

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, December 1, 1997**

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| 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Public Comment Period. |
| | CONSENT AGENDA.
MISCELLANEOUS. |
| *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Public Hearings:
1) Adopting the Property Tax Levy for the 1998 Budget Year.
2) Adopting the 1998 Skagit County Budget. |
| Noon – 1:00 p.m. | Commissioners' Brown Bag Lunch with Employees (Commissioners' Hearing Room). |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Appeal by the Citizens to Save Pilchuck Creek of Hearing Examiner's Decisions Approving the Shoreline Substantial Development Permit and Variance, Special Use Permit, Critical Areas Variance and Environmental Impact Statement Adequacy for the Frailey Mountain Shooting Range (Nos. PL 97-0205, 0206, 0207) (Hearing Room "C") . |
| 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Review of Petitions Requesting Comprehensive Plan Map Redesignations. |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 1, 1997, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart and Ted W. Anderson present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

There were no citizens present for the public comment period.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, December 1, 1997. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

• **COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, November 24, 1997.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, November 25, 1997.

• **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

3. Right-of-Entry Agreement with Bruce and Annette McDonald in conjunction with the South Burrows Bay Drainage Improvement Project for using Ervine Road and Langley Lane. Rather than receiving direct financial compensation, the property owners are requesting the certain work be included in this project. **(Contract No. 03719)**
4. Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Right-of-Entry Agreements previously signed with the individuals below. This supplement extends the completion of the paving of Ervine Road until the Spring of 1998.
 - A. Dennis Duban **(Contract No. 03696)**
 - B. Bruce McDonald **(Contract No. 03638)**
 - C. Theodore K. Vander Sluis **(Contract No. 03636)**

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5. Agreement with the Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission for plowing snow on Forest Road #12 near Rocky Creek to the snow mobile parking area, and the parking lot at the Shadow of the Sentinels Nature Trail. This agreement provides for reimbursement up to a maximum of \$1,100 for work performed by Skagit County Road crews. **(Contract No. 03720)**
6. Resolution modifying custodians of imprest cash fund for Solid Waste Fund #401, listing the custodians in Exhibit "A" attached thereto. **(Resolution No. 16767)**
7. Resolution calling for a public hearing regarding opening of unopened county right-of-way known as North Thirtieth Street. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. 16768)**
8. Resolution calling for a public hearing to rename Del Mar Place #10680 to Windward Way #10680. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. 16769)**
9. Resolution calling for a public hearing for the vacation of a portion of unused county right-of-way known as T.B. Fish Road 26. The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. **(Resolution No. 16770)**
10. Final Cost Estimate and Final Cost and Final Record Notebook title page for the Cook Road Repair, CRP 6300-7. Final Cost totals \$98,695.17. Under Resolution No. 16132, signed April 29, 1996, the Department was authorized to spend up to \$109,500. **(Approved)**

• HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

11. Personal Services Agreement with Carla Willis to administer a services of innovative 2-hour parenting education sessions as a pilot project. The Contractor will be paid the sum of \$50 per hour of classroom work provided up to a maximum of \$1,500. The contract will commence on December 15, 1997 and will run until terminated. **(Contract No. 03721)**

• PARKS & RECREATION:

12. Contract with the State of Washington, Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission for snowmobile trail grooming for a maximum project cost of \$28,600. **(Contract No. 03722)**

• INFORMATION SERVICES:

13. Personal Services Agreement with Nate R. McKinstry to perform design, coding, testing and implementation of applications and/or databases as required by the County. Rate of pay for the Contract shall not exceed \$35 per hour, and the contract will run from November 10, 1997 until terminated. **(Contract No. 03723)**

• SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

14. Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement between the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community and Skagit County with respect to the limited commission of tribal law enforcement officers as county deputies. The Agreement will be in full force and effect for a period of ten years and is terminable upon written notice. **(Contract No. 03724)**
15. Agreement between Skagit County and MTC/Cascades Job Corps Center relating to law enforcement activities with students enrolled in the Job Corps program. The agreement is effective upon signing and will terminate by giving written notice. **(Contract No. 03725)**

ARIS:

16. Cooperative Agreement between Skagit Community Mental Health Center Child and Family Treatment Program and Skagit County ARIS for the provision of individual treatment aids. Services by the Center will be billed at the rate of \$16 per hour. **(Contract No. 03726)**

• BUDGET/FINANCE:

