

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Wednesday, March 24, 1999**

- \*T      10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      Presentation from the County's Various City Chambers of Commerce regarding Tourism.
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, March 24, 1999, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden, and Robert Hart present.

**PRESENTATION FROM THE COUNTY'S VARIOUS CITY CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE REGARDING TOURISM.**

Chairman Anderson welcomed the area representatives from the various Chambers of Commerce throughout Skagit County.

Bruce McBane, Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, had each chamber representative introduce themselves.

Those in attendance were Andy Mayer, City of Mount Vernon, Jan Lovig, Sedro Woolley, Gretchen Pratt, LaConner, CC Curtis, North Cascades, Dick Irwin, Burlington, and Cheri Cook-Blodgett, representing Concrete.

Mr. McBane presented the Board with a letter signed by the Chambers of Commerce regarding regional tourism information. He advised that the Chambers got together and developed a toll free number as a central contact for tourism information for the various cities and areas throughout Skagit County. This message gives a quick look at Skagit County and gives callers the option to call-forward to individual cities for the answering of specific inquiries. Mr. McBane explained that the cost of such a service is based on usage but is not expected to be more than \$2,500 per year. This is a county-wide tourism issue, and Mr. McBane asked the Board to contribute funds to this project.

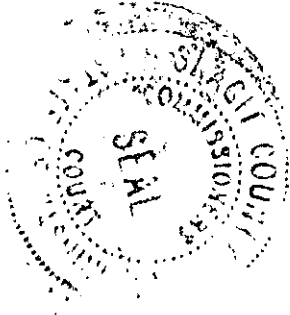
Mr. McBane indicated that the number would be available in publications available from the Washington Tourism Bureau. He noted that the County Web Site should include a visitor information directory.

Upon query to the County's Budget Director, Alicia Huschka, the Board indicated that they could provide \$2,500 per year in this regard from hotel/motel taxes.

Commissioner Wolden moved to support this effort at \$2,500 per year from hotel/motel tax dollars with the provision that a monthly report be provided detailing the usage of the toll free number. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.


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




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ATTEST:

  
Patti J. Chambers, Clerk of the Board  
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