

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, July 9, 1996**

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Commissioner's Staff Meeting.
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Work Session - Operations Division Manager/District Maintenance Supervisors.
- Flag Salute:
- T 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center - Roxanne Michael, Director.
- 1) Update - Staffing Issues.
 - 2) Update - Insurance Standards Organization Building Code Grading Schedule.
 - 3) Update and Discussion - FEMA Mandate regarding Revisions to Flood Damage Ordinance.
 - 4) Update and Discussion - Agreement with Plat Communities regarding Permit Submittal.
 - 5) Discussion and Possible Approval - Centennial Clean Water Fund Grant Contract.
 - 6) Signature - Amendment to Professional Service Agreement with Wilson Engineering regarding Edison Sewage Project.
 - 7) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Work Session - Drinking Water Supply Issues.
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation - Recycling Proposals.
- 1:30 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. Bid Opening - Catered Meals for Senior Citizens.
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. 1997 Budget Call.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 1996, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER - Roxanne Michael, Director.

1. Update - Staffing Issues.

Roxanne Michael, Director, reviewed some recent staff changes and introduced Al Jongsma, Commercial Plans Examiner, Sheryl Walker, Fast Track Plans Examiner, Katie Crawford, Summer Intern, and also Gregor Myer and Danny Cox, who are temporary Growth Management Act Planners.

2. Update - Insurance Services Office Building Code Grading Schedule.

Ms. Michael discussed the building code grading schedule and briefly reviewed the questionnaire from the national Insurance Industry, stating that this questionnaire is one step the Insurance Industry will use to determine insurance rates in communities. Ms. Michael explained that insurance rates will be lower for owners of new buildings if the jurisdiction gets a higher rating for the enforcement of the building codes and continued by reviewing some of the determining factors.

3. Update and Discussion - FEMA Mandate regarding Revisions to Flood Damage Ordinance.

Corey Schmidt, Assistant Building Official, referred to a letter received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in regard to adoption of a compliant Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Mr. Schmidt reviewed a portion of the correspondence regarding manufactured home standards. Mr. Schmidt also discussed the recreational vehicle standards and the request by FEMA that definitions be added concerning manufactured homes, manufactured home parks and recreational vehicles. Mr. Schmidt mentioned that enforcing the request that the recreational vehicles placed on sites be on the site for fewer than 180 consecutive days would be very difficult to enforce.

Mr. Schmidt mentioned that definitions will be added to the code and then on to the Planning Commission to review on July 30, 1996.

A discussion ensued in regard to allowing septic systems on recreational use lots and identifying recreational vehicles.

Chairman Anderson suggested working with Public Works to assist in monitoring the situation. Commissioner Hart asked that the County comply to ensure that we would not lose our flood insurance standings.

4. Update and Discussion - Agreement with Plat Communities regarding Permit Submittal.

Mr. Schmidt discussed a Letter of Agreement which was signed in 1995, stating that the Permit Center would assist the Shorewood Architectural Committee, requiring the Shorewood Architectural Committee's stamp of approval as part of the submittal of building plans for residences within the Shorewood development, and that the Shorewood Architectural Committee acknowledges and recognizes that violations of covenants that do not violate state or locally adopted codes cannot be enforced by Skagit County.

Mr. Schmidt reported that a project in the Shorewood Community was permitted before the County realized from the address that it was located in the Shorewood Community. Mr. Schmidt stated this application was not stamped with Shorewood's stamp of approval.

A discussion ensued and the Board concurred that it was expecting too much of staff to make a determination of whether the property was in Shorewood or not merely from the address on an application.

Chairman Anderson suggested leaving the responsibility to the Architectural Committees as it should be their responsibility to inform people that they must come to the County with the Stamp of Approval. Mr. Anderson continued by stating that the County cannot enforce Communities regulations and expressed concern that we should not enforce covenants, as we should only enforce our own codes.

Ms. Michael stated that they will add to the Plan Checklist that it is the applicant's responsibility to be certain the Stamp of Approval is on the application.

5. Discussion and Possible Approval - Centennial Clean Water Fund Grant Contract.

Ron Palmer stated that this was a continuation of a previous discussion on the Centennial Clean Water Grant, reporting that the total cost of the grant is \$152,250 with Skagit County contributing 25% of that amount.

Commissioner Hart made a motion to approve the Grant, as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract No. 03042).