17. Memorandum of Agreement with the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival for the planning, organizing and distribution of the 1998 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival brochure. The term of the contract is January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998, for a total dollar amount of \$5,000. **(Contract No. 03727)**
18. Memorandum of Agreement with the Lincoln Theater Center Foundation for entertainment and performances to promote tourism for the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. The total dollar amount of the agreement is \$3,500. **(Contract No. 03728)**
19. Memorandum of Agreement with the Sedro Woolley Chamber of Commerce for promotion of Sedro Woolley's 100-year anniversary in 1998. The term of the agreement is January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998, for a total dollar amount of \$2,500. **(Contract No. 03729)**
20. Memorandum of Agreement with the Burlington Chamber of Commerce for the planning and carrying out of sound programs for the economic well-being of the Burlington community through marketing, promotion and brochures helping to promote tourism. The term of the agreement is January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998, and the total dollar amount is \$2,500. **(Contract No. 03730)**
21. Memorandum of Agreement with the Upper Skagit Bald Eagle Festival for festival activities in 1998. The term of the agreement is January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998, for a total dollar amount of \$2,000. **(Contract No. 03731)**

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, December 1, 1997, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Payroll warrants numbered 7381 through 7459 in the total of \$86,015.09 (Transmittal No. P-35-97);

Warrant numbers 9202 through 9587 from Clearing Fund 696 for the total dollar amount of \$379,954.17. (Transmittal No. C-62-97);

Warrant numbers 9588 through 9971 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$453,718.83 (Transmittal No. C-63-97); and,

Warrant numbers 9973 through 10063 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$249,259.94 (Transmittal No. C-64-97).

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 1) ADOPTING THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR THE 1998 BUDGET YEAR.
- 2) ADOPTING THE 1998 SKAGIT COUNTY BUDGET.

Mike Woodmansee, County Administrator, explained that with the adoption of Referendum 47, there are two public hearings required today related to the adoption of the 1998 Skagit County Budget. The first public hearing

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is to gather testimony regarding the adoption of the property tax levy for the 1998 budget year, and the second public hearing will concern the adoption of the actual 1998 Skagit County Budget.

Mr. Woodmansee explained the specific requirements of the referendum.

He stated that compliance with the Growth Management Act and how sales taxes are applied have resulted in the County General Fund exceeding revenues. Not quite one-half of general fund reserves have been used primarily due to Growth Management. He stated that the County is to the point that the General Fund is at or near zero cash wise. Mr. Woodmansee indicated that the County cannot afford to have another year like 1996 or 1997.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that additional things are being done to assist in this regard. He reviewed that increasing fees for building and related permits will be considered at a public hearing, and that the County is no longer going to spend thousands of dollars per month utilizing outside legal counsel.

He noted that the road fund has been impacted by the participation in the drainage utility and the Skagit River Flood Control Feasibility Study.

Mr. Woodmansee explained that several of the factors affecting the budget are beyond the authority of the County Commissioners. These include the expenses of the administering the Growth Management Act and the alteration of sales tax management. He stated that these are real circumstances that must be dealt with. He stated that the Board can pass a general fund levy at 105-1/2% and reduce the tax burden by approximately \$50,000. The road levy can be set at 105% and thereby reduce that levy by \$67,000. Mr. Woodmansee stated that would allow the Board to impose the lowest level possible and at the same time meet the budget limits proposed.

Chairman Wolden opened the hearing for public testimony.

Peggy Rundgren, Britt Road, Mount Vernon, discussed property rights. She stated that she has been in Comprehensive Plan purgatory for seven years. She stated that this has been a total fiasco from the beginning and that the proposed budget will contribute more money to this cause. She stated that she can not afford to pay more taxes than she already is paying. She stated that there is no income from her property, but she will have to pay more taxes.

Ralph Clemons, 111 Crawford Drive, Lyman, commented on the specific limitations of Referendum 47. Mr. Clemons stated that there is a failure to prioritize by government and that government simply takes all it can get and then spends it.

Travis Martinez, 863 Peavy Road, Sedro Woolley, stated that he cannot afford any more taxes. He stated that the Canadian free trade agreement is killing his business. He stated that taxes are driving him out of business.

Ken Slater, 1740 Milltown Road, Mount Vernon, stated that the only thing the taxpayers are hit with is more taxes. He stated that that there has never been anyone on the Board who has shown any restraint.

