

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, May 18, 1998**

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| 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.      | Work Session – Operation Division Manager/Road District Supervisors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.     | Work Session – Solid Waste Issues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | <p><u>Planning &amp; Permit Center – Roxanne Michael &amp; Tom Karsh, Co-Directors.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Public Hearing – Possible Adoption of Findings of Fact in Support of Interim Ordinance No. 16941 Implementing the City of Mount Vernon's Development Standards within the Urban Growth Area.</li> <li>2) Public Hearing – Possible Adoption of Findings of Fact in Support of Interim Ordinance No. 16942 Implementing the City of Anacortes' Development Standards within the Urban Growth Area.</li> <li>3) Continued Discussion of the 1998 Work Program, Tasks and Timeline for Addressing Growth Management, Comprehensive Planning and Development Regulations.</li> <li>4) Discussion and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Procedural Changes to Skagit County Code Chapter 14.01 Amending the Current Requirement for the Planning Commission to Hear Plats of 25 or Larger to the Responsibility of the Hearing Examiner.</li> <li>5) Miscellaneous.</li> </ol> |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.    | Public Comment Period.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|                            | <b>CONSENT AGENDA<br/>MISCELLANEOUS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.    | Proclamation – Show Your Colors, America! Months, May – November, 1998.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      | Work Session – Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson and Harvey Wolden present.

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

1. Public Hearing – Possible Adoption of Findings of Fact in Support of Interim Ordinance No. 16941 Implementing the City of Mount Vernon's Development Standards within the Urban Growth Area.

Kendra Smith, Assistant Director for Community Development, reviewed the history of this interim ordinance.

She advised that, to her knowledge, there had been no correspondence received on this matter.

Tom Karsh, Co-Director, stated that there have been comments received from Friends of Skagit County questioning the clarity of the provision of urban services in the urban growth areas. Mr. Karsh recommended proceeding with the public hearing, and then establishing a time to allow staff to come back with comments and recommendations following discussions with legal counsel.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing.

Alice Osterhof stated that she is in the urban growth area and that she has no idea what she can do with her land. She admitted that she has not followed the issues very closely.

Commissioner Wolden clarified that this is a working agreement with the City of Mount Vernon to address development regulations within the urban growth area.

Ms. Smith stated that the City of Mount Vernon recently approved amendments to their Comprehensive Plan, and deleted portions of Swan Road, and that area will be incorporated in the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Anderson stated that property owners in the urban growth areas need to know what they can do with their land.

A discussion ensued on specific examples of concern.

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

It was noted that action on this matter would be taken at a later date.

2. Public Hearing – Possible Adoption of Findings of Fact in Support of Interim Ordinance No. 16942 Implementing the City of Anacortes' Development Standards within the Urban Growth Area.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing.

Ms. Smith reiterated that no correspondence was received other than the correspondence referenced by Mr. Karsh from Friends of Skagit County at the previous public hearing.

Ian Munce, City of Anacortes Planning Director, commended the Board for their leadership in providing clarity to the situation within Anacortes' urban growth area. He stated that it is very clear in the interlocal agreement what standards are required within urban growth areas. He commented on the cooperation between the planning and public works departments from both jurisdictions.

A discussion ensued on the planning process and the need to continue to work on standards as problems arise through practical applications.

There being no further public comment forthcoming, Commissioner Wolden moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote. The public hearing was closed.

It was decided that this matter would be deliberated during the regular Planning agenda on June 2, 1998.

3. Continued Discussion of the 1998 Work Program, Tasks and Timeline for Addressing Growth Management, Comprehensive Planning and Development Regulations.

Gary Christensen, Senior Planner, stated that this matter would be an ongoing agenda item to keep the Board up to date on the progress of the Work Program.

He stated that the Planning Commission met on May 5 and 7 on the remanded resolution that dealt with comprehensive plan map amendments. In this regard, he presented to the Board two volumes of written correspondence and the transcripts from those two hearing dates. Staff has begun to review these comments, and two meeting nights have been established with the Planning Commission, for deliberations to formulate their recommendations on each of these matters. Mr. Christensen advised that those recommendations will come to the Board sometime in June.

Mr. Christensen indicated that on May 19 the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB) stipulated agreement with Friends of Skagit County regarding 10 short-term issues. He reviewed a department memo addressing each of those issues.

Mr. Christensen stated that a public hearing has been established on May 29<sup>th</sup> before the Board to review a proposal to renew interim ordinance no. 16559, which adopted the Comprehensive Plan.

He next discussed a Comprehensive Plan amendment regarding the level of service for road intersections within the Transportation Element.

Mr. Christensen stated that Staff is working diligently to stay on track for this ambitious timeline.

Chairman Hart indicated that he would like to see a list of those things that have been accomplished and completed to date.

Mr. Christensen next discussed the use of department personnel in accomplishing this work plan.

4. Discussion and Possible Adoption of the Proposed Procedural Changes to Skagit County Code Chapter 14.01 Amending the Current Requirement for the Planning Commission to Hear Plats of 25 or Larger to the Responsibility of the hearing examiner.

