

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, January 30, 1996

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

Flag Salute.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center - Roxanne Michael, Director.

- 1) Discussion - Review of the Planning Commission's Deliberations of the Critical Areas Ordinance.
- 2) Code Enforcement Report.
- 3) Miscellaneous.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, January 30, 1996, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER - Roxanne Michael, Director.

1. Discussion - Review of the Planning Commission's Deliberations of the Critical Areas Ordinance.

Oscar Graham, Planning Staff, reported that the Planning Commission met for deliberation on Monday evening and reported that additional time was necessary for further consideration, due to the scope of the document, the volume of public comments received and effects of a decision. Mr. Graham stated that the Planning Commission desired to that this ordinance be considered line by line, which ultimately could extend the process over a number of Planning Commission meetings. Mr. Graham mentioned that the potential litigious nature of this decision should not be fast tracked and given the same type of review as afforded for other comp plan type documents.

Chairman Anderson agreed that adequate public input should be involved in the process, also recognizing that this might impact the timeline. However, Chairman Anderson emphasized the importance of the public response.

Commissioner Wolden inquired as to the anticipated timeline changes. Mr. Graham mentioned that the Planning Commission would meet again next Monday and begin on line 1 to reevaluate the document on a line by line strategy.

Mr. Graham reported that there is a voluminous amount of testimony and public comment that has been received.

Commissioner Hart stated that the minutes should reflect that all public comment is addressed, stating that in the past the Growth Hearings Board noted that there was not a record that the meetings took place which took public comment. Commissioner Hart emphasized that it behooves the County to make sure those issues are considered and that there be a record of such. Commissioner Hart also suggested developing a plan for the Planning Commission meetings and concentrating the schedule to eliminate any delay, while keeping an accurate record of all deliberations.

Mr. Graham stated that there is a lengthy record established and that this procedure will continue.

Chairman Anderson commented on the difficulty of trying to guess what the Growth Hearings Boards is asking.

Commissioner Hart reiterated that the one thing the Growth Hearings Board has made clear is that the paper trail needs to reflect that all information received is considered and recorded.

A discussion ensued.

Commissioner Hart emphasized the importance of listening to the 94,000 citizen concerns.

Commissioner Hart stated his concern that no matter what happened in the past, we need to proceed in order to be in compliance.

Commissioner Wolden commented on the environmental issues and stated that species management has become healthier.

Chairman Anderson expressed his appreciation of Staff and the Planning Commission trying to determine a balance between the environment and economics.

Commissioner Wolden stated that this is a 20 year plan and that it is not necessarily cast in stone, suggesting that the plan does have the ability to be changed or adjusted for any inequities.

Commissioner Hart restated the need to go through the process and justify the decision.

A discussion ensued in regard to the process of responding to concerns.

Roxanne Michael, Director, stated that she is recognizing the details and extremes being examined, rather than the intent. Ms. Michael stated that this plan needs move ahead with the concern of the majority of the citizens concern.

Commissioner Hart stated that the Growth Hearings Board has made it clear that dealing with the intent is not sufficient and will continued to be overturned. Commissioner Hart maintained that the Growth Hearings Board has made it clear that the details have to be dealt with and in order to get through the process, we will have to comply with the defined process of dealing with the details. Commissioner Hart stated he sympathizes with Staff, but that we have been directed to comply.

Commissioner Wolden stated that the Planning Commission is very capable of developing a good comprehensive plan and suggested that they take the lead and bring it to the Board in order to continue.

Chairman Anderson noted that it is critical that the plan is a reflection of a balanced view of the citizens.

Commissioner Hart stated that if the County is going to be overturned, it should be due to a decision, not overturned for non-compliance with procedure.

Mr. Karsh asked for clarification on the suggestion of scheduling more frequent Planning Commission meetings in order to stay within the timeline. The Board asked that the Commission develop a plan accordingly.

2. Code Enforcement Report.

The code enforcement report was reviewed.

3. Miscellaneous.

1. Tom Karsh gave the Board an update since the removal of the 5 acre minimum interim control ordinance.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. 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, January 30, 1996, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above mentioned list and further described as follows:

Vouchers #149571 - #150471 and #PW9500014332 - #PW9500014475 and #PW960000001 - #PW96000000160 and Warrants ##71036 - #71887 in the total of \$1,168,379.99. (Transmittal #P-02-96).

Vouchers #5014003 - #5014055, #5014386 - #5014410, #5014469 - #5014887, #5007-557 - #5007-572, #5010-960 - #5010-977, #5010-979 - #5010-995, #5010-997 - #5010-998, #5010-2000 - #5010-2010, #5010-2012 - #5010-2015, #5010-2017 - #5010-2021 in the total amount of \$3,682,515.48, Warrants #145049 - #145832. (Transmittal #C05-95).

2. Patti Chambers, Administrative Coordinator, presented an Agreement for the Health Department with the State of Washington Department of Ecology which allows solid waste enforcement for the term of January 1, 1996, to December 31, 1997.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the agreement, as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract #02796).

ADJOURNMENT.

Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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ATTEST.

Debby Sims
Debby Sims, Clerk
Skagit County Board of Commissioners