Nancy Swalling, Sedro Woolley, stated that her property taxes went up 53% this year. She commented that wages are not keeping up with inflation, and that many people will have to sell their property.

Monte Lennox, Concrete, stated that the people upriver are not doing well. He noted that the comprehensive plan has reduced the value of property while taxes keep increasing. He stated that there have been many controls placed on property owners and the government has grown in order to enforce controls that have been placed on individuals. The solution is to establish realistic goals with the monies that the County has available. He asked that the Board live within their budget.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Hart moved to close the public hearing on the adoption of the property tax levy for the 1998 budget year. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

Mr. Woodmansee addressed several comments of those who spoke relative to their accuracy. He explained the efforts to try to balance conflicting needs and the necessity to prioritize. He further noted that more than half of

the General Fund budget goes directly to the criminal justice system. One of the baseline services required by the citizens of this County is law enforcement and criminal justice service. Mr. Woodmansee explained that more than \$15,000,000 goes to criminal justice related departments, and over \$7,000,000 goes to the Sheriff and Skagit County Jail.

Mr. Woodmansee presented four resolutions for the Board's consideration. He briefly outlined each resolution.

Commissioner Hart stated that after six months of going through labor negotiations and budget hearings, we have gotten to the point where we obviously can either put the total package through or start over. He noted that if the E911 levy would have passed, the levy rate could have been lowered to 100%. He reiterated that the Board is trying to do what the public wants.

Commissioner Hart moved to authorize the resolution setting the limit factor for the regular levy for the calendar year 1998 at 105.5%. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion.

Commissioner Anderson stated that the Board held approximately 98% of the County's departments within 3% increases. He advised that most of the budget cost is wages, and the bulk is based on union contracts. Commissioner Anderson stated that he hates growth management and has systematically voted against it time after time. He further stated that there is no question that the taxpayers of Skagit County are under siege. He commented that the budget process has been a long lengthy process and that there are not many happy department heads. There were requests for 40 reclassifications. There were also 29 requests for new personnel of which only 8 were granted. Commissioner Anderson stated that the equation is not as simple as it may appear to some citizens, and that we simply have to move forward. Commissioner Anderson noted that the Drainage Utility has been put in place, but there are impacts of \$660,000 relative to the utility and the money must come from somewhere.

The question was called for. The motion passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16771)**

Commissioner Hart moved to approve a Resolution authorizing property tax increase for 1998 in conjunction with the Resolution previously passed. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16772)**

Commissioner Hart moved to authorize property tax limit for the 1998 County Road Levy of 105%. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16773)**

Commissioner Hart moved to authorize the property tax increase for the 1998 County Road Levy. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved. **(Resolution No. 16774)**

Alicia Huschka, Budget Manager, reviewed with the Board a brief history of the 1998 budget process. She reviewed the analysis that was done with the Board of Commissioners and the Budget Team.

Ms. Huschka stated that the total 1998 Budget is \$73,144,418. She explained that the budget covers the activities of over 30 County funds and totals a roughly 3% increase over 1997. She further indicated that the overriding budget issues and challenges for 1998 include bringing the budget back in line after two years of Growth Management Act requirements and the loss of sales tax revenues. Ms. Huschka stated that the Current Expense Fund balance has decreased reserves by 40%. She detailed the actions that are being taken to correct this trend including greatly limiting the amount of contractual legal work in GMA efforts, adding a civil deputy prosecutor, and a proposed substantial increase for building and land use permits and processes. Ms. Huschka advised that GMA has permanently increased the cost of land use activities. She discussed the accessing of Community Development Block Grant funding, and hazardous mitigation grant funding from FEMA.

Ms. Huschka stated that 29 positions were requested and 8 were granted. Five of these positions are for road fund related positions. She stated that there is currently an average of 6 employees for 1,000 citizens.

Ms. Huschka advised that the 1998 budget does include funding for the Guemes Ferry employee positions. Chairman Wolden then opened the hearing for public testimony.

Randy Good, 2346 Minkler Road, Sedro Woolley, stated that the budget issues should have been addressed before the property tax issues were considered. He stated that it is disgraceful that the working class must pay for recreational usage by a special interest group. Mr. Good stated that many people seem misinformed on the physical taking of the railroad easement land using tax dollars. He made several comments on the unconstitutional possession of the taking of land.