Kendra Smith, Planning Staff, indicated that staff has proposed making an amendment to the Skagit County Code Section 14.01, allowing the current requirement for the Planning commission to hear plats of 25 or larger to the responsibility of the Hearing Examiner. She stated that this is a procedural amendment, which, under pertinent RCW's, does not require a public hearing. She stated that the Planning Commission heard this proposal as an agenda item, and concurred with this recommendation. Ms. Smith indicated that the applicant can still have the option of proceeding through the Planning Commission process if they so desire.

Commissioner Anderson moved for approval of the procedural change to Skagit County Code Section 14.01 as recommended by the Planning Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolden, and passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 16990)**

5. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items for discussion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Ken Howard, 280 Sharpe Road, on behalf of the Association of Skagit County Landowners, expressed concern that the Planning Commission may need more than two meetings to consider the Comprehensive Plan map amendments currently before them. Commissioner Hart stated that the Planning Commission can request more time if they require it.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, May 18, 1998. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

• COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, May 11, 1998.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, May 12, 1998.
3. As a result of a competitive bid award, Contract for Legal Printing for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1998 with Skagit Valley Publishing Company. Compensation is at the rate of \$2.70 per column inch. **(Contract No. 03953)**

• BUDGET/FINANCE:

4. Resolution Establishing a Distressed County Public Facilities Fund pursuant to the public hearing held May 4, 1998. (**Resolution No. 16991**)

• PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

5. Resolution Calling for Bids for One (1) New Latest Model Four Wheel Drive Utility Tractor with Bucket Loader (Bid Opening: June 16, 1998 @ 1:30 p.m.) (**Resolution No. 16992**)
6. Resolution Calling for Bids for Four (4) New Latest Model 10 to 12 Cubic Yard Dump Truck Boxes (Bid Opening: June 16, 1998 @ 1:30 p.m.) (**Resolution No. 16993**)
7. Resolution Requesting Statement of Qualifications for Design, Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction Management Services: Cook Road Reconstruction Project, CRP No. 63000-6 (Proposal Deadline: 4:00 p.m., June 8, 1998). (**Resolution No. 16994**)
8. Out-Of-State Travel Request for Steve Blair to attend an "Eminent Domain Law Basics for the Right-of-Way Professional," Conference, June 4-5 in Portland, Oregon, for the total amount of \$495. (**Approved**)
9. Out-Of-State Travel Request for Ed Hawes to attend a "Principles of Land Acquisition" Conference, July 7-10, 1998 in Portland, Oregon for the total amount of \$1,425. (**Approved**)
10. Out-Of-State Travel Request for Steve Blair to attend a "Principles of Land Acquisition" Conference, July 7-10, 1998 in Portland, Oregon for the total amount of \$1,425. (**Approved**)
11. Personal Services Agreement with the Burlington-Edison High School Band to deliver and/or install house numbers to residents throughout Skagit County in the areas not assigned to Skagit County Volunteer Districts at the rate of \$1 per sign, not to exceed \$3,500. The term of the contract is May 15, 1998 through December 31, 1998. (**Contract No. 03954**)
12. Vendor Services Agreement with Skagit City Turf to provide Hydro Seeding beginning April 1, 1998, for a total dollar amount of \$5,000. (**Contract No. 03955**)

• HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

13. Interagency Agreement between the Skagit County Health Department and the Skagit County Jail for the purpose of assuring compliance with Enrolled Substitute House Bill 1605, Laws of 1997, and with Washington Administrative Code 246-136-020 regarding sexually transmitted disease (STD) status of a person detained in the Skagit County Jail. (**Contract No. 03956**)

• JUVENILE PROBATION:

14. Resolution Approving Juvenile Probation Department Expenditures for Grant Monies via Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$300 to \$350. (**Resolution No. 16995**)

**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, May 20, 1998, 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 15349 through 15371 in the total dollar amount of \$11,807.74 (Transmittal No. P-23-98); and

Warrants numbered 20440 through 20886 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$962,857.76 (Transmittal No. C-30-98).

2. Staff presented an Agreement between Evergreen Aids Foundation and Skagit County for services to be provided April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999. The contract provides for an expanded availability of emergency services and access to mental health care. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. **(Contract No. 03957)**
3. Staff presented a Contract with Lakeside Industries for various asphalt overlay projects throughout the County. The contract is for \$845,220.20, and Staff advised that the Risk Manager, Prosecuting Attorney, and Budget Manager had signed their approval. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the contract as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 03958)**

**PROCLAMATION – SHOW YOUR COLORS, AMERICA! MONTHS, MAY – NOVEMBER, 1998.**

Commissioner Anderson read the Proclamation into the record proclaiming Show Your Colors, America! Months, May through November, 1998, in Skagit County.

**ADJOURNMENT.**

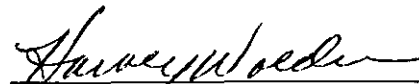
Chairman Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Robert Hart, Chairman

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



Harvey Wolden, Commissioner



ATTEST:



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