

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, April 20, 1999**

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| 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. |
| *T 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | <u>Public Works Department – Chal Martin, Director.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Public Hearing – Revision of 1999 – 2004 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.2) Signature – Resolution Authorizing the Rename, Renumber, Change and/or Clarification of Various Roads in Skagit County: Portion of Old Bow Hill Road, No. 22070, to Cedar Street, No. 22030; and Portion of Old Bow Hill Road, No. 22070, to Bow Street, No. 21600.3) Miscellaneous. |
| *T 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | <u>Planning & Permit Center – Tom Karsh, Director.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Discussion – Skagit County Overall Economic Development Plan Update and Creation of Citizens Advisory Committee.2) Miscellaneous. |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Presentation of Cost-of-Community Services Study – American Farmland Trust and Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland. |
| 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 p.m. | Proclamation – Soil & Water Stewardship Week in Skagit County. |
| 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Work Session – Plat Road Acceptance Process. |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | Work Session – Salmon Recovery Efforts – Lloyd Moody Salmon Team Member – Governor's Salmon Recovery Office, Olympia. |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 20, 1999, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden, and Robert Hart present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.

1. Public Hearing – Revision of 1999-2004 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program.

Steve Flude, Assistant County Engineer, reviewed the proposed amendments to the six-year Transportation Improvement Program in detail.

Chairman Anderson opened the public hearing for testimony.

Raleigh Good, 1276 Avon Allen Road, Burlington, asked questions about the particulars of the \$200,000 to be spent on the Avon Allen Road. Commissioner Hart stated that the project area included in the Six-Year TIP had been shortened.

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

Commissioner Wolden moved to approve the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program 1999-2004 as proposed by the Public Works Department. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 17416)**

2. Signature – Resolution Authorizing the Rename, Renumber, Change and/or Clarification of Various Roads in Skagit County: Portion of Old Bow Hill Road, No. 22070, to Cedar Street, No. 22030; and Portion of Old Bow Hill Road, No. 22070, to Bow Street, No. 21600.

Mr. Flude reviewed the proposed Resolution for the Board's consideration, advising that there are longstanding errors in the road log that need to be corrected, and that this Resolution is a result of review of such records. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Resolution as presented by Mr. Flude, and Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution No. 17417)**

3. Miscellaneous.

- A. Mr. Flude explained Supplement No. 1 to a contract with Pharos Corporation. This supplement had been on the Consent Agenda on Monday, April 19, but was rejected by the Board pending further explanation from the Department. He advised that this supplement would allow for an additional \$10,000 to be spent to fast-track the project and allow for additional work to be done towards the acquisition of right-of-way on Farm-to-Market Road. Mr. Flude commented that the project had been split into two phases.

The Board questioned whether this had now been split into two projects, and the appearance that the contract was increased without meeting proper bidding requirements. Mr. Flude stated that the Board had previously approved on-call work up to \$100,000, and that such work is also allowed by State Law. Chairman Anderson commented that he did not recall that the Board had approved the \$100,000 level.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the procedures taken, the scope of the entire project, and the work to be performed by Pharos Corporation.

Chal Martin, Director, stated that it is important to get the Supplement authorized to keep the Farm-to-Market Project on track. The Board indicated their willingness to approve the Supplement, but noted that the explanation as presented by Mr. Flude was rather convoluted.

Commissioner Hart asked to be reassured that for the extra \$10,000 that the County is receiving \$10,000 worth of additional required work.

Mr. Martin agreed that the presentation and the entire contract with Pharos were not "the department's finest hour."

After a further lengthy discussion, Commissioner Hart moved to approve the contract supplement as explained by the Public Works Department. Mr. Martin interjected that the Department could embellish the explanation presented and re-submit this item to the Board for consideration next week on Consent Agenda, if the Board so desired. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion to approve Supplement No. 1 with Pharos Corporation.

Chairman Anderson commented that this contract works more towards convenience than appropriate process and sends the wrong message. He asked that in the future, the Department should break down the phases of the contract to make each function of the contractor clear.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04143)**

- B. Mr. Flude presented an Agreement with the County Road Administration Board for Rural Arterial Program Construction Proposal. The total amount of authorized RATA funds would be \$500,000 for the Cook Road Project. Commissioner Hart moved to authorize the Chairman to sign the Project Agreement as detailed by Mr. Flude. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. **(Contract No. 04376).**
- C. Mr. Flude presented five petitions to the Washington UTC regarding the railroad work to be done on Farm-to-Market Road near State Route 20. Commissioner Wolden moved to authorize the Chair to approve the five petitions as presented by Mr. Flude for the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Crossing at Farm-to-Market Road. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. Chairman Anderson signed the necessary documentation.
- D. Mr. Flude gave a brief update on the project status for Farm to Market Road and Avon Allen Road

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Tom Karsh, Director.

- 1. Discussion – Skagit County Overall Economic Development Plan Update and Creation of Citizens Advisory Committee.

Gary Christensen, Assistant Director, reviewed with the Board the County's and Skagit Council of Governments efforts to update the overall economic development plan.

