

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Monday, October 26, 1998**

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Public Comment Period.
	<b>CONSENT AGENDA MISCELLANEOUS</b>
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Action on Citizen Initiated 1998 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Petitions.
9:00 a.m. – Noon	Budget Work Session.
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Presentation regarding Census 2000 Outreach.
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Skagit County Flood Awareness Week Agencies Meeting, Skagit Emergency Medical Services Training Facility, 2911 E. College Way, Mount Vernon.
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Family Resource Center Open House, 320 Pacific Place, Mount Vernon.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, October 26, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD.**

Tom Solberg, 19019 Minnie Road, Alger, discussed an article from New American regarding recent trends in an effort by certain individuals to grab land for wildlife preservation. He urged the Board to guard the property rights of the citizens of Skagit County. Mr. Solberg stated that the Conservation Futures Program may be devastating to the upland rural landowner.

John Brink, Burlington, asked about the proposed lawsuit or ruling in Whatcom County Court. He stated that he understands that the proper paperwork has not yet been filed, even though four or five months have passed.

Louis Requa, Skagit Surveyors & Engineers, asked for an answer in writing why nothing has been done with the Interlocal Agreement with Sedro Woolley, and why a public hearing on the interim ordinance on the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan has not been held.

**CONSENT AGENDA.**

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Consent Agenda for Monday, October 26, 1998. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE:**

1. Record of the Proceedings of Monday, October 19, 1998.
2. Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, October 20, 1998.

**INSURANCE SERVICES:**

3. Out-of-State Travel Request for Paul Reilly to attend the National College of District Attorney's Government Civil Practice Seminar in New Orleans, Louisiana, November 15-19, 1998, for a total travel cost of \$1,925. The conference will provide continual legal education on the many civil issues that face our self-insured program. **(Approved)**

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:**

4. Consultant Agreement with the National Rifle Association of America to provide an evaluation of Skagit County's future indoor and outdoor shooting ranges. A report of the findings will be generated by the NRA for Skagit County. Compensation shall be at the rate of \$150 for the first day of services, and \$100 for each additional day. In addition, Skagit County will reimburse NRA for any and all travel, food, lodging and other expenses incurred by NRA (The person providing this service will be travelling from Lynnwood, Washington). **(Contract No. 04106)**

**PUBLIC DEFENDER:**

5. Personal Services Agreement with Gordon Maxwell to conduct interviews of public defender clients and other individuals as request and to provide courtroom testimony if required. Contractor will be compensated \$95 per hour for all interviews and court testimony and \$85 for all written reports. The contract will commence on September 30, 1998 and will continue until terminated. **(Contract No. 04107)**

**SENIOR SERVICES:**

6. RSVP Federal Grant Amendment, which moves \$700 from several underexpended line items to Equipment for the purchase of a digital camera, previously approved by the Board. **(Contract No. 03417)**

**HUMAN SERVICES:**

7. Personal Services Agreement with Sea Mar Counseling Social Services for Community Substance Abuse Treatment services funded by DSHS – Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse for the maximum amount of \$20,000. The Agreement will run for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. **(Contract No. 04108)**
8. Amendment to contract with North Sound Regional Support Network adding \$15,000 to the contract amount increasing the maximum consideration to \$65,000. The \$15,000 is a one-time only funding effective October 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998, and is to be used for Skagit County Court costs for out-of-county residents detained at the Evaluation & Treatment Center in Sedro Woolley. **(Contract No. 04056)**
9. DSHS/DDD Amendment adding \$23,015 to the contract for a total maximum amount of \$1,263,836. This \$23,015 covers new monies for "unserved" developmentally disabled people in Skagit County and a transfer of funds from Snohomish County for two clients who have moved to Skagit County. **(Contract No. 03557)**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE:**

10. Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County wherein Whatcom County will provide inmate transportation services via the Northwest Mini-Chain for Skagit County with at least one trip per weekday. Skagit County will pay Whatcom County \$30,000 for all transported inmates for the calendar year 1999. **(Contract No. 04109)**

**TREASURER:**

11. Renewal contract for Skagit County's investment custody services with the Bank of New York. The contract begins November 15, 1998 and will continue until terminated. The Fee Schedule for various services is attached. **(Contract No. 04110)**

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

12. Supplement No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with O'Bryan Scrap & Recycling, raising the amount paid O'Bryan to take household appliances from \$2 per each to \$5 per each. **(Contract No. 03974)**

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

13. Interagency Agreement with the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services to maintain a County Interagency Coordinating Council to assist with Infant/Toddler Early Intervention program. This Year the Health Department is transitioning the early intervention contract to SPARC. The contract will run from October 1, 1998 through September 30, 2000, and the maximum consideration for the contract is \$3,972 including any expenses. **(Contract No. 04111)**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

14. Personal Services Agreement with American Red Cross to provide for the delivery of Address Signs for a maximum contract amount of \$1,552. The contract will run from October 13, 1998 through December 31, 1998. **(Contract No. 04112)**

**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, October 26, 1998, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Warrants numbered 30550 through 30964 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$884,092.54 (Transmittal No. C-73-98);

Payroll warrants numbered 25836 through 24528 in the total dollar amount of \$633,695.20 (Transmittal No. C-52-98); and,

Payroll warrants numbered 950360 through 950390 in the total dollar amount of \$33,576.85 (Transmittal No. C-52-98).

2. Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Rebecca Clark to appear at mental health and involuntary commitment hearings at least two mornings per week at the North Sound Evaluation and Treatment Center in Sedro Woolley and United General Hospital in Sedro Woolley. Ms. Clark will be paid \$2,000 per month for the months of November and December, 1998 and \$1,377 for the month of October. The contract will commence on October 9, 1998, and will terminate on December 31, 1998. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04113)**
3. Staff presented a Personal Services Agreement with Charles Britt, M.A., to provide individual and/or family therapy for the ARIS program. The Contractor will be compensated \$40 per 50 minute therapy hour. The Agreement begins January 1, 1998, and will continue until terminated by either party. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04114)**
4. Staff presented a Vendor Services Agreement with Esary Roofing and Siding Co., Inc. to provide services at the Concrete Senior Center, not to exceed \$5,055.82. The contract will commence on November 2, 1998, and will continue until terminated by either party. Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04115)**
5. Staff presented an Employment Agreement with Paul Reilly for the period October 22, 1998 through October 21, 2000, at a salary level Range 33, Step 4, which is a monthly salary of \$6,162.96. Thereafter Reilly's salary will increase in accordance with pay step progressions under the County's salary plan as well as general cost of living increases afforded other non-union County employees during the term of this

Agreement. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Employment Agreement as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04116)**

**ACTION ON CITIZEN INITIATED 1998 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PETITIONS.**

Gary Christensen, Assistant Director, reviewed with the Board that this item is a procedural matter to confirm the Board's intentions following last Monday's session regarding the 1998 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Petitions. He stated that, at that time, the Board gave verbal indications that all five of the citizen-initiated 1998 Comprehensive Plan Amendment petitions would be referred to the Planning Commission for a report and recommendation. The Department asked the Board for a formal motion, which could be reflected in a Resolution that will be included with County Initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Commissioner Wolden moved to refer all five of the 1998 Citizen-Initiated 1998 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Petitions to the Planning Commission for reports and recommendations. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Commissioner Wolden commented on the differences of the Alger Sub-Area petition from the other citizen-initiated petitions.

Mr. Christensen explained that the Alger Sub-Area would need to proceed with an Environmental Checklist among other items.

Commissioner Wolden expressed his desire to get these petitions before the Planning Commission as soon as possible.

Mr. Christensen indicated that he would advise that the Department develop a work program for these petitions, together with the County-Initiated requests for Comprehensive Plan Amendments.

Commissioner Wolden noted the importance of applying HB6094 to the Alger Sub-Area Plan, as well as the other Citizen-Initiated petitions.

Chairman Hart added that the Alger Sub-Area proponents need to know the parameters they must adhere to in order to form their Sub-Area Plan in greater detail.

Mr. Christensen reminded the Board that annual amendments to the Comprehensive Plan must be heard all at the same time. Consequently, there can only be one annual review, and there would be no exception for the Alger Sub-Area Plan.

A discussion ensued on the timing of all of the proposed amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Anderson reiterated the need to make sure these amendments are reviewed under HB 6094.

The question was called for, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution to be provided later by Planning Staff)**.

A discussion ensued on a proposed Flood Control Ordinance, and the necessity to implement such an ordinance as soon as possible, and hopefully prior to a flood event.

Chairman Hart suggested putting the application of 6094 into an interim ordinance.

Mr. Christensen commented briefly on the particulars of 6094 and how it would apply to the 1998 petitions.

Chairman Hart indicated the need to get some of the tasks of the Planning Staff moving and completed.

Mr. Christensen advised that there are some Development Code items that could be placed in an interim ordinance that could be brought before the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Wolden asked about the timing of reviewing the application of 6094.

Mr. Christensen stated that a Citizen's Advisory Committee should be formed, which will involve advertising for individuals to participate. He stated that this procedure could take one month, with meetings of the committee scheduled for 6 weeks. Consequently, 3 to 4 months will have gone by. Also, SEPA would need to be applied, and the requisite CTED 60-day notice would be prepared. Mr. Christensen indicated that procedurally, this process could take 6 months.

A discussion ensued on the Development Code, and the necessity to prepare a work program that would list all of the things that need to be accomplished within the time frames that are possible. Tom Karsh, Planning Director, stated that this would include decisions by the Board on which items are of the highest priority.

**PRESENTATION REGARDING CENSUS 2000 OUTREACH.**

Commissioner Anderson was absent for the first portion of the presentation.

Val Thomas-Matsen, Census 2000 Outreach, advised that she had met with many of those gathered at a Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) meeting. She spoke to the importance of the Census, in generating dollars for the community based on the data that is received. Census 2000's main goal is to help promote the Census to increase the response rate. She discussed the various ways that the census would be taken, including a mailed questionnaire, to door-to-door contact in remote areas.

Commissioner Anderson was present for the remainder of the proceedings.

Chairman Hart discussed the possible ability of coordinating this with the E-911 addressing lists.

The verification of addresses was discussed.

A discussion ensued on the ability of the census to delineate specific areas, such as urban growth areas.

Ms. Thomas-Matsen next spoke to the educational and promotional side of the Census. She noted the County's possible interest in establishing a "Complete Count Committee" that would represent people in the community where the count is traditionally low. The committee would meet about five or six times.

Commissioner Anderson suggested the use of public service television during the regular Commissioners' hearings to promote the Census.

Chairman Hart suggested contacting United Way and Skagit Community Action to secure their involvement.

Mike Woodmansee, County Administrator, suggested that perhaps SCOG would be the appropriate agency to form the Complete Count Committee.

Upon question from Kelley Moldstad, Executive Director of SCOG, Ms. Thomas-Matsen confirmed that Census Day is April 1, 2000.

ADJOURNMENT.

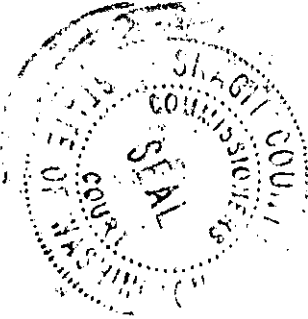
Chairman Hart made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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