

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 16, 1998**

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.
*T 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Proclamation – Early Childhood and Family Support Day, March 21, 1998.
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Public Comment Period. CONSENT AGENDA. MISCELLANEOUS.
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Consideration of Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of Agricultural Variance of David Strong for Property Located at 2033-2035 Cook Road, Sedro Woolley (PL 97-0484).
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Bid Opening – Skagit County Legal Printing for the Period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999.
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

PROCLAMATION – EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT DAY, MARCH 21, 1998.

Commissioner Wolden read the Proclamation into the record, announcing Early Childhood and Family Support Day scheduled for March 21, 1998. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Proclamation as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Jennifer Sass, County Health Department, briefly discussed the details of the Connections Conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.

Tom Solberg, 1725 Minnie Road, Alger, stated that he is the spokesman for the Alger Sub-Area Plan, and that he is accompanied today by several of the landowners included in the Alger Sub-Area Plan. He discussed the rural intermediate criteria. He stated that the Alger area submitted a sub-area plan, and therefore they believe that they should be receiving preference as they followed all of the rules and regulations as stated in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Solberg stated that, in his opinion, the county-wide planning policy of an 80-20 split will not be changing, even though he would like to see it at 60-40. He noted that the Planning Department seems unclear as to how to handle their submitted sub-area plan, and that there has been a lack of attention to the plan. He discussed the various areas of rural intermediate property within the County. He stated that he gets the feeling that these people are considered third class citizens unable to control their own destiny. He noted the sense of caring in the Alger area.

Commissioner Anderson clarified that the Alger area was sent back to the Planning Commission for further work and clarification.

Fred Charlton, Alger, stated that Mr. Solberg has expressed his thoughts exactly.

Gilbert Walden, 250 Butler Creek Road, described the exact location of his property. He stated that the latest property tax assessment jumped more than 100%. He discussed the various aspects of his land and the unfairness of the recently received taxation statements.

Ethel Vahlbusch, 1859 Echo Hill Road, feels that since they did submit the sub-area plan as per the instructions, they should be given some priority consideration. She explained that it is ridiculous to not consider the use of the land in the taxation process.

Greg Pulley, 1869B Echo Hill Road, Sedro Woolley, reviewed the land use criteria for his property. He supported the Alger sub-area plan and Mr. Solberg's presentation.

Commissioner Anderson was absent from this point in the proceedings.

Leo McAtee, Alger resident, discussed the arbitrary rules that have been applied to the property in the Alger area. He discussed the requirements for urban and rural areas.

Mr. Solberg presented the Board with the March 4, 1997 tapes of the Planning Commission sessions discussing the rural element.

CONSENT AGENDA.

Chairman Hart moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, March 16, 1998. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

• **COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, March 9, 1998.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, March 10, 1998.
3. Interlocal Agreement with the Skagit Conservation District for the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998, for an amount not less than \$2,916 per month as payment to the District for ongoing programs as outlined in their annual workplan. **(Contract No. 03872)**

• **ARIS/BEST SELF:**

4. Amendment No. 1 to Contract with Elizabeth Sherman Polasek amending the Compensation rates per hour, with maximum compensation set not to exceed \$20,000. **(Contract No. 03821)**
5. Personal Services Agreement with United Karatedo Organization for the period January 1, 1998 at rates listed on Exhibit "B" for a maximum compensation of \$20,000. **(Contract No. 03873)**

• **PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER:**

6. Development Agreement among the County, City of Mount Vernon and Nelson Petroleum for a commercial/limited industrial development in the City's Urban Growth Area per the conditions and covenants listed in the document. **(Contract No. 03874)**

• **CLERK'S OFFICE:**

7. Appointment and Oath of Office of Carol J. Thibeau, Deputy County Clerk. **(APPROVED)**

• **PUBLIC WORKS:**

8. Resolution Establishing the Eligibility List for Rental Equipment for the period April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999. **(Resolution No. 16914)**
9. Amendment No. 2 to Grant between the State of Washington Department of Ecology and Skagit County for the Skagit Wildlife Area Alternative Project, changing the completion date from December 31, 1997 to June 30, 1998, and increasing the compensation from \$201,386 to \$232,636. **(Contract No. 03256)**

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10. Vendor Services Agreement with Economy Fence Center for repair of a portion of the chainlink fence at the Inman Landfill that was damaged when a tree fell on the fence. Total compensation is \$350, and the contract will run for thirty days beginning January 15, 1998. **(Contract No. 03875)**
11. Vendor Services Agreement with Maskell Robbins for work to be performed at the Inman Landfill. The scope of work includes providing the service and products to weld "beads" around the ends of the HDPE pipe that will help prevent the flex hose from slipping. Contract compensation is not to exceed \$500. The contract commences on February 10, 1998 and terminates on March 31, 1998. **(Contract No. 03876)**
12. Construction Plans for the Lake Cavanaugh Road Fish Passage Project. **(APPROVED)**

• **TREASURER'S OFFICE:**

13. Resolution – Establishment of Merchant Service Fee Account for Credit/Debit Card Program and Reimbursement Procedure. **(Resolution No. 16915)**

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, March 16, 1998, 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 16573 through 17012 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$630,661.33 (Transmittal No. C-17-98)

2. Staff presented for the Board's consideration a Right-of-Way Temporary License Agreement with Ida McKenna, as personal representative of the Estate of Ida S. Knudson, deceased and representing Harold Knudson Farms for the grating of ingress and egress and right-of-way over and across the existing dike roadway on Owner's property adjoining the east bank of the Swinomish Channel and between the existing Channel Drive and SR 20 access. Said license will commence April 3, 1998 and shall continue through April 19, 1998, to accommodate traffic during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03877)**
3. Staff presented an Award of Bid to Lease Land within the Cascade Trail Corridor. One bid was received at the time and on the date required in the bid documents. A review of the bid and all documents was made by the Department of Parks & Recreation, which recommends award of the bid as submitted by the Janicki Family Trust. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Bid Award as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16916)**
4. Staff presented a Resolution reappointing Dave Christianson to the Skagit County Noxious Weed Control Board for the term February 1, 1998 through February 1, 2002. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16917)**

CONSIDERATION OF HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF AGRICULTURAL VARIANCE OF DAVID STRONG FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2033-2035 COOK ROAD, SEDRO WOOLLEY (PL 97-0484).

Marge Swint, Planning & Permit Center Staff, reviewed with the Board the proposed Short Plat and pictures of the property in question. After a brief discussion, Chairman Hart moved to approve the Hearing Examiner's recommendation for approval of this agricultural variance. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16918)**

BID OPENING – SKAGIT COUNTY LEGAL PRINTING FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1998 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1999.

Patti Chambers, Administrative Coordinator and Clerk of the Board, opened the following bids for Skagit County Legal Printing for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999:

Skagit Valley Herald
100 East College Way
P.O. Box 578
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
\$2.70 per column square inch.

Skagit Argus
Fairhaven Avenue
Burlington, WA 98233
\$3.63 per column square inch.

Ms. Chambers advised that a bid award would be made on April 6, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. as required by the relevant RCW's.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



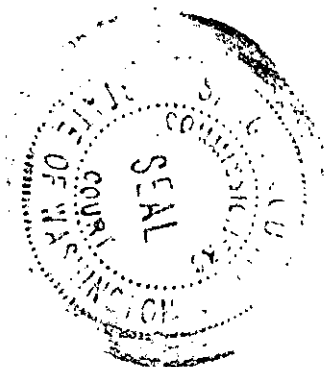
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ATTEST:



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