

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, September 15, 1997**

8:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation & Land Acquisition.

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Public Comment Period.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MISCELLANEOUS.

11:00 a.m. – Noon Public Hearing – Consideration of Re-Adoption of 1987 Parks and Recreation Plan and the 1997 – 2002 Countywide Capital Facilities Plan.

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Public Hearing – Supplemental Budget.

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Bid Opening – Chinook Enterprises Remodel Project.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation & Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, September 15, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Tom Solberg, Alger, expressed his concerns regarding the buffers required in the critical areas. He stated that there is no correlation why a five foot wide stream running three inches deep needs a 100 foot buffer on either side. Mr. Solberg stated that he is willing to do his part to preserve critical areas, but would like reasonable consideration.

Monte Lennox, Concrete, stated there is a group of landowners forming because they have been treated unfairly by the County. The group does not feel that have been seriously heard or responded to. Mr. Lennox further stated that there were no other alternatives but to appeal to a higher authority.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, September 15, 1997. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

• **COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, September 8, 1997.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, September 9, 1997.
3. Record of the Proceedings of Wednesday, September 10, 1997.

• **FACILITIES:**

4. Personal Services Agreement with Bill Winter for janitorial service for a monthly amount of \$450, and a total contract amount of \$5,000. The contract will commence on September 1, 1997 and terminate on July 1, 1998. **(Contract No. 03629)**

• PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

5. Resolution and Interlocal Agreement Between Skagit County and Correctional Industries to provide address and road signs at a cost of not more than \$2.81 per address sign and any other signs to be determined at a later date. **(Resolution No. 16672 and contract No. 03630)**

• SENIOR SERVICES:

6. Contract with the State of Washington awarding Skagit RSVP state funds of \$16,314 for the 1997-1998 biennium from the State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development. The funds will be administered by the Washington Association of Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Directors. **(Contract No. 03631)**
7. Letter and Statement of Assurances to begin the 1998 contract renegotiation process for Skagit County's Nutrition Project with the Northwest Regional Council. **(Approved)**

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by R.C.W. 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement 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, September 15, 1997, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrant numbers 3443 through 3874 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$1,120,550.32 (Transmittal No. C-41-97);

Warrant numbers 3438 through 3442 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$71,528.05 (Transmittal No. C-40-97);

Payroll warrants numbered 3116 through 3766 in the total dollar amount of \$506,725.39 (Transmittal No. P-21-97).

2. Staff presented a Supplemental Agreement with Elizabeth Robinson, Ph.D. for therapy services increasing the maximum amount of compensation from \$1,500 to \$3,000. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Supplemental Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03502).**
3. Staff presented a Resolution to authorize a change in the Election Board and county Board Compensation. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16673)**

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF RE-ADOPTION OF 1987 PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN AND THE 1997 – 2002 COUNTYWIDE CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN.

Dave Hough, Planning Staff, reviewed the reasons for today's public hearing and advised that the two documents before the Board of re-adoption have been previously adopted by the Board. He further explained the applications in process for funding before the IAC and the need to fulfill the IAC's requirements to gain that funding for Pressentin Park and the Swinomish Boat Ramp. The proposal today is to consider re-adoption of the 1987 Parks & Recreation Plan and the Capital Facilities Plan which was adopted this year. He stated that IAC has stated that this re-adoption will be adequate and allow the funding applications to proceed. He further explained that the Planning and Permit Center and Parks Department will begin public review within 60 days, and the documents will proceed to the County Planning Commissioner later this fall for required public hearings.

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Commissioner Hart confirmed with Mr. Hough that the reasons to re-adopt these two plans today is to functionally get us past the application process.

Randy Good, Sedro Woolley, discussed reversionary land acquisition of trails without public input or notification to citizens and landowners. He stated that there are no policies in the 1987 Parks & Recreation Plan to address Comprehensive Plan issues, and there is a need to delete specific language "such as rails to trails." He stated that nothing has been done to assist individuals who have been impacted by the taking of their property. Mr. Good stressed that these documents need to be revised and proceed through the public process.

Carol Ehlers, West Fidalgo Island, noted the need to cite Comprehensive Plan policies within the Parks Plan. Ms. Ehlers reviewed a handout of various pages out of the June 1, 1997 Comprehensive Plan. Ms. Ehlers also briefly commented on the County Revenue Plan and the need for further clarification.

Travis Martinez, Sedro Woolley, stated that he is against re-adopting the Parks Plan, even though it hurts Pressentin Park and the Northern State Recreational Area. He stated that Jon Aarstad will not direct the funds where they need to go, and Mr. Aarstad cannot handle the power and should be replaced.

