

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS**  
**SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
*Monday, August 25, 1997*

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.            Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation & Land Acquisition.  
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.            Public Comment

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden and Ted Anderson present. Commissioner Robert Hart was excused because of his attendance at the Washington State Public Transportation & Rail Conference in Spokane, Washington.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Commissioner Wolden opened the Public Comment Period.

Laura Howard, 280 Sharp Road, Anacortes, was present to make public comment. Ms. Howard explained that she has questions and comments about the GMA and the way the County is handling it or has handled it in the past. The County called for public comment and Ms. Howard's family wrote to the County with their concerns. She indicated that they trusted the County to go over their comments and get back to them. They received no response. In reading the paper they found that there wasn't time to go through public comment before adoption of the Growth Management Act. They talked to their committee member who indicated that if they wrote again, their comments would be reviewed. Decisions were made and a plan adopted. After reading about it in the paper again, they wrote another letter and were not acknowledged. Ms. Howard emphasized that they did everything the County asked for and nobody has even acknowledged them until now, when they have retained the services of an attorney.

After making further comments, Ms. Howard stated that she sees a lack of professionalism, which is extremely disheartening. She asked to go on record as saying, "you aren't living up to your mission and who is running the show here?". "I would like to know if you are ever going to comment on my comments and if they were a waste of time."

Commissioner Wolden and Commissioner Anderson discussed the process with Ms. Howard. Commissioner Wolden explained that it is a long and onerous process. He indicated that he reviews all of the copies he receives on land use and trusts that the County's Planning Department is relaying these things on to the 9 member Planning Commission.

Ms. Howard indicated that she has spoken to the Planning Commission, explaining that her property went from a 2 1/2 acre minimum to a 10 acre minimum.

Commissioner Wolden said, that has happened throughout the County. There has been a very concerted effort on the "no growth" side of the issue.

Commissioner Anderson said, the growth management process was long and convoluted, and suddenly there was a need to move this forward without enough time for a thorough review process.

Commissioner Wolden and Commissioner Anderson talked further with Ms. Howard about some of the problems that have occurred in the growth management process.

Commissioner Anderson stated that the voice of the people has not been heard through this process. He indicated that he has experienced some of the same frustration that Ms. Howard and others have. There should be a thorough public review.

Commissioner Wolden was critical of the process that occurred through the Growth Hearings Board and stated that it is his hope that the County Commissioners will be able to go back and make a decision. Such a process would not allow for any single appeals or any deals to be cut.

Ms. Howard stated, "for the record I am not trying to cut a deal. I never wanted to get involved with the State, but trusted the County."

Commissioner Wolden explained to Ms. Howard that the County has been pre-empted by the State Board, which is a state appointed board, that makes those decisions.

Ms. Howard said it was her understanding that should they overrule her designation it would go back to the County. She stated that all she wants is for the County to look at it and see how it is in error.

Commissioner Anderson expressed confidence to Ms. Howard that it is his belief that the Court will rule in behalf of the County. At that time he would like to see every one of those pending applications reviewed.

Both Commissioner Anderson and Commissioner Wolden agreed that there has been a lot of unfairness through the process.

Ms. Howard emphasized, "I just wish we could start over". "Our property was our children's future. They will never be able to afford property here."

After further discussion, Ms. Howard thanked Commissioner Wolden and Commissioner Hart for the opportunity to talk with them.

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Dave Hough, planning consultant, presented a Call for Public Hearing, explaining that he has been working with Jon Aarstad, Director, Parks, Recreation and Fair, on the Park Comp Plan to make sure it doesn't effect interagency funding.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Call for Hearing for September 15 for Re-adoption of the 1988 Parks and Recreation Plan and the 1997-2002 Capital Facilities Plan as it relates to Parks and Recreation. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was carried. (Resolution No. 16647)

Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, August 25, 1997, Items 1 through 11. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was carried.

#### **COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, August 18, 1997.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, August 19, 1997.

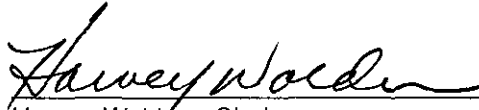
3. Supplemental Agreement to Personal Services Agreement with The Cedar River Associates increasing the maximum compensation amount from \$12,500 to \$14,500. **(Contract No. 003463)**
4. Contract with Fiber Septic Systems, Inc. for purchase of fiberglass septic tanks for the Skagit County Clean Water District: Edison Sub-area for a total base bid amount of \$59,063.62. **(Contract No. 003614)**
- **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT:**
5. Vendor Services Agreement with K. Johnson Painting & Contracting for painting services at the WSU Extension office and the Riverview Complex after relocation of current County employees. The maximum compensation for the contract is \$4,000. **(Contract No. 003611)**
- **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**
6. Resolution Calling for Public Hearing to Amend Ordinance 15435 (Revised uniform system for addressing Skagit County). The public hearing will be held September 23, 1997. **(Resolution No. 16643)**
7. Resolution Awarding the Bid for Fir Island Road Asphalt Overlay Projects on Lake Samish Road #2561, McLean Road #4400, Fir Island Road #4020, Allen-West Road #3630, Old Highway 99 N #5051 to Lakeside Industries for a total amount of \$782,761.56. **(Resolution No. 16644)**
8. Easement and Agreement with the Johnson Family Revocable Living Trust for the 1997 South Burrows Bay Drainage Improvement Project. **(Contract No. 003612)**
9. Resolution allowing the sale of excess property (a 1980 International 10 yard dump truck) to the City of Sedro Woolley for a total price of \$8,500. **(Resolution No. 16646)**
10. Resolution Calling for Bids for one or more new latest model self-propelled sweeper. The bids will be opened September 9, 1997. **(Resolution No. 16645)**
11. Personal Services Agreement with Island Building for periodic maintenance and repairs to the Skagit County Sinclair Island Dock Facility. Maximum compensation is not to exceed \$6,000 for the period August 26, 1997 until terminated. **(Contract No. 003613)**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 1) Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve Warrants 2139 through 2685 in the amount of \$699,144.35. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was carried.
- 2) Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve Warrants 2686 through 2730 in the total amount of \$320,572.31. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was carried.
- 3) Mike Woodmansee, County Administrator, presented an application for out-of-state travel for the approval of the Board. He explained that the out-of-state travel request is to attend an International Personnel Management conference in Minneapolis. He indicated that the material that will be presented at the conference will be very pertinent to his work as it relates to current personnel issues.

After further discussion, Commissioner Anderson made a motion to approve the Out-Of-State Travel Request of Mike Woodmansee, County Administrator, for Mr. Woodmansee to attend a Personnel Management conference in Minneapolis from September 8 through September 11. The cost of attendance at the conference will be a total amount of \$1395.00. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which was carried.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Harvey Wolden, Chairman




Robert Hart, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Jean Terry, Acting Clerk of the Board  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners