

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, December 31, 1996**

- 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.                      Commissioners' Staff Meeting
- 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Maintenance                              Work Session - Operations Division Manager/District Supervisors
- Flag Salute
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.                    Public Works Department - Jan Keiser, Director
- 1) Introduction - Engineering Division Intern
  - 2) Signature - Quit Claim Deed to Washington State Department of Transportation - Portion of Pulver Road, No. 3441, Right-of-Way for Stormwater Treatment Area.
  - 3) Divisional Updates:
    - a) Surface Water Management Division
    - b) Engineering Division
    - c) Solid Waste Division
    - d) Operations Division
  - 4) Miscellaneous

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 31, 1996, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Harvey Wolden and Ted W. Anderson present.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - JAN KEISER, DIRECTOR.**

1. Introduction - Engineering Division Intern.

Ed Hawes, Public Works, introduced Lena Ruby, who will be interning with the Public Works Department for approximately four months. Ms. Ruby will be working with the clerical staff and then will be involved in other projects.

2. Signature - Quit Claim Deed to Washinton State Department of Transportation - Portion of Pulver Road, No. 3441, Right-of-Way for Storr,water Treatment Area.

Mr. Hawes presented the above referenced deed in regard to some improvements the Department of Transportation is making to Pulver Road intersection with Highway 20 near Burlington.

Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the deed as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. (Deed No. 0433 Resolution No. 1641).

3. Divisional Updates:

a) Surface Water Management Division.

Dave Brookings, Public Works Department, gave a report on the status of the Skagit River, due to the recent inclement weather. Mr. Brookings stated that at present the river is not in a serious flooding situation, although with the additional rainfall predicted, the upriver tributaries might be effected. Mr. Brookings stated that at this time, he does not anticipate major flooding, although this is based on the weather forecasts and emphasized that these are early predictions. The high wind warnings were also discussed and how these warm winds might increase the snow melt.

The Board announced that they are all now carrying handheld cell phones and that certain personnel will be provided with these numbers to assist in contacting the Commissioners during emergency situations. Commissioner Wolden stated that he would like a list of all pertinent Public Works phone numbers, updated and covered in plastic, to be provided to the Commissioners.

a) Engineering Division.

Mr. Hawes recapped the last year construction projects reporting that overall the construction division performed very well, especially in light of the goals that were set by the department early in 1996.

Mr. Hawes discussed the goals for 1997, stating that quality assurance is a top priority and how this will be accomplished. Mr. Hawes also reported that the "teams" within the department will continue as one of the areas of focus. Mr. Hawes asked the Board to let the department know throughout the year where they see there is room for improvement.

a) Solid Waste Division.

Robin LaRue updated the Board on the last few days operation at the solid waste facility, stating that the site was closed on Sunday and Monday but is open today. Mr. LaRue reported that they are receiving alot of calls from the public in regard to garbage pickup schedules. Mr. LaRue stated that he would be providing the Board with a synopsis of anticipated solid waste goals for 1997 in the next week or so.

a) Operations Division.

Cliff Butler reported that snow removal and ice control has taken precedence over all other operations. Mr. Butler stated that regardless of rumors, all roads will be plowed at the end of today. Mr. Butler is hoping to keep all crews at home tomorrow, New Years Day, to rest prior to any further weather conditions. Mr. Butler commended the road crews on their recent performance during this recent weather situation. The Board asked that Mr. Butler pass their thanks and acknowledgment of outstanding performance.

4. Miscellaneous.

There was no miscellaneous today.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Tom Sheahan, Emergency Management, presented an update on the damage from the recent heavy snows and rains. Mr. Sheahan reported that there is currently a slide At Lake McMurray and one at Chuckanut Drive which has closed road closures. Mr. Sheahan stated that most of the financial damage is at the marinas, with Anacortes Marina having four buildings down, damaging 60 boats and also reported damage at Cap Sante and Skyline. Mr. Sheahan also reported on several barns down and that one of them was Marvin Omdals who went down with cows in it and that half of the herd had to be destroyed. Mr. Sheahan stated that there has been a request received from the Mayor of Concrete for a loader and truck to assist in opening up the town, and that Mr. Sheahan is trying to find that equipment. Mr. Sheahan reported water problems are anticipated in the Samish area and that ice is plugging up culverts in other areas. Mr. Sheahan has announced through the media that people should uncover catch basins and open up culverts on driveways. Mr. Sheahan stated that the upcoming predicted windstorm may

cause further damage. Mr. Sheahan stated that cooperation between Puget Power, the Sheriff Department and the Public Works Department and other entities has been outstanding.

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

1. Staff presented a Resolution regarding formation of a drainage utility appeals board to the Board for signature. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16403).**
2. Staff presented a Resolution regarding the establishment of Skagit County Drainage Utility Rates and Charges. Commissioner Wolden made a motion to approve the Resolution, as presented. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16404).**

**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**

  
Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

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Harvey Wolden, Commissioner

  
Robert Hart, Commissioner

ATTEST.

  
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Debby Sims, Clerk  
Board of Commissioners