Skagit Audobon Society, stated that she is impressed with the general compilation of the budget, however, Ms. Gruber expressed various concerns with the budget and urged the Board always to keep the quality of life in mind when making decisions affecting the Skagit Valley.

Commissioner Anderson's absence was excused for the remainder of the regular session.

Carol Ehlers, West Fidalgo Island, Anacortes, commended Mr. Woodmansee on the budget packet and commented on several areas of the budget. A discussion ensued regarding the inclusion in the future of a chart showing individual property tax disbursement, indicating where exactly the taxes go. Ms. Ehlers also commented on the restructure of the Planning and Permit Centers and a discussion ensued. Louis Requa, 310 West Bennett, Sedro Woolley, commended the County on preparation of the budget. Mr. Requa stated that his company, Skagit Surveyors, would like to offer their input to the County in regard to long range planning, as they have been involved intensely in the area of development.

There being no further public testimony, Commissioner Wolden made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Chairman Hart stated that signing of the Resolution adopting the budget will be postponed to 2:00 today, due to time constraints.

Commissioner Anderson returned for this portion of the agenda.

The Resolution was presented to the Board and Commissioner Wolden mentioned that there are areas that need to be looked at in the future after listening to earlier testimony on this issue.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the 1996 budget, as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution #15975).

Chairman Hart stated that when the Assessor has the new evaluations available, we should then assess the property tax situation.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management, gave a brief update to the Board on the current flood activities.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

* Commissioners' Office:

1. Record of the Proceedings from Monday, November 27, 1995.
2. Record of the Proceedings from Tuesday, November 28, 1995.
3. Resolution for Budget Line Item Change due to floodfight costs, It is necessary to transfer appropriations from the General Administration component of the County Road Fund budget to Extraordinary Operations in the amount of \$78,800. (Resolution #15972).

• Parks:

4. Resolution Closing the Dreamfield Account and Transferring Balance to Skagit Valley Softball Association. Due to the Dreamfield Committee obtaining an alternative sight for the Dream field from the Fairground facility, and the formation of a partnership with the Skagit Valley Softball Association to complete this project, the Dreamfield Committee has requested the balance of the donations they raised and placed in fund 352D totalling \$12,724.44, be returned to the Dreamfield Committee and then will be placed into a dedicated account established by the Skagit Valley Softball Association, a non-profit organization. (Resolution #15973).
5. Mount Vernon School District No. 320 School Facility Rental Agreement for Sports Activities from January 6, 1995, through March 30, 1996 at \$50 per day. (Contract #02692).

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Staff presented a Resolution establishing the 1996 Solid Waste Advisory Committee Membership. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Resolution #15974).
2. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing which has been available to the Board.

As of this date, December 4, 1995, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above mentioned list and further described as follows:

Vouchers #5012600 through #5012703, #5012705 through #5012816, #5007-482 through #5007-490, #5007-492 through #5007-498, #5010-929 through #5010-949, #5010-952 through #5010-954, #5014-611 through #5014-617, #5017-400 through #5017-412, #5017-400 through #5017-412, #5019-531 in the amount of \$630,539.61. Warrant #142249 through #142677. (Transmittal #C51-90).

Voucher #147843 through #148699 and PW9500013729 through PW9800014015 and Warrants #68878 through #69735 in the total of \$1,126,371.50. (Transmittal #P-25-95).

Voucher #P1219001 through P1219034, P1220001 through P1212003, P1221001, P1217001 through P1217006, P1221003 through P1221004, #5012200 through #5012599, #5012704, #5012794 through #5012795, #5010-950, #5014-577 through #5014-596 in the total of \$1,405,782.32. Warrant #141598 through #142248. (Transmittal #C50-95).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF SKAGIT COUNTY PRESENTATION.

This item was cancelled and removed from the agenda.

1. Washington Certification Project Priority Review.
2. Request for Letter of Support - Skagit "WIN" Program.

PARKS PROJECT UPDATE.

This item was cancelled and removed from the agenda.

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WORK SESSION - WATERSHED PLANNING UPDATE.

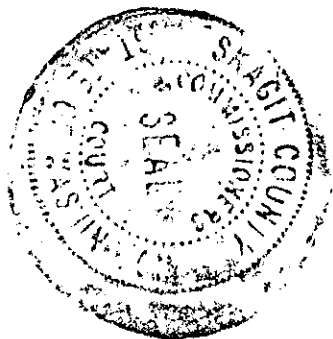
This item was cancelled and removed from the agenda.


The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in Executive Session in regard to litigation issues for approximately one hour.

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it 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