Ralph Clemons, Lyman, thanked Carol Ehlers for her comments. Mr. Clemons urged the Board to deny adoption of this proposed Plan. He stated that Mr. Aarstad wants to re-adopt a 10 year old plan that should have been updated on a more regular basis.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Hart moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Hough noted his appreciation to Ms. Ehlers, and stated that it was never the intention to readopt this under the Growth Management Act. He stated that the Parks Plan needs to be updated through the GMA process, and that it is intended to do that, but the County has an interim difficulty related to two projects. Mr. Hough indicated that the County fully intends to address those issues that Mr. Good, Mr. Martinez and Mr. Clemons brought up in regards to the Growth Management Act and public participation. He further stated that the Capital Facilities Plan is also being updated.

Commissioner Anderson clarified that the Planning Commission has previously reviewed the Parks Plan. He expressed the need to revise the Parks Plan using internal processes as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan procedures. He ascertained from Mr. Hough that this could be before the Planning Commissioner within 90 days, depending the prioritization of other items.

A discussion ensued on the priorities of the Planning Commission.

Tom Karsh, Assistant Planning Director, noted that the Planning Commission is currently meeting two or three times per week to update the Critical Areas Ordinance.

Commissioner Anderson asked if it was possible to delete some wording from the Parks Plan if the Board desired to do so at this time.

Mr. Hough stated that it is his belief that a phrase could be deleted but cannot be added.

Commissioner Anderson stated that he has never been a proponent of the rails-to-trails issue, but he has worked countless hours on the Pressentin Park project. He suggested that the wording concerning trails in No. 3 on page 58 be deleted.

Commissioner Hart stated that this deletion of wording would need to go to public hearing and be debated, and requires distinct testimony both for and against. He indicated that this hearing today to re-adopt is solely for the purpose of obtaining financing from the IAC for two important programs for the County. He indicated his desire to adopt the Parks Plan, as is, and move forward from here to proceed with the public hearing process.

Commissioner Anderson stated that we are not changing anything in the existing Parks Plan, but merely deleting one item. He reiterated the amount of time he has put into the Pressentin Park project and the need to go forward with funding.

Jon Aarstad, Planning Director, stated that efforts have been made to upgrade the Parks Plan, but has been held in abeyance due to the pressing issues of the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Hart stated that he is willing to adopt this Plan in total. He further indicated that the line suggested for deletion has nothing to do with the Cascade Trail or the Centennial Trail. He indicated his willingness to approve the entire Parks Plan as is rather than make changes. Commissioner Hart further stated that the issues raised today can be dealt with at a later time.

Mr. Aarstad reiterated that this alternative route was necessary to be eligible for IAC funds.

Commissioner Anderson clarified that the Capital Facilities Plan has been through the entire public process.

A discussion ensued on the Capital Facilities Plans for trails, and donation funding for the Cascade Trail.

Chairman Wolden clarified with Staff that the IAC has been contacted and is willing to accept these plans if they are re-adopted by the Board.

Commissioner Anderson stated that the people in his district are universally opposed to the Cascade Trail. He stated his resentment on this whole issue as he is being placed in a position to make a choice on projects within his district. He stated that he cannot vote for the re-adoption of the Parks Plan without the deletion he suggested, yet he is most interested in pursuing funding for Pressentin Park.

Mr. Aarstad indicated that, in this situation, he did not think it would make any difference to the IAC if the suggested language was stricken. Mr. Aarstad stated that if this is of great turmoil for the Board, the language could be removed.

Chairman Wolden stated that he has no problem deleting this language if it will not be misconstrued and affect any of the County's existing programs.

Commissioner Anderson stated that his only intent is that the language in the Parks Plan should reflect the language from the Planning Commission concerning this portion of the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Hart stated that it is important to facilitate getting the funding, and that it is not significant to change language if we can proceed with the funding. He further indicated that this will be addressed in the new plan and public comment process. He stated that he would like to see these two projects go forward by obtaining IAC funding.

Commissioner Anderson moved to re-adopt Skagit Parks & Recreation Parks & Recreation Plan on the condition that item 3 on page 58 be deleted. He further moved to include the Capital Facilities Plan. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Staff will provide an appropriate Resolution at a later date.)**

PUBLIC HEARING – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET.

Alicia Huschka, Budget Manager, explained that the 1997 was adopted on December 2, 1996, and from that time things have occurred that were not anticipated when the budget was adopted. There were monies received by the Sheriff's Office from FEMA and various donations. Further, Noxious Weed has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (Spartina related),. Other funds affected by receipt of additional monies were briefly outlined.

There being no public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Anderson moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve a Resolution authorizing supplemental budget in amounts as follows: \$93,700 for the General Fund #001, \$33,500 for Britt Slough Flood Control #132, and \$42,350 for Hansen Creek Subflood #139. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16674)**

BID OPENING – CHINOOK ENTERPRISES REMODEL PROJECT.

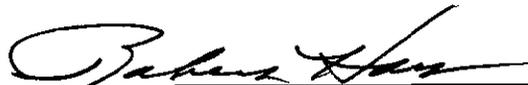
This agenda item was scheduled in error and was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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Harvey Wolden, Chairman



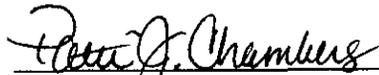
Robert Hart, Commissioner



Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board
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