

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, August 12, 1997**

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| 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. | Commissioners' Staff Meeting. |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Work Session – Operations Division Manager/Road District Supervisors. |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Public Works Department – Jan Keiser, Director.

1) Reservation Road CRP 4021-1 Improvement Project –
A) Resolution Calling for Bid on the Reservation Road Improvement Project.
B) Construction Plans for Reservation Road Improvement Project.
2) Miscellaneous. |
| *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Planning & Permit Center – Roxanne Michael, Director.

1) Progress Report on Development Code.
2) Discussion – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.
3) Miscellaneous. |
| Noon | Commissioners Brown Bag Lunch with Employees
(Commissioners' Hearing Room) |
| 12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. | Public Comment Period. |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Work Session – Formation of New Bryson Road Sub-Flood Control Zone. |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Jan Keiser, Director.

1. Reservation Road CRP 4021-1 Improvement Project –

A. Resolution Calling for Bid on the Reservation Road Improvement Project.

Luis Ponce gave an overview of the Reservation Road Project. Jan Keiser, Public Works Department Director, presented to the Board a Resolution Calling for Bid on the Reservation Road Improvement Project as described by Mr. Ponce.

Commissioner Hart moved to Call for Bids on the improvement of Reservation Road. Tuesday, September 2, 1997 is the bid opening date. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
(Resolution No. 16631)

- B. Construction Plans for Reservation Road Improvement Project.

The Board approved the plans for the project.

2. Miscellaneous.

A. Rodney Vandersypen, Public Works Staff, updated the Board on the need to call for a public hearing to update the Skagit County Code concerning the addressing ordinance.

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- B. Chairman Wolden read a written statement to a group of public works employees gathered regarding on-going union negotiations with AFSCME. He indicated that Stephanie Wood is the negotiator for the County and that she has been in communication with the Board and has been given guidance by the Board for the upcoming mediation session. Chairman Wolden advised the employees that they are here outside of the bargaining process that has been established, and should they be absent from their jobs without permission, there may be personnel actions brought forward.

John Stables, Business Agent for AFSCME, stated that he is aware that this is not a bargaining session. He expressed concern that statements have been made by representatives of the County saying that the elected officers of the union and Mr. Stables do not have authority to bargain for this unit. Mr. Stables stated that he understands that Stephanie Wood is the County's agent. He further stated that the employees assembled today are taking vacation time. Mr. Stables indicated that the union would be attending the bargaining session on Thursday.

PLANNING AND PERMIT CENTER – Roxanne Michael, Director.

Commissioner Anderson was absent for this item due to the necessity of taking a Conference Call.

1. Progress Report on Development Code.

Roxanne Michael advised the Board that progress is continuing to be made on the Development Code in conjunction with the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Kendra Smith, Senior Planner, reviewed the Critical Areas Ordinance, and stated that training will allow the staff to make administrative decisions at the counter regarding critical areas. She further reviewed parameters of the CaRD ordinance. A discussion ensued on specific examples of land use utilizing the CaRD ordinance.

Chairman Wolden noted the need to stay away from impact fees and mitigation by utilizing the CaRD ordinance.

Commissioner Hart commented on the work the Association of Counties is doing regarding short plat limitations.

Ms. Michael stated that Staff is trying to build a definitive way for people to do things with their land, with several options or methods to accomplish such things, and with more administrative decisions being made at the counter. She stressed the need to give people options, but still adhere to pertinent land use codes.

Mr. Smith concurred, citing the need to establish a balance between being specific and maintaining flexibility.

Discussion – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Corey Schmidt, Assistant Building Official, advised that the funds for the County's property acquisition project have been obligated and the State is awaiting signature of the grant agreement. Mr. Schmidt reviewed the estimate of costs. He indicated that he plans to spend the majority of the grant money on property buy-outs. Mr. Schmidt stated that the price paid for each property will be determined by a fair market appraisal of the property prior to the 1996 flood. Mr. Schmidt indicated that he expects the County will be using local title companies and appraisers.

Commissioner Anderson was present from this point on.

Commissioner Hart ascertained from Mr. Schmidt that once this property is purchased by the County, it will become public property and no other building or structure will be allowed once the existing structure is destroyed or moved.

The costs of demolition were briefly discussed.

Commissioner Anderson indicated that if these lots are then made available for purchase as recreational lots, it will be necessary to remove the septic systems and wells. Mr. Schmidt stated that these functions have been included in the cost of demolition. Commissioner Anderson further noted the importance of imposing restrictions on the construction of any outbuildings on these lots.

Chairman Wolden cautioned Mr. Schmidt on the costs of demolition, and asked that he get back to the Board with some projected costs.

Commissioner Hart indicated the County's need to curtail the cost of flood damage, and bring closure to these homeowners in frequently flooded areas.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he trusts Mr. Schmidt's judgment in administering this program.

2. Miscellaneous.

Kendra Smith reviewed with the Board a proposed letter to residential applicants for subdivisions that were submitted during the window of time when the County was under the invalidity order from the Growth Management Hearings Board. The Board indicated their approval of the letter presented by Ms. Smith.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Tom Solberg, Alger, indicated that he is present on his own behalf as well as on behalf of the petitioners of the Alger Subarea Plan. He stated that he had just met with Gary Christensen, Senior Planner, and that Mr. Christensen had indicated that the Alger Subarea Plan would be given due consideration. Mr. Solberg stated that he is highly in favor of area individuals setting their own plans for growth and land use. Mr. Solberg advised that he has not filed an appeal with the Growth Management Hearings Board, but is following the Comprehensive Plan process and working within the system instead. Mr. Solberg briefly discussed the Alger water system. Mr. Solberg detailed the purchase of his property and his loss of rights and use of his property.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

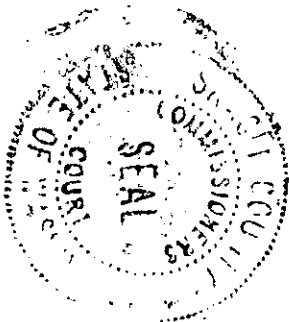


Harvey Wolden, Chairman




Robert Hart, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board
Skagit County Board of Commissioners