Ms. Rundgren stated that this public hearing is being held very late in the process and that the public has not been allowed to comment. She stated that it is obvious that the budget is a "done deal" by the time it gets to this process today. She suggested that public hearings should be held during the process. Commissioner Wolden indicated that the budget work sessions were all open to the public and were included on the Commissioners' Agenda.

Travis Martinez commented on the Cascade Trail and the need for more enforcement efforts on the trail. He stated that, in his opinion, Parks Department personnel show no respect for the adjacent property owners. He stated that he has no more patience in this regard.

Ed Lipsey, 1157 Cockreham Road, commented on the Cascade Trail and the taking of property adjacent to the Cascade Trail. He also made comments on the hazardous mitigation grant and the County's acquisition of said properties and removing of property from the tax roles.

Ralph Clemons, Lyman, stated that it is obvious that this is an exercise in futility and that the decisions have already been made. He commented on the Guemes Island Ferry, stating that he strongly opposes the privatization of Ferry. He gave several comments on the operation of the Parks & Recreation Department. He addressed his continuing fight against the unlawful seizure of private property.

Unknown Woman, 2279 Hull Road, Mount Vernon, commented on the many lawsuits against the County and the her impression that the County seems to lose every suit. She urged the need for common sense.

Tim Contrini, Lyman, stated that the hazardous mitigation grant offers are very low. He further commented on the new Muddy Creek railroad bridge. He stated that there is a lot of money being wasted.

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

Commissioner Hart moved to adopt the 1998 Budget in the total amount of \$73,144,418. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16775)**

APPEAL BY CITIZENS TO SAVE PILCHUCK CREEK OF HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISIONS APPROVING THE SHORELINE SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND VARIANCE, SPECIAL USE PERMIT, CRITICAL AREAS VARIANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ADEQUACY FOR THE FRAILEY MOUNTAIN SHOOTING RANGE (NOS. PL 97-0205, 0206, 0207)

Chairman Wolden opened the proceedings.

David Hough, Planning Staff, outlined the appeals relating to the proposed Frailey Mountain Shooting range site. He stated that the appeal addresses the following permits and actions: Special Use Permit, Shorelines Substantial Development Permit and Variance, Critical Areas Variance, and Adequacy of the Environmental Impact Statement. He advised that this is a closed record hearing as provided in SCC 14.01.054. No new evidence or testimony shall be given or received as outlined in the code.

Mr. Hough explained that the Board has the following options:

- A. After examining the written request for appeal, the Board may deny the request and allow the Examiner's decision to stand;
 - B. Remand the matter for reconsideration by the Hearing Examiner pursuant to Section 14.01.057;
- or

- C. If the Board believes the Hearing Examiner's decision is not supported by substantial evidence, the Board may adopt its own findings, conclusions and decision based upon the record made before the Hearing Examiner.

Chairman Wolden advised that this is a closed record hearing and that the Board would not consider new evidence or answer questions.

Jeffrey Eustis, the attorney representing Citizens to Save Pilchuck Creek, stated that he had prepared several viewfoils of documents presented before the Hearing Examiner. He was under the impression there would be an overhead projector available at today's Hearing. He stated that in lieu of such an overhead, he would distribute copies to the Board, and he did so.

He stated that within his letter of November 26, he addressed three procedural issues. The first issue dealt with potential violations of the appearance of fairness doctrine. Mr. Eustis queried the Board whether they had had communications with proponents or opponents of the shooting range. He also questioned whether there were ex parte communications with legal staff and the Hearing Examiner. Chairman Wolden indicated that he or other Board members would not answer questions today.

Secondly, Mr. Eustis raised the issue of appeal fees and asked the Board to consider reducing the appeal fees as he felt his clients were triple charged for basically the same appeal.

The third procedural issue addressed by Mr. Eustis was whether or not the entire record had been reviewed by the Board. He asked the Board specifically what documents or records were reviewed in preparation for today's appeal hearing. Chairman Wolden informed Mr. Eustis once again that the Board was not going to be answering any questions from the appellants.

Mr. Eustis stated that there are many issues to this appeal, and that it is necessary for the record to be reviewed in order for the Board to make judgment.