Kelley Moldstad, Executive Director, Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG), stated that in 1994 SCOG created an Overall Economic Development Plan (OEDP), which was intended to serve as a comprehensive statement of plans for countywide economic growth and development through the Year 2014. The OEDP also addresses requirements of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and serves as the economic development element of Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Moldstad advised that the OEDP was prepared by E.D. Hovee & Company under a contract with SCOG. The draft plan was reviewed by a Citizen Advisory Committee prior to the OEDP being published for public review and comment.

Mr. Moldstad stated that it is time to go back and review in detail what was updated in 1995. Once again, E.D. Hovee & Company has been hired to prepare an update to the OEDP. An advance copy of the 1999 OEDP update (preliminary draft) has been circulated to city/county/special purpose district planners for review and comment, and will be presented to the Board once the planner's revisions have been incorporated into the draft document.

Mr. Moldstad stated that it is now necessary to convene a Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) to review the revised OEDP.

Mr. Christensen reviewed an attachment to the Board's Memorandum, which referenced the CAC members who participated in 1994. He reviewed the role and purpose of the CAC, the public participation requirements under GMA, and the department's recommendation to following procedure for creation of such a CAC, issuing a public service announcement seeking letters of interest from the general public.

Chairman Anderson asked that the previous members of the CAC be contacted to see if they would like to again serve on this committee. A discussion ensued on the composition and representation of the community on the committee.

The Board indicated that Mr. Christensen should proceed with the advertisement for the formation of a CAC in this regard.

2. Miscellaneous.

- A. Kendra Smith, Assistant Director, reviewed revisions to the Short CARD Ordinance, advising that the language directly from the Comprehensive Plan had been inserted in this Ordinance. She briefly reviewed the language changes that had been discussed last week in her absence. Ms. Smith advised that this is an interim ordinance and that certain sections of this ordinance will be amended again in the future. After a brief discussion, Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Interim Ordinance Amending Portions of the Short Subdivision Ordinance (SCC 14.08) relating to Interim Short CaRD (Conservation and Reserve Development) Subdivision. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Ordinance No. 17418)**
- B. Corey Schmidt presented the Board with the First Quarter Activity Report for the Planning & Permit Center. He stated that activity for the Department is up overall about 15%. He briefly discussed the Department's efforts at improved customer service and dissemination of information to the general public.
- C. Mr. Schmidt indicated that he is preparing a report about the changes in the Building Codes and what can be changed without going through the State process.
- D. Tom Karsh, Director, presented for the Board's signature, a previously approved Interim Ordinance Renewing Interim Ordinance No. 17058 "Personal Wireless Service Facilities." He reviewed that the Board held a public hearing on March 16, 1999 to consider the renewal of Interim Ordinance No. 17058. The Board signed the Interim Ordinance as presented by Mr. Karsh. **(Ordinance No. 17419)**

PRESENTATION OF COST-OF-COMMUNITY SERVICES STUDY – AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST AND SKAGITONIANS TO PRESERVE FARMLAND.

Bob Rose, Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland (SPF), advised that last October he came before the Board regarding the Cost-of-Community Services Study. He advised that a report has now been produced by SPF and American Farmland Trust. Mr. Rose stated that the report raises questions about what happens when resource lands are transferred to residential purposes, and the resultant long-term cost to the County's tax base.

Bob Wagner, American Farmland Trust (AFT), reviewed the history of the protection of the vital farmland in Skagit County. The study is the first product the association engaged in last year. He advised that studies have been done across the country, and each one has shown that farmland pays its own way.

Melissa Adams, American Farmland Trust (AFT), reviewed the details of the Cost of Community Services Study. She stated that all studies have confirmed the same general pattern that open land contributes more than it costs the County.

Ms. Adams reviewed the Skagit County results with 63 other Cost of Community Services findings from across the country. She reviewed some general conclusions about privately owned farms and forest lands. She stated that these lands pay more than their share of property taxes and make a significant contribution to local economies.

Mr. Rose stated that copies of the Study are available in the office of the Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland.

PROCLAMATION – SOIL & WATER STEWARDSHIP WEEK IN SKAGIT COUNTY.

Commissioner Wolden read the Proclamation for Soil & Water Stewardship week into the record. The approval of this Proclamation was moved by Commissioner Wolden and seconded by Commissioner Hart. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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, April 20, 1999, 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 43081 through 43801 from Clearing Fund 696 in the total dollar amount of \$5,000 (Transmittal No. C-27-99)


ADJOURNMENT.

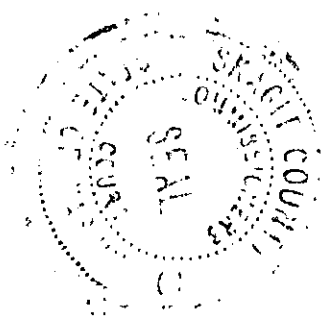
Chairman Anderson made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Ted W. Anderson, Chairman


Harvey Wolden, Commissioner


Robert Hart, Commissioner



ATTEST:


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