

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, December 15, 1998**

- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Skagit Conservation District Partnership Breakfast Meeting, New Life Lutheran Brethren Church, 123 Evergreen Street, Mount Vernon.
- 8:00 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.
- *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director.
- 1) Public Hearing – Consideration of Renaming Rhoades Road, No. 62300, to Rhodes Road, No. 62300.
 - 2) Discussion – 1999 Hazard Elimination Grant Application.
 - 3) Discussion – Corridor Management Plan for SR-11 (Chuckanut Drive).
 - 4) Signature – Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Haul Road/Detour Agreement (HRD1-0243).
 - 5) Miscellaneous.
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Planning & Permit Center – Tom Karsh, Director.
- 1) Public Hearing and Possible Action – Renewing the Provisions of Ordinance No. 16559, Implementing the Comprehensive Plan.
 - 2) Discussion – Citizens' Advisory Committees.
 - 3) Miscellaneous.
- 11:00 a.m.– Noon Work Session – Public Water System Program.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, with Commissioners Robert Hart, Ted W. Anderson, and Harvey Wolden present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.

1. Public Hearing – Consideration of Renaming Rhoades Road, No. 62300, to Rhodes Road, No. 62300.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, explained the reasons that the residents had asked that the subject road name be changed back to Rhodes Road. It had always been understood that the road name was "Rhodes," but it recently came to light through signage provided by WSDOT, that the road name was actually "Rhoades."

Linda Chance-Dawson, Rothenbbuhler Engineering, explained that the cost to change letterhead would be quite high to her company, after many years using the name "Rhodes Road."

Charmie Dibble, 1208 Rhodes Road, stated that she started the subject petition, and urged the Board to change the name to Rhodes Road.

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

Commissioner Anderson moved to authorize the road name change from Rhoades Road, No. 52300, to Rhodes Road, No. 52300. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.
(Resolution No. 17249)

Discussion – 1999 Hazard Elimination Grant Application.

Mr. Flude reviewed staff recommendations for an application to TransAid for funding of several Hazard Elimination safety projects. These include Cook Road, Alger Cain Lake Road, Old Day Creek Road, South Skagit Highway, and the Intersection of Best Road and McLean Road.

Mr. Flude advised that the Department is removing from the final submittal, the Intersection of Best Road and McLean Road, due to recent information and assistance received from the Washington State Department of Transportation. He stated that there are proposed mitigation measures to be accomplished before having to install a traffic signal.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of traditional signage and new innovative signage.

2. Discussion – Corridor Management Plan for SR-11 (Chuckanut Drive).

Dave Baltz, Public Works Staff, reviewed the Corridor Management Plan for SR-11 (Chuckanut Drive) between its intersection with I-5 near Burlington and its intersection with I-5 in Bellingham. He explained that the Whatcom County Council of Governments (WCOG) received a federal grant to do such a Corridor Management Plan for this roadway. He advised that this is a State Highway, so interjurisdictional cooperation will be necessary, with it being proposed that the Skagit Council of Governments or the Skagit Sub-RTPO take the lead to oversee the project from the Skagit County side.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the possibility of restrictions being put in place for existing businesses and property owners along this corridor. Mr. Baltz stated that the purpose of the Corridor Management Plan is to develop strategies to preserve and enhance the scenic, recreational, and other qualities within the corridor.

Chal Martin, Director, noted that this is a public process that will include input from businesses and private citizens.

Chairman Hart spoke regarding the need to coordinate with the individuals who worked on the Mount Baker Highway corridor management plan, as described in a brochure distributed by Mr. Baltz.

Commissioner Anderson commented on the need to include the local business in the committee to discuss the pertinent impacts. Commissioner Hart suggested putting Tony Breckenridge on such a committee, as well as himself.

3. Signature – Washington State Department of Transportation Local Agency Haul Road/Detour Agreement (HRD1-0243).

Mr. Flude reviewed the local agency Haul Road/Detour Agreement with WSDOT. WSDOT is planning this summer to work on and close a section of Chuckanut Drive near Oyster Creek, doing various construction projects. He advised that the anticipated closure will take approximately eight weeks. Traffic would be rerouted along Bow Hill Road. The Board confirmed that signage should be proficient on I-5.

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the agreement as presented by Mr. Flude. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (Contract No. 04169)

4. Miscellaneous.

Mr. Martin reviewed a letter he had prepared for the Board's consideration asking the County Road Administration Board to remove the Starbird Road project from the priority array. The Board signed the letter as presented by Mr. Martin.

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Tom Karsh, Director.

1. Public Hearing and Possible Action – Renewing the Provisions of Ordinance No. 16550, Implementing the Comprehensive Plan.

