

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, November 30, 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 Supervisor. |
| *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 – Consideration of a Speed Limit Revision for the Entire Length of Biz Point Road, No. 13300, from 35 mph to 25 mph.2) Signature – Award Certificate of Commendation to Dike District No. 12.3) Presentation – Certificate of Commendation – Retirement of Charles Sisson.4) Miscellaneous. |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | <u>Planning & Permit Center – Tom Karsh, Director.</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Discussion – Customer Service Training Exercise and Proposed Closure to Walk-In Customers on December 15, 1999.2) Miscellaneous. |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Consideration of the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for Approval of the following Timber Open Space Applications: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) William Tate Robbins for approximately 11.7 acres located at 1572 Barrell Springs Road, Bellingham (OST-98-0050);2) Nicola Pearson for approximately 10.25 acres located at 49843 Sauk Store Road, Concrete (OST-97-0527); and3) Greg Bormuth for approximately 14.45 acres located at 1568 Barrell Springs Road, Bellingham (OST-98-0051). |

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 30, 1999, with Commissioners Ted W. Anderson, Harvey Wolden and Robert Hart present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT – Chal Martin, Director.

1. Public Hearing – Consideration of a Speed Limit Revision for the Entire Length of Biz Point Road, No. 13300, from 35 mph to 25 mph.

Steve Flude, Assistant Director, reviewed the exact location of the proposed speed limit revision along the entire length of Biz Point Road. Upon query from Commissioner Hart, Mr. Flude indicated that all of the posting requirements were met and that the neighborhood was surveyed. Mr. Flude indicated that no negative responses were received to the advertisements.

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

Commissioner Hart moved to lower the speed limit on Biz Point Road, No. 13300, from 35 mph to 25 mph. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which carried with a unanimous vote. **(Resolution to be provided by Staff at a Later Date)**

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2. Signature – Award Certificate of Commendation to Dike District No. 12.

Jackie Vander Veen, Public Works Department Staff, reviewed the involvement of Dike District No. 12 in the recently-held sand bag competition, detailing the support and activities of the Dike District in this regard.

Commissioner Hart made a formal motion to issue the Certificate of Commendation to Dike District No. 12, and Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board presented Mr. Chuck Bennett, a Dike District No. 12 Commissioner, with a Certificate of Commendation.

3. Presentation – Certificate of Commendation – Retirement of Charles Sisson.

Dave Brookings, Administrator, reviewed the 27 years of service to the citizens of Skagit County by Charlie Sisson, the County's ER&R Coordinator.

Mr. Brookings presented Mr. Sisson with a Certificate of Commendation for dedicated public service from April 18, 1972, through November 30, 1999. The Board presented Mr. Sisson with a plaque of the Skagit County logo.

4. Miscellaneous.

A discussion ensued on the Highway 9 Railroad Bridge removal project..

PLANNING & PERMIT CENTER – Tom Karsh, Director.

1. Discussion – Customer Service Training Exercise and Proposed Closure to Walk-In Customers on December 15, 1999.

Corey Schmidt, Assistant Director, discussed a proposal to have limited customer services on Wednesday, December 15, locking the doors to walk-in customers to allow front counter staff to attend a customer service training session. He detailed the proposed accomplishments of the training, and the need to write a policy and procedures workbook for the front counter. He reviewed a recent trip to Washington County, Oregon, where staff observed the functions of their Permit Center.

Chairman Anderson indicated that he would agree to the closure as long as there is advance notification to the media. He suggested an announcement in the newspaper to be included with or near the Commissioners' Agenda in the Saturday morning paper.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding specific customer service concerns of the Board.

Commissioner Wolden stated that he supports the office closure on December 15, and would like to see quarterly updates on customer service, suggesting that the Department quarterly close the office one morning from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for a review of customer service strategies.

2. Miscellaneous.

Gary Christensen, Assistant Director, reviewed a notice of intention received from the Washington State Boundary Review Board for the City of Mount Vernon to annex an 8-acre piece of property adjacent to the Mount Vernon Christian School. Mr. Christensen reviewed the exact location of the property.

After reviewing the location of the property, Chairman Anderson stated that the Growth Management Act does not allow a peninsula of land to be created which would be bounded by three sides of city property. He indicated that he would want the City to also annex the land contained in the peninsula.

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Commissioner Wolden concurred with Chairman Anderson's comments, and stated that this is a bad precedent to set.

Mr. Christensen advised that the Department had reviewed the subject petition for annexation and did not have any objection to the Mount Vernon Christian School being annexed into the City. He stated that the question that is raised is whether an isolated unincorporated island of land within the Urban Growth Area is being created that might best be served by the City. He suggested that one remedy would be to invoke the jurisdiction of the Boundary Review Board (BRB) to review all sides of the issue, having the adjacent landowners involved in the process.

A discussion ensued regarding compliance with the Growth Management Act and Skagit County's Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Wolden suggested sending the City a letter advising them that forming such an island is not acceptable.

It was decided after a brief discussion, that Mr. Christensen would advise the City of Mount Vernon that it would be in their best interest to invoke the jurisdiction of the BRB.

CONSIDERATION OF THE HEARING EXAMINER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING TIMBER OPEN SPACE APPLICATIONS.

1. William Tate Robbