

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Tuesday, February 25, 1997**

- 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/Road District Supervisors.  
Flag Salute.
- T 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Jan Keiser, Director.  
1) Public Hearing - Consideration of Establishing a Portion of Alger CCC Road, No. 53550, as a Primitive Road.  
2) Divisional Updates:  
    a) Operations Division.  
    b) Solid Waste Division.  
    c) Surface Water Management Division.  
    d) Engineering Division.  
3) Miscellaneous.
- T 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center - Roxanne Michael, Director.  
1) Discussion of Washington Association of Building Officials Update.  
2) Update of Planning Commission's Deliberation of Draft Comprehensive Plan.  
3) Miscellaneous.
- Noon - 1:00 p.m. Commissioner's Lunch with Employees - Skagit County Wellness Committee Chili Cook-Off (Health Department Conference Room).
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Work Session - Transportation Systems Plan.
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Commissioner met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Ted W. Anderson present. Commissioner Robert Hart's absence was excused.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Jan Keiser, Director.**

1. Public Hearing - Consideration of Establishing a Portion of Alger CCC Road, No. 53550 as a Primitive Road.

Chairman Wolden opened the public hearing. Steve Blair, Traffic Engineering Services, briefly reviewed the requirements for declaring a road primitive. Mr. Blair reviewed with the Board the exact location of the road to be declared primitive. At Chairman Wolden's request, Mr. Blair explained that a primitive road designation allows for no road maintenance whatsoever. Commissioner Anderson asked for clarification for the reason for the request for this designation.

Young Soo Kim, Engineering Division, explained that during the shortplat review process, it was determined that the Alger CCC Road is a primitive road, but if additional houses are constructed, the road will have to be chip-sealed and maintained. Jan Keiser, Public Works Director, clarified that there has been some controversy over the ownership of the road. The intent is to establish County ownership of the road as a primitive road. Ms. Keiser explained that the County is not taking over a road that is not ours, just creating a papertrail to establish that this road does belong to the County.

With no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Wolden moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Anderson moved to establish Alger CCC Road, No. 53550, as a primitive road. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16468)**

2. Divisional Updates:

a) Operations Division.

Cliff Butler reviewed the tasks being accomplished in all three road districts, including brushcutting, ditching crews, placement of a drainage system along the Avon-Allen Road, and flooding problems on Satterlee Road. Mr. Butler advised

that even though roads are classified as primitive, grading and routine maintenance are performed.

b) Solid Waste Division.

Robin LaRue, Solid Waste Division Manager, introduced Gary Sorensen, Hydrogeologist in the Solid Waste Division. Mr. Sorensen reviewed a grant application that he has been preparing regarding a regional groundwater study. This study would assist with long-term planning. The study would be conducted over a period of 4 years, with a total cost of \$592,000. Various funding options were discussed. Mr. Sorensen reviewed the specifics of the study and the staffing. Commissioner Anderson questioned Mr. Sorensen on whether this study would conflict or enhance the study proposed by the recent Water Rights Agreement entered into among the tribes, cities and water district. Mr. Sorensen confirmed that this study will be countywide rather than just along the Skagit River. Mr. Sorensen indicated that we need good science to make good decisions and scientific basis to make informed decisions.

Mr. Sorensen indicated that the grant is being prepared and will be submitted later this week. The grant would not be awarded until the Fall. Chairman Wolden asked for a complete information packet for the Board to study. Commissioner Anderson indicated that in his 2-1/2 years in office, he has only seen studies come forward and no results from such studies and that he has had it "up to here" with studies. Commissioner Anderson noted that there has to be a benefit to the taxpayers of Skagit County.

Ms. Keiser indicated that Staff will prepare packets of information for the including the correlation with the Memorandum of Agreement previously discussed.

Mr. LaRue advised the Board of a breakdown of one of the cranes at the transfer facility. Mr. LaRue noted the need to make some decisions on some of the alternatives and long term maintenance of the equipment located at the Transfer Station. It was decided to hold a work session on this subject next week.

c) Surface Water Management Division.

Ryan LaPossa, Surface Water Management Staff, reviewed some drainage problems currently being worked on by his department. In 1996 the department took in approximately 215 complaints on drainage-related issues, and all but about 10 of those complaints were handled. The categories of complaints are road-related, development-related, and those occurring on private property. Mr. LaPossa reviewed the procedures for handling these complaints. The Stormwater Management Ordinance will be revised this year. A discussion ensued on the extremely wet year the County has experienced.

d) Engineering Division.

Barb Hathaway, Engineering Division, reviewed the Bridge Preservation Program and safety inspections of bridges within Skagit County. Ms. Hathaway advised that there are 99 bridges in Skagit County. Young Soo Kim, Engineering Division, reviewed the annual bridge program and bridge repair and maintenance issues.

3. Miscellaneous.

Robin LaRue, presented an Amendment to an Agreement for snowplowing on Baker Lake Road and Forest Service Road No. 12. Mr. LaRue explained that the County is reimbursed for expenses incurred, and that this amendment is merely a clerical issue to authorize enough money to pay for our expenses. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve an Amendment to a Cooperative Agreement for the maximum total of \$2,800. Chairman Wolden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 003208)**

**PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER - Roxanne Michael, Director.**

1. Discussion of Washington Association of Building Officials Update.

Roxanne Michael, Planning Director, gave an update on the activities of the Washington Association of Building Officials. Ms. Michael reviewed an educational project with the State Association to get new officials as well as planning departments an overview of the building industry and requirements. Corey Schmidt is now the Building Official and is doing a fine job for the County, per Ms. Michael. Mr. Schmidt was appointed to a statewide committee of Structural Engineers -

Corey Schmidt reviewed several legislative issues that are being watched closely by the Washington Association of Building Officials. These include temporary farmworker housing code, unfunded mandate bill, regulatory reform, privatization of administration of codes, local judges to administer search warrants, and snow load requirements. There were 133 building failures due to snow in unincorporated Skagit County.

Ms. Michael advised that this is a good forum for building officials, building departments, planning departments, health departments, and the assessor.

2. Update of Planning Commission's Deliberation of Draft Comprehensive Plan.

Gary Christensen, Senior Planner, stated that the Planning Commission has been reviewing issues and public comments on the transportation element and transportation plan. In addition, there has been much discussion on urban growth boundaries and land capacity. Mr. Christensen advised that Dave Baltz and Jan Keiser of the Public Works Department were in attendance to discuss the transportation element with the Planning Commission. There have been no significant changes made to this element.

The Planning Commission has discussed Urban Growth Areas at great length. Mr. Christensen reviewed with the Board the specifics of the proposed urban growth boundaries. These areas include: Concrete, Hamilton & Lyman (no changes proposed), Sedro Woolley, Burlington, Mount Vernon, Anacortes (no changes), Bay View (no changes), Swinomish, and Big Lake.

Mr. Christensen advised that the Planning Commission schedule is running about one week behind, so additional meetings may be scheduled in March to wrap everything up.

3. Miscellaneous.

A. Tom Karsh, Assistant Director, presented a proposed Interim Ordinance Adopted Under the Authority of RCW 36.70A.390 Readopting Section 3 of Ordinance No. 16211 Relating to SCC 14.04.065, the Neighborhood Business Zoning District. A public hearing will be necessary within 60 days. The Board indicated they would like to consider this matter further before taking any action. This will be set up as an agenda item on March 5.

B. Mr. Karsh presented Call for a Public Hearing for the Adoption of a Public Participation Program.

John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, explained the ramifications of the adoption of this Resolution. Commissioner Anderson moved to call for the public hearing on March 18 at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 16469) Upon further examination of the Board's calendar, it was necessary to change the date of this public hearing. Commissioner Anderson moved to hold this public hearing on March 24, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. in Hearing Room "C". Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

C. Mr. Karsh discussed with the Board the Processing of Land Use Applications by the Planning and Permit Center in Light of Invalidity Orders of the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board. A lively discussion ensued regarding signature of a disclaimer form. John Moffat explained the history of this situation with the Growth Management Hearings Board. Mr. Karsh explained that there is no need for the Board to take action today. The Board requested some additional time to discuss this matter with the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Staff presented a Call for Public Hearing Regarding Community Development Block Grant for the Blanchard/Edison Wastewater Facilities. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 18, at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Call for Public Hearing as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Resolution No. 16470)

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2. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080 and those expense reimbursements

claims certified as required by R.C.W. 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, February 25, 1997, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above mentioned list and further described as follows:

Vouchers #7007-58 through #7007-72, #7007-74 through #7007-78, #7010-59 through #7010-69, #7010-71 through 7010-86, #7014-34 through #7014-65, #7017-86 through #7017-87, #7017-89 through #7017-97, #7019-24 through #7019-34, #7019-36 through #7019-42, and #7020-33 through #7020-34 and Warrants #169770 through #170764 in the total amount of \$1,365,568.61. (Transmittal #C-08-97).

**ADJOURNMENT.**

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings into Executive Session. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

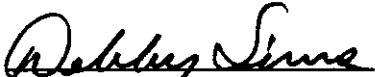
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