

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, April 7, 1998

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Work Session – Operation Division Manager/Road District Supervisors.
- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director.
- 1) Discussion – Consideration of Gravel Road Hard Surfacing Program.
 - 2) Summary – WSDOT TransAid Visit on 3/27/98.
 - 3) Signature – Resolution regarding O'Hara Road (Private Road) Improvements.
 - 4) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center – Roxanne Michael & Tom Karsh, Co-Directors.
- 1) Discussion – Skagit County's Analysis and Recommendation in Response to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board Ruling of Invalidity of the Bayview Ridge Urban Growth Area Outside of the Port of Skagit County's Property.
 - 2) Discussion – Rezone Application #PL97-0314 – A Request to Rezone a 1.36-Acre Parcel in the Rural Village of Conway from Agriculture to Neighborhood Business District.
 - 3) Discussion – Critical Areas Ordinance Interim Controls – Changes to Interim Ordinance #16518 relating to Native Growth Protection Areas.
 - 4) Miscellaneous.
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Presentation – Possible Funding of Playfields at Samish Elementary School, Sedro Woolley.
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Work Session – Water Resource Activities in Skagit County.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 7, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.

1. Discussion – Consideration of Gravel Road Hard Surfacing Program.

Chal Martin, Director, discussed with the Board the idea of developing a gravel road paving program in anticipation of preparations for the 1999 budget. He discussed hard surfacing the 60 miles of gravel roads within the County, doing a few miles every year. Additionally, he advised, it looks like there may be some money available under the minor construction line item of \$45,000 to \$50,000 that might be available for paving some short segments this summer.

A brief discussion ensued in this regard, and the Board indicated their interest in proceeding with this program, especially in areas where a short stretch of road serves many homes and it is deemed cost-effective to hard surface the roadways.

2. Summary – WSDOT TransAid Visit on 3/27/98.

Mr. Martin reviewed his visit with Denny Ingham, Terry Paananen and Harry Haslam of the WSDOT TransAid Office and the ensuing discussion about the \$200 million of obligated Federal money still unspent in Washington.

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State from first ISTEA. Mr. Martin stated the "use it or lose it" philosophy taking hold in the legislature and among transportation planning professionals. Mr. Martin indicated that there is potential for lower local project distribution through the Regional Transportation Planning Organization when BESTEA is implemented. He discussed the possibility of hiring a consultant to design projects to take advantage of these funds.

Chairman Hart cautioned about the need to develop projects which include public input and acceptance. He stated that there is no use spending money on a consultant for a design that would never be built. Chairman Hart stated that there are areas, such as Farm-to-Market Road, where a plan needs to be developed. A discussion ensued on Federal design standards and how they could be applied to such projects as the Farm-to-Market Road.

Mr. Martin briefly reviewed the public outreach process that has been developed in regard to road projects.

3. Signature – Resolution regarding O'Hara Road (Private Road) Improvements.

Mr. Martin briefly discussed the hard surfacing of O'Hara Road and the unique circumstances surrounding these improvements. He explained that the County has used the road in the past, and has contributed to the deterioration and condition of the road, and therefore the County needs to assist with the improvements to O'Hara Road. Mr. Martin advised that O'Hara Road would remain a private road after these improvements, and would not be accepted as a County roadway.

Mr. Martin recommended approval of the proposed Resolution.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Resolution regarding improvements to O'Hara Road. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16954)**

4. Miscellaneous.

- A. Staff presented two applications for funding for (1) Modifications at the Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station Modifications and (2) Fish Passage Repair Projects requested funding from the Public Works Trust Fund. A discussion ensued on the eligibility requirements of CTED for these applications. Chairman Hart indicated that the traditional users of the Public Works Trust Fund have not wanted to streamline this process, as the cities have been the major users of this fund. Mr. Martin advised that the application packages have been prepared and would recommend that the Board approve the applications and forward the application packages to CTED. He advised that the deadline for submission of the applications is April 11. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the applications as presented. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The Board signed the two application packages.
- B. Mr. Martin reviewed a letter from Sedro Woolley's Mayor about a money swap for funds received by Sedro Woolley. Commissioner Wolden suggested working with Eric Ireland of SCOG to review the feasibility of trading these funds. The Board indicated their approval of investigating the feasibility of this transaction..
- C. Robin LaRue, Solid Waste Division Manager, presented the Board with copies of the 1997 Solid Waste Report.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Roxanne Michael & Tom Karsh, Co-Directors.

1. Discussion – Skagit County's Analysis and Recommendation in Response to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board Ruling of Invalidity of the Bayview Ridge Urban Growth Area Outside of the Port of Skagit County's Property.

Tom Karsh, Co-Director, stated that the only action required of the Board today is to set a future meeting date when action on this matter will be taken. He explained that today there is "no option for adoption." Mr. Karsh introduced Dave Hough, Consultant, who has been working with the Planning Commission on the Bayview Ridge Urban Growth Area outside of the Port of Skagit County's property. Mr. Hough presented to the Board a recorded

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motion from the Planning Commission approving modified boundaries that include the previously designated commercial/industrial ground. Mr. Karsh indicated that there has been great cooperation from property owners and EDASC in putting together the necessary information for this recommendation.

Chairman Hart noted that this was in response to the WWGMHB direction.

It was noted that this was a 9-0 vote. Mr. Hough confirmed that there was no opposition or questions expressed in this process. He stated that all of the people who testified were in favor of the recommendation.

Mr. Karsh confirmed that a public hearing will be held and the parties of record will be able to comment on the Planning Commission's recommendation.

Upon query from Commissioner Anderson, Mr. Karsh advised that a timeline will be forthcoming to the Board on April 21st regarding the remainder of the Bayview Ridge area.

The Board indicated that they would consider taking action on this matter on Tuesday, April 14th, at 1:30 p.m.

2. Discussion – Rezone Application #PL97-0314 – A Request to Rezone a 1.36-Acre Parcel in the Rural Village of Conway from Agriculture to Neighborhood Business District.

Guy McNally, Planning Staff, reported that a rezone in the rural village of Conway was approved by a 9-0 vote by the Planning Commission. The recorded motion is currently being reviewed by John Moffat and will be forthcoming to the Board. He provided the Board with copies of the associated Staff Report.

The Board indicated that they would consider taking action on this matter on Tuesday, April 14th, at 2:00 p.m.

3. Discussion – Critical Areas Ordinance Interim Controls – Changes to Interim Ordinance #16518 Relating to Native Growth Protection Areas.

Mr. Karsh stated that on March 1st the Planning Commission met and unanimously voted in favor of the interim ordinance relating to native growth protection areas in regards to land divisions and developments. Mr. Karsh indicated that these changes did not generate a whole lot of interest, and there was no one there speaking in opposition to this proposal. Mr. Karsh advised that this has essentially been our interim ordinance for several months now. He reviewed some of the specific changes to the original ordinance, including the elimination of the requirements for signage.

Commissioner Anderson confirmed that the easements proposed would remain private property, but would clearly state in legal descriptions that critical areas are present.

Mr. Karsh delivered a copy of the recorded motion to the Board for their consideration.

The Board indicated that they would consider taking action on this matter on Tuesday, April 14th, at 2:30 p.m.

4. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items for discussion.


PRESENTATION – POSSIBLE FUNDING OF PLAYFIELDS AT SAMISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SEDRO WOOLLEY.

This agenda item was cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT.

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

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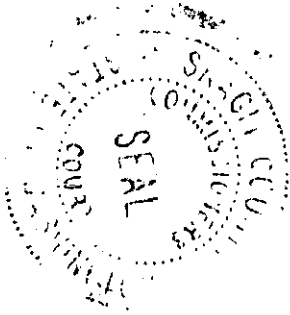
Robert Hart, Chairman



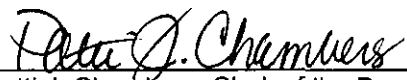
Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



ATTEST:



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