Gary Christensen, Assistant Director, reviewed a Department Report previous submitted to the Board, together with the history and background of Ordinance No. 16559, Implementing the Comprehensive Plan, together with Ordinance No. 17209, renewing the provisions of Ordinance No. 16559.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing.

Bob Carmichael, 1700 "D" Street in Bellingham, representing Crown Pacific, spoke regarding property owned by Crown Pacific south of Highway 20 at Hamilton totaling 113 acres in size. He indicated that the property has been moved from an agricultural designation to industrial forest. The concern is with the limitations that were imposed under Resolution No. 16559 and subsequently the other ordinance renewing it, that there was not the possibility for a permitted mill to be put on the site for industrial foresting uses. Mr. Carmichael advised that Crown has ended up in a situation where it was going to be relegated to uses that were in industrial forest, secondary forest, and rural resource designations. Therefore, a permanent mill would not be possible. He asked the Board to restore the industrial uses permitted on the 58-acre site in respect to an industrial use for forestry purposes. He stated that Crown would like this changed so they can proceed with their project. He stated that Crown does not have any specific timetable, but the need for this change is apparent as due to changing markets, decisions must be made quickly. He suggested a change in written correspondence regarding Commercial and Industrial Uses Outside of Urban Growth Areas. He reviewed a brief history of the property and the exact location. He stated that it is understood that there are other alternatives, including the special use authorization.

Don Wick, EDASC, stated that he is supportive of Crown's position with the prospect of jobs returning to that site, knowing that this is one of the most distressed communities in Washington State, and it seems prudent to allow jobs to return there. Mr. Wick stated that EDASC is working with the City of Hamilton and other partners regarding a water system.

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.

Chairman Hart stated that the Board is in support of Crown's proposal, but this may not be the right avenue for correcting this.

John Moffat, Chief Civil Deputy, stated that there has been no public notice of this proposed change. He stated that nothing could be done immediately.

Chairman Hart indicated to the Department that the Board is in favor of doing this to alleviate the situation for Crown and the Hamilton area.

Commissioner Anderson stated that there are many things hanging in the balance here, including the water rights program from the Department of Ecology. He stated that Hamilton is moving forward, and Crown Pacific will be moving forward. He indicated that he is interested in making something happen as soon as possible.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the Crown Pacific and Hamilton situation, including the timing and procedures necessary to bring this item to fruition as soon as possible. Mr. Christensen advised that he would be back to the Board on Tuesday, December 22, during the Planning & Permit Center work session to discuss a plan and timeframe for initiating this change.

The Board took no formal action.

2. Discussion – Citizens' Advisory Committees.

Mr. Christensen reviewed the need for the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) on the Coordinated Water System Plan. He reviewed those people who responded to a recent public service announcement to fill vacancies on this CAC. The Board directed Mr. Christensen to draft the appropriate resolution to put this CAC in place.

Mr. Christensen reviewed two public service announcements for citizens to address ESB 6094 and Secondary Forest/Natural Resource Lands Citizen Advisory Committees. The Board concurred to send these out and get the committees formed.

Kendra Smith, Assistant Director, reviewed the need for a Wild Salmonid Citizens Advisory Committee. She advised that this was supposed to be completed in January to address provisions of the Critical Areas Ordinance. The Board indicated their approval to advertise for this CAC as soon as possible.

3. Miscellaneous.

There were no miscellaneous items for discussion.

Commissioner Wolden was absent for the remainder of the proceedings.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDERATION OF TESTIMONY REGARDING THE POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF PARKS AND RECREATION CODES FOR THE USE OF COUNTY PARKLANDS.

Jon Aarstad, Director, reviewed the proposed Parks and Recreation Codes, and the various changes that were made since a work session was held with the Board earlier in the year. He briefly highlighted these mostly language and typographical changes since the work session.

Chairman Hart opened the public hearing.

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

Chairman Hart moved to approve the updated Skagit County Parks and Recreation Codes, with approval scheduled during Consent Agenda after legal review. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution/Ordinance to be provided by Staff at a Later Date.)**

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, December 15, 1998, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

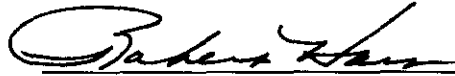
Warrant numbers 35151 through 35159 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$33,110.50 (Transmittal No. C-88-98).

2. Staff presented a Call for Public Hearing regarding supplemental budget, with the hearing scheduled for Monday, December 28, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Call for Public Hearing. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 17250)**

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

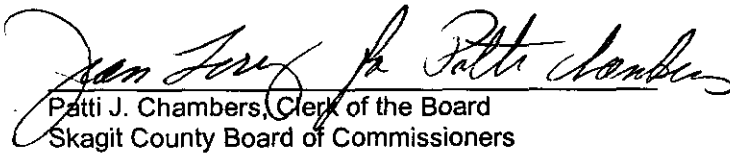


Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner



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ATTEST:



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

