

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, December 23, 1997**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Commissioner's Staff Meeting.
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Discussion and Possible Action – Planning Commission Recorded Motion Recommending Approval of Amendments to the Critical Areas Ordinance (Skagit County Code Section 14.06) in Response to the Western Washington Growth Hearings Board Decision and Order 96-2-0025).

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 23, 1997 with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Robert Hart, and Ted W. Anderson present.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – PLANNING COMMISSION RECORDED MOTION RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE (SKAGIT COUNTY CODE SECTION 14.06) IN RESPONSE TO THE WESTERN WASHINGTON GROWTH HEARINGS BOARD DECISION AND ORDER 96-2-0025).

Jim Cahill, Senior Planner, reviewed the recorded motion from the Planning Commissioner regarding the amendments to the Critical Areas Ordinance. He advised that since the last public hearing held by the Planning Commission, considerable changes to the text had been made, particularly to the Forest Practices section. Mr. Cahill advised that under the adopted Public Participation Program and the Growth Management Act, the Commissioners may want to consider calling for their own public hearing on this matter to gather additional comments on the changes to the text.

A brief discussion ensued on the timeline for complying with the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board. John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, advised that holding a public hearing on January 12 would comply.

Commissioner Hart moved to approve a call for public hearing, with said public hearing scheduled for Monday, January 12, 1998, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and continuing until no further public comment is forthcoming. He further moved to accept written public testimony through Thursday, January 15, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. **(Resolution No.16810).**

Mr. Cahill then reviewed specific areas of the Planning Commissioner recorded motion. He stated that there was a considerable amount of deliberation on many topics among various groups throughout the County during this process. Mr. Cahill explained how the Planning Commission addressed forest practices and changes to the State Forest Practices Act.

The actual Planning Commission edits to the ordinance were reviewed. Chairman Wolden pointed out that new Citizens Advisory Committees are being formed to deal with the new development codes, and stated that it will be difficult for these committees to complete their work without these amendments completed first.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Staff presented the annual Agreement between the Economic Development Association of Skagit County and Skagit County for furtherance of the goal of EDASC to facilitate the creation of new jobs in Skagit County, primarily from new firms recruited. The County agrees to pay to EDASC the sum of \$38,000, and the term of the Agreement is January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. **(Contract No. 03769)**
2. Previously the Board had approved a Resolution Adopting the Updated Capital Facility Plans and Impact Fees for the Conway, Burlington-Edison and Mount Vernon School Districts, and Amending Skagit County Code Section 14.52. The Board signed the previously approved action. **(Resolution No. 16811)**

ADJOURNMENT.

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



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Robert Hart

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ATTEST:

Patti J. Chambers

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