

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, November 3, 1998**

- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Work Session – Operations Division Manager/District Maintenance Supervisors.
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director:
- 1) Public Hearing – Proposed Speed Limit Revision on a Portion of Lyman Hamilton Highway, No. 94020.
 - 2) Public Hearing – Proposed Speed Limit Revision on a Portion of West Shore Road, No. 17510.
 - 3) Public Hearing – Proposed Speed Limit Revision for Entire Length of Avon Street, No. 30600.
 - 4) Public Hearing – Proposed Road Name Change on a Portion of South Lyman Ferry Road, No. 07060, to Lyman Ferry Road, No. 07050.
 - 5) Signature – Resolution Designating Solid Waste Site – Larry's Auto and Truck Parts, Inc.
 - 6) Signature – Proclamation of "America Recycles Day," November 15, 1998.
 - 7) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center, Tom Karsh, Director.
- 1) Discussion – Planning & Permit Center's 1998-99 Work Program related to Growth Management Act project timelines and requirements.
 - 2) Miscellaneous.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart and Harvey Wolden present. Commissioner Ted W. Anderson's absence was excused.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.

1. Public Hearing – Proposed Speed Limit Revision on a Portion of Lyman Hamilton Highway, No. 94020.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, reviewed with the Board the exact location of the proposed speed limit change. He informed the Board that the Engineer's report recommended denial of the request, as the current posted speed limit of 50 mph for this portion of Lyman Hamilton Road is appropriate for this road section as it is flat, straight and has adequate shoulders.

Steve Blair, Traffic Engineering, upon query from Chairman Hart, detailed the various speed limits and widths of adjoining roadways.

There was some confusion about the exact location of the subject road, and it was discovered that the map displayed was not the proper section of the roadway under consideration.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing for testimony.

Terra Varney, Lyman-Hamilton Road, expressed concern for the 50 mph speed limit as this area of the roadway has no foglines, and is not as well-maintained as other sections of the same roadway. She further explained her fear for the safety of animals and children in the area. She stated that the petition submitted to the Public Works Department contained the signatures of every resident along this stretch of roadway.

John Mowrer, Lyman-Hamilton Road, urged the Board to lower the speed limit.

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

Commissioner Wolden moved to support the petition of the people and lower the speed limit to 35 miles per hour, thereby overruling the recommendation of Engineering Staff. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote. Chairman Hart asked the Department to look at increased striping, and other maintenance work in the area. **(Resolution to be provided by Staff at a Later Date.)**

2. Public Hearing – Proposed Speed Limit Revision on a Portion of West Shore Road, No. 17510.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, reviewed the exact location of the requested speed limit revision. He advised that the Engineer's report requested denial of the request. He indicated that there are no recorded collisions on this segment and the operating and pace speeds suggest the current speed limit is correct for the roadway.

Chairman Hart questioned staff about the sharp corners in this area and whether there is appropriate signage to reduce speed at such corners to 25 miles per hour. Mr. Flude responded that they are marked appropriately.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing.

Linda Porter, a Guemes Island resident, explained that on the subject stretch of road there are 20 families with the county road winding through the middle of the residential area. She explained that there are barns and other out buildings, and gardens on one side of the road, with homes located on the beachfront sign. Children and animals are going back and forth across the road. She spoke about the residential growth on Guemes Island, and the addition impact of tourists speeding for the ferry.

John Martinez, 6048 West Shore Road, stated that he supports the 25 mph speed limit on the section of West Shore Road. He commented on children going back and forth across the road. He noted that neighbors have put safety cones along the side the road in an attempt to slow the traffic. He asked the Board in instigate the safety conditions of a 25 mph speed limit.

Ann Kelly, resident of Guemes on West Shore Road, agreed with Ms. Porter's comments and expressed that there are many young children in the area. She stated that 35 miles per hour is much too fast for this area. She added that every person along this residential strip signed the petition for this request.

Nancy Bush, Eden's Road resident, supported the speed limit reduction.

There being no further public testimony forthcoming, Chairman Hart moved to close the public hearing. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The public hearing was closed.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Hart moved to reduce the speed limit on the requested section of West Shore Road to 25 miles per hour. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution to be provided by Staff at a Later Date).**

3. Public Hearing – Proposed Speed Limit Revision for Entire Length of Avon Street, No. 30600.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, reviewed the exact location of Avon Street, and indicated that the Engineer's Report recommended approval of the proposed speed limit reduction.

Scott Breckenridge, Avon Street, representing residents along Avon Street, thanked Steve Blair for working with the residents. He commented on the time and length it takes vehicles to come to a complete stop.

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

Commissioner Wolden moved to reduce the speed limit from 35 mph to 25 mph on Avon Street for the street's entire length. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution to be provided by Staff at a Later Date)**.

4. Public Hearing – Proposed Road Name Change on a Portion of South Lyman Ferry Road, No. 07060, to Lyman Ferry Road, No. 07050.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, recommended a road name change on a portion of South Lyman Ferry Road, No. 07060, to Lyman Ferry Road, No. 07050 to clarify the location of the roadway to County residents and Public Works Department Staff. He advised that the Department had initiated this request.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing.

Linda Buchanan asked that rather than Lyman Ferry Road, that the name be changed to Willis Lane.

Upon query from the Board, Mr. Flude responded that this road is of standard width

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

The Board took no action, directing Staff to talk to the residents of the neighborhood to determine what road name would be acceptable.

5. Signature – Resolution Designating Solid Waste Site – Larry's Auto and Truck Parts, Inc.

Robin LaRue, Solid Waste Division Manager, advised that he had received a request from Larry's Auto and Truck Parts, Inc. to become a designated solid waste site. He advised that Larry's had completed the necessary process and had received the necessary permits to operate a vehicle tire recycling process at their facility located at 199 Pease Road, Burlington, Washington. The Department recommended that the Board approve such a Resolution.

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Resolution designating Larry's Auto and Truck Parts, Inc. as a solid waste site. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, and it passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 17200)**

6. Signature – Proclamation of "America Recycles Day." November 15, 1998.

Frances Ambrose, Waste Reduction/Recycling Educator, advised that "America Recycles Day" is a new nationally recognized day. Ms. Ambrose read the Proclamation into the record. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Proclamation. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Miscellaneous.

A. Commissioner Wolden moved to direct the Public Works Department to bring back the road name change of Entner Road to the Board for consideration at an additional public hearing. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

B. Ed Hawes, Engineering Staff, presented a Resolution to the Board for approval of a submittal of Forest Highway Applications for the TEA-21 Program Funding Increase. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution as presented. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 17201)**

C. Ms. Ambrose viewed a recycling video with the Board.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Tom Karsh Director.

1. Discussion – Planning & Permit Center's 1998-99 Work Program related to Growth Management Act Project Timelines and Requirements.

Tom Karsh, Director, discussed the Planning & Permit Center's work program to complete many Growth Management Act (GMA) projects. He advised that now that the physical move of the Department has occurred, and they are more physically removed from the Commissioners' Office, it is certainly not as easy for the Board to come down and ask questions regarding items. In discussing how best to share information as important as this and discussing it with the Board's staff, Mr. Karsh stated that it seems that it would be a good idea to formalize an every-other-week work session to discuss this subject matter. Every other Tuesday morning at 8:30 a.m. has been established on the Board's agenda.

Mr. Karsh distributed a document entitled "GMA Related Projects and Timelines." He stated that, John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, has outlined a number of tasks that need to be completed in this regard. This is a draft dated 11/3/98. He advised that this is a living document that changes daily. Mr. Karsh indicated that the document focuses on GMA related items, but there are other items in the Department that need to be accomplished that are not GMA-related.

Chairman Hart stated that he is most concerned that the appropriate timelines are met, and that the 60-day notices to CTED are accomplished in a timely manner.

A discussion ensued on the involvement of Citizen Advisory Committees and the length of time that involvement entails. Commissioner Wolden commented on the need to not bring these items back to the Board at the very last minute before a deadline.

Chairman Hart indicated his approval of the every other Tuesday work session, and noted the need to prioritize the work program and stressed the need to develop a priority list so that the Department can get some items off of the Department's plate. He further discussed the problems of the Planning Commission working outside of the parameters of the direction given by the Board. He reiterated that the work session will be a good way to keep track of what is happening, and to direct Staff to act appropriately.

Commissioner Wolden commented on the application of HB 6094 and the changing of criteria to the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Woodmansee, County Administrator, commented on the tremendous amount of work that is caused for Planning Department Staff, and that there would be a monumental effort necessary to implement 6094. He noted that 6094 has not been implemented because Planning Staff is supporting the Planning Commission and previous direction from the Board.

The Board reiterated that the 6094 implementation needs to occur so as to allow the criteria for the Comprehensive Plan to change.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that to get things moving along orderly, the Board must make a decision on priorities for the Department. He further indicated that if the Board wants to see meaningful progress on this 30-item list of projects together with a host of things not on the list, it would take a real focused effort on everyone's behalf to stick to timelines. If something comes up that is more important, a conscious effort must be made to make a determination where that item should fit in on the timeline.

Chairman Hart stated that one of the things we have to do is to get past site-specific issues, then we need to get the rest of the public ordinances taken care of. He commented on the need to adopt Development Codes and get the Comprehensive Plan completed utilizing the evaluation of 6094. He stressed that the Department has been side-tracked by site-specific issues.

A discussion ensued on the pros and cons of instituting interim ordinances.

Mr. Karsh encouraged the Board to review the document and bring their comments back at next Tuesday's work session..

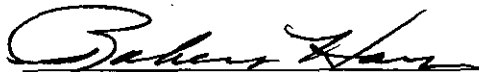
2. Miscellaneous.

- A. Gary Christensen, Senior Planner, presented Amendment No. 1 to an Interlocal Agreement with the Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) for certain subcontracted work. The Amendment allows the County to reimburse SCOG for an amount not to exceed \$6,500. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Amendment as presented by Mr. Christensen. Chairman Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 03738)**
- B. Kendra Smith, Assistant Director, presented to the Board a Resolution Rescinding Resolution No. 15561 and Granting an Exemption to The Shoreline Substantial Development Permit Requirement for James and Kenneth Renner. This item was previously approved by the Board at a recent session, and was presented for signature only. **(Resolution No. 17202)**

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