Mr. Eustis discussed the need to consider noise, water pollution, intrusion of privacy, effects on the neighborhood, the region, and on the general public health, safety and welfare. He reviewed a map outlining the Frailey Mountain Shooting Range proposed site. He pointed out two private properties adjacent to the outline as well as Pilchuck Creek and Lake Cavanaugh. Mr. Eustis advised that the Finn Settlement is within one mile of the shooting range. He reviewed Safety Fan elements.

Mr. Eustis reviewed the uses for Pilchuck Creek and Lake Cavanaugh Road. He stated that the potential for a stray bullet to leave this range is very real. He stated that putting this facility at this location is putting county citizens at risk and county taxpayers at risk for liability. Mr. Eustis stated that this is an unsafe location.

Mr. Eustis briefly discussed water pollution and noise pollution, and stated that there has not been adequate mitigation for these concerns.

Mr. Eustis briefly discussed the impact of the site to adjacent County and private roads.

Mr. Eustis quoted from Skagit County's Mission Statement where the mission is stated "to protect and plan for the health, safety and welfare of current and future citizens." He indicated that there are about 600 residents and that this is not a suitable location for this facility.

Paul Reilly, attorney representing Skagit County Parks & Recreation, indicated that the documents that Mr. Eustis distributed were not a part of the record before the Hearing Examiner.

Mr. Reilly stated that the issues that Mr. Eustis brought up are not in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan. He commented on the issues of bullet escapement, and that Mr. Eustis used examples that were comparing apples to oranges. Mr. Reilly stated that Mr. Eustis neglected completely that the NRA standards for ranges can take into consideration the different locations where one can put a range, and that mitigation must be provided to buffer the site. Mr. Reilly stated that Mr. Eustis ignored the fact that mitigation conditions are to be preserved and that additional permitting will be required with much oversight.

Mr. Reilly briefly addressed the issues of noise and water pollution in response to Mr. Eustis' points. He also commented on the appearance of fairness issues raised by Mr. Eustis. He stated that there has been much innuendo but not much substance. Mr. Reilly further reviewed the rulings made by the Hearing Examiner during the public hearings.

Mr. Hough referenced Exhibit 97 of the Hearing Examiner's procedures relating to safety, the adequacy of the EIS, lead contamination and noise.

Mr. Eustis commented on procedural issues relating to the production of reports on the day of the hearing. He stated that the County elected not to put on a case and not to put on expert testimony. Mr. Eustis stated that after the hearing was over and the opportunity for cross examination was over, then Mr. Hough produced a document like Exhibit 97. Mr. Eustis stated that Mr. Hough is not an environmental expert and he offers lay arguments while the positions presented by the experts were not well-founded.

A discussion ensued concerning the expert testimony given before the Hearing Examiner.

Mr. Eustis stated that the result will be that the water quality levels in the area will be tainted. Mr. Eustis stated that, in his opinion, the EIS did not do any analysis to identify the potential degradation of the water quality in the area.

Jack Cross, 3277 Northshore Drive, stated that he represents over 500 property owners on the lake. He advised that, pursuant to the NRA range manual, the Frailey Mountain site is not a place to build this type of facility. After a brief discussion of buffering and safety issues, he stated that the people in the area will be in danger of being struck by a bullet.

Mr. Reilly stated that in his belief the entire range manual was entered into evidence. He stated that there is nothing that cannot be satisfactorily mitigated, and that is essentially what the Hearing Examiner found. He asked the Board to review the record and uphold the Hearing Examiner's decisions.

Chairman Wolden advised that the Board would consider the testimony given today and would continue to review the record. He advised that deliberation and discussion by the three commissioners would take place on Monday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m. for the decision by the Board on these appeals.

REVIEW OF PETITIONS REQUESTING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN MAP REDESIGNATIONS.

Chairman Wolden opened the review of petitions requesting Comprehensive Plan Map Redesignations.

Ted Palmer was not present to speak.

John Abenroth, 962 Green Road, Burlington, read into the record a letter outlining his reasons why his property should be designated rural. He reviewed adjacent properties. He asked that this be rezoned as it is a technical mapping error, and that it is not necessary to refer this matter to the Planning Commission.

Bill and Linda Eastman were not present to speak.

Jon and Arlene Eastman were not present to speak.

Richard Fair, 1129 Walker Road, reviewed the exact location of his property. He is questioning why his particular piece of property has a 10 acre designation while adjoining property is 2-1/2 acres.

Gino Cecotti represented Jeff Grenier, and stated that the property in question is on Marihugh Place. He stated that this plat that has been developed progressively. He stated that there are utilities, public water on the property.