6. Signature - Amendment to Professional Service Agreement with Wilson Engineering regarding Edison Sewage Project.

Mr. Palmer presented Amendment No. 2 to the Wilson Engineering, stating that there has been an increase in cost from the original projection. Mr. Palmer stated that the Department of Ecology has assured the County that these funds will be available to offset the increase.

Commissioner Hart suggested that the County continue to work with the Department of Ecology to be sure these increases are really necessary. Commissioner Wolden expressed concern about knowing exactly what goes into these costs and emphasized that the Department of Ecology funds this without requiring the County to match these funds.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion for approval of the amendment in an amount not to exceed \$175,370. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Contract No. 02506).

7. Miscellaneous.

Tom Karsh, Assistant Planning Director, presented the weekly platted lots summary to the Board for review.

PRESENTATION - RECYCLING PROPOSALS.

Bill Stensland reviewed the solid waste study done in Skagit County in 1990, reporting that reducing the garbage quantity was the most important item in addressing the solid waste issue. The second most important desirable alternative was recycling, the third to incinerate and the least desirable was determined to be landfilling. Mr. Stensland stated that since the closure of the incinerator, solid waste management has not been changed in Skagit County. Mr. Stensland stated that Skagit Waste Systems concept is to process the whole waste stream. Mr. Stensland emphasized that local control is the best and most economic way to handle the waste stream, so that profits, if any, would remain in Skagit County.

Mr. Stensland reported that a pick line is the most important part of handling solid waste, allowing separation of almost any item and also allow development of several small business based around the pick line, the most comprehensive business being Composing.

Mr. Stensland discussed the potential of the utilization of heat from the incinerator, and using methane gas produced by the landfill to generate power to the incinerator. Mr. Stensland reported that 15,000 cubic feet per minute of 265 degree fahrenheit heat was emitted from the incinerator when it was in operation, and that this recovered heat could supply power to the Industrial Park, as this is being done in several other countries.

Mr. Stensland also discussed a scrap tire processing plant, reporting that rubber and scrap tire recycling is proven and very possible.

Mr. Stensland reported that he has six of the eight Mayors of the County are in support of this concept. Mr. Stensland stated that a local bank is very interested in funding this project with government guaranteed loans backing the financing, although the government finances only approximately 90% of the loan.

Mr. Stensland stated that this endeavor could involve the Cities and Towns, the County, the Economic Development Association, and the Port and asked for a vote of confidence in this regard.

Commissioner Hart discussed the impact to the rate payers for this type of project. Mr. Stensland replied that it has been determined that there should be a decrease in the tipping fees, from \$80 to \$60, and discussed the various ways to implement this project with reliable results.

Dave Austin, Mr. Stensland's partner, stated that a study has been completed determining that tipping fees could be lowered in a very short time, this being the goal.

Commissioner Hart commented on his hesitancy to underwrite a project like this, as he does not like the County to be liable financially.

Commissioner Wolden stated that garbage is garbage unless a resource is created out of it and also stated that in order for this to work, all the County garbage would have to be routed through this project.

Chairman Anderson commented on the Interlocal Agreement with the Cities allowed the Cities to find alternative solid waste handling which were cost effective and expressed his concern that after this project was implemented, that the Cities would decide to bow out of the process.

The Board thanked Mr. Stensland for his presentation today and commented on the interest on this subject. There was no action taken by the Board today, however Mr. Stensland was encouraged to attend the Municipalities meeting which will be held next week.

BID OPENING - CATERED MEALS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.

Wendy Weyer opened the four bids that were received for the item referenced above.

- 1) Affiliated Health Services
Mount Vernon, WA
- 2) Island Hospital
Anacortes, WA

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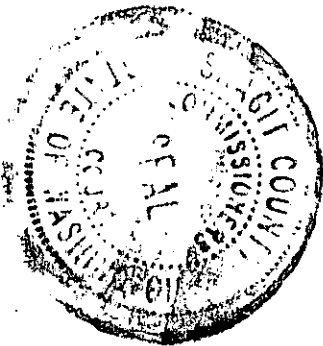
- 3) Department of Corrections
Olympia, WA
- 4) Sun Meadows
Weir, TX

The bids will be reviewed and a recommendation for bid award will be brought back to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Harvey Wolden

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ATTEST.

Debby Sims

Debby Sims, Clerk
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