

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Wednesday, July 3, 1996**

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

PRESENTATION BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF SKAGIT COUNTY REGARDING WASHINGTON COMMUNITY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TEAM (WA-CERT) PRE-APPLICATION UPDATE.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER - Roxanne Michael, Director.

1. Discussion - Deliberation and Possible Adoption of Interim Ordinance No. 16102 (Regulatory Reform).
2. Discussion - Natural Resource Lands Ordinance Update.
3. Discussion - Critical Areas Ordinance Implementation Update.
4. Discussion - Policy Discussion regarding Accepting grants of real Property (SCC 14.40).
5. Miscellaneous.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, July 3, 1996, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

PRESENTATION BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF SKAGIT COUNTY REGARDING WASHINGTON COMMUNITY ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TEAM (WA-CERT) PRE-APPLICATION UPDATE.

Don Wick, Executive Director of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County discussed the reprioritization list of the seven projects. Mr. Wick stated that LaConner Sewer District No. 1 also submitted a pre-application to be included on this list. A discussion ensued in regard to the specifics of the request by LaConner Sewer District No. 1. Commissioner Hart suggested adding this to the bottom of the list, as number eight, as there is difficulty placing it higher without further information at this time.

Mr. Wick continued to discuss projects that have been funded and or partially funded. Commissioner Wolden pointed out that there was a typographical error in the money amount and asked that this be corrected.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion that the LaConner project be added as number eight to the priority list. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER - Roxanne Michael, Director.

1. Discussion - Deliberation and Possible Adoption of Interim Ordinance No. 16102 (Regulatory Reform).

Tom Karsh, Assistant Planning Director of Planning & Permit, reviewed the documents that the Board has in front of them for their review. Mr. Karsh stated that No. 16102 was adopted as an Interim Ordinance and that due to state law, a public hearing was held and now we are here to adopt a permanent Ordinance. Mr. Karsh mentioned that there are no changes in this document that the Board has not been advised of and that have not been discussed. However, Mr. Karsh, did discuss that there was a change in definitions in short plat definitions to be in compliance with state law. Mr. Karsh also reviewed the situation with the eight applicants whose applications were in process in this regard. Mr. Karsh reported that it has been determined that there is some flexibility in the county road standards in this regard and that the applicants will be advised as to our error. Mr. Karsh stated that applicants will be urged to contact the Planning & Permit Center of any inconveniences caused by this error. Mr. Karsh stated that it was not necessary for the Board to take any action at this time. The Board emphasized that these applications should be looked at individually and that due to this being our error, every effort to help these folks should be made to eliminate any unnecessary expense or inconvenience. Commissioner Wolden expressed his desire to adhere to the correct process in dealing with this issue.

Mr. Karsh discussed the benefit of processing these types of documents through the Planning Commission for comprehensive review in order to eliminate errors that commonly take place when documents are forced to be rushed through staff.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Interim Ordinance (Regulatory Reform) an Interim Ordinance of the Skagit County Board of Commissioners adopting a new Chapter 14.01 (Development Code Administration) of the Skagit County Code, for the purpose of consolidating the procedural actions for review of development under Titles 14 and 15 of the Skagit County Code and implementing the Washington State Regulatory Reform requirements as enacted in 1995 under engrossed Substitute House Bill 1724 and repealing and/or amending certain provisions of Titles 14 and 15 of the Skagit County Code. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Interim Ordinance No. 16219).

2. Discussion - Natural Resource Lands Ordinance Update.

Gary Christenson, Senior Planner, presented the Board with an attendance chart of the Skagit County Planning Commission. Mr. Christenson reviewed what has been reviewed recently by the Commission and stated that discussions on development regulations will continue this month and that it is anticipated that a recommendation will be forwarded to the Board for review and consideration before the end of the month.

A discussion ensued in regard to a change in the resource conservation criteria and the new designation criteria agreed on by the Planning Commission. Mr. Christenson also reported that there has been considerable discussion on the mineral resource designation. Commissioner Hart discussed the mineral resource designation as outlined by the Growth Management Act and expressed his concern that a proposal from the Planning Commission will not come forward before the end of the month. Mr. Christenson explained that scheduled meetings of the Planning Commission with the Fourth of July holiday did not allow an earlier report. Commissioner Wolden reiterated Commissioner Hart's concern and urged the rapid completion of this project. Commissioner Hart stated that if the Planning Commission is unable to agree on any particular issues, those should be forwarded to the Board so that the Board could assist with completion of those issues.

Mr. Christenson asked if the Board would be interested, at an earlier date, reviewing the Planning Commission Natural Resource Land designation criteria and map, or would they prefer to review the whole document at a later date.

Commissioner Hart stated that it is difficult to review a large amount of material at once and stated his preference to review the material as it is available.

Mr. Christenson stated they could bring forth on Tuesday, July 16th, information for further discussion.

3. Discussion - Critical Areas Ordinance Implementation Update.

Jim Cahill, Senior Planner, presented an update on the Critical Area Ordinance Implementation. Mr. Cahill reviewed several areas of the Ordinance that have been addressed. Mr. Cahill stated that site visits have begun already and that other issues addressed include well drilling, trenching for water lines, accessory buildings, activities that are non-permitted activities, small lots adjacent to water bodies, septic repair, and the issue of owner signature required on applicant checklist. Commissioner Hart expressed his hope that the department is continuing the policy of being helpful in this area and customer friendly.

4. Discussion - Policy Discussion regarding Accepting grants of Real Property (SCC 14.40).

Mr. Karsh explained that several weeks ago, an individual offered the County a road that ran through this individuals property. Mr. Karsh reviewed the existing code in this regard to determine that this type of gift is in the best interest of the entities involved. Mr. Karsh presented a proposed Resolution addressing these concerns of gifting existing county roads in this regard. Mr. Karsh reported that this should be combined with Uniformed Development Code if the Board concurs.

Commissioner Hart stated his desire to proceed with this procedure. The Board approved this Resolution, as presented, which will be brought back on the Consent Agenda for signature next week.

5. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Karsh presented an update of the Platted Lots summary.

MISCELLANEOUS.

- 1. The Board approved the Playfield Development and Usage Agreement with the Sedro Woolley Playfield Association and the Sedro Woolley School District No. 101 in regard to the construction playfield improvements. The term of this agreement is may 1, 1996, through April 30, 2016, and the County agrees to pay \$75,000 toward the construction of the facility improvements from the Capital Facilities Fund. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract No. 03036).

ADJOURNMENT.

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

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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 Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Harvey Wolden

 Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

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ATTEST.

Debby Sims

 Debby Sims, Clerk
 Skagit County Board of Commissioners