Dave Hamilton, 821 Pinelli Road, Box 63, Hamilton, reviewed the exact location of his land. He asked to redesignate these parcels to 2-1/2 acres. He detailed why County planners are in error. He stated that his property has tested perfect for conventional septic systems and is served by public water.

Durwin Hurley was not present to speak.

Larry Ingraham stated that he owns property that has been impacted by the Comprehensive Plan. He indicated that his property is near the Starbird Road interchange.

Sidney & Wilma Jenkins were not present to speak.

Dennis Justice, 17306 46th, Sumner, reiterated where the mapping errors are occurring on his property adjacent to the Sauk Valley Road just outside of Concrete.

Joe Lacer, 1175 W. Morford Road, Sedro Woolley, reviewed the criteria that have caused mapping errors on his property.

Tim McCalib was not present to speak.

Steve Goff, U.S. Bank, trustee for the Esther McCorkle Trust, Fifth Avenue, Seattle, reviewed information that he felt was overlooked in designating the subject property as rural reserve. He asked that the property be redesignated rural intermediate. He is requesting 2-1/2 acre designations for each piece of property displayed to the Board.

Jim Schimmer, 208 San Juan Boulevard, Anacortes, additionally discussed the property of the Esther McCorkle Trust. He stated that it is appropriate that the history of the land also be considered.

Dana Mower was not present to speak.

Richard Shelley, Bayview, would like to have his property go to a rural village designation of half acre or acre lots. He stated that the land isn't good for anything other than building homes or growing rocks.

Elsie Summers, Brick Road, Sedro Woolley, reviewed the particulars of her property on Gripp Road, and advised that they have an application in for a shortplat. She requested that they have 2-1/2 acre parcels on their land.

Trinity United Presbyterian Church, represented by Harriett Smith and Bill Heft, 1024 Collins Road, Sedro Woolley, stated they would like to have this property zoned in an urban growth area as the land has an agricultural designation and is not used for agricultural purposes..

Doug Engleson, Bulson Road, reviewed the particulars of his land. He stated that this parcel is less than 40 acres and therefore does not fit the criteria. He commented on the lack of notification from the Planning Department.

Kennedy/Freeman – There was no one here representing this party.

William Lewis did not appear to speak.

Hope Martin did not appear to speak.

Juan Martinez, Sr., represented by Travis Martinez, Minkler Road, reviewed the particular characteristics of the land in question. He had requested urban growth area, but it is currently determined to be agriculture. Both properties are listed under the name of Juan Martinez, Sr. He then spoke concerning the land of Travis Martinez consisting of 75 acres of land, with three tax statements. Mr. Martinez is requesting that his land be annexed into the City of Sedro Woolley so that he can have building rights for his children.

Morris Robinson, 1087 Potts Road, pharmacist working in the Mount Vernon area, addressed the errors in the designation of his three properties. He asked the Board for a rural reserve designation.

Sue Sherman, 614 Bertram Drive, Everett, discussed the 40 acres that she owns near Frailey Mountain. She would like her property designed in secondary forestry rather than commercial forest.

Snell /Lanzarrotti had no one present to testify.

Bill Voigt, 3628 Highway 20, Birdsvew, reviewed the exact location of his property which consists of 12-1/2 acres.

Herbert Wiseman was not present to speak.

Elmer Wolfe/Nadine Stone is requesting that the property belonging to her father be designated rural reserve.

Jack Sturgeon, Arlington, expressed his appreciation for making this appeal process available, and reviewed the exact location of his property. This property is currently designated as secondary forest.

Ron Van Luven, 1128 Peacock Lane, Burlington, are asking that their property be zoned from R-1 to Commercial (C-1). The property is located on Highway 20. After a brief discussion, it was determined that this property is in Burlington's urban growth area, and that the Van Luvens should request annexation into the city.

Commissioner Hart was absent for the remainder of the proceedings.

Montee Walters reviewed the exact location of his property. He explained that several guidelines do not apply to his property. He is asking to be considered a part of the Urban Growth Area of Mount Vernon. After further thought, he would like to be classified as Rural Intermediate, 2-1/2 acre designation. This would be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Growth Management Act.

Lyle and Erma Zahn were not present to speak.

Molly McCalib spoke briefly concerning her property located near Cook Road.

ADJOURNMENT.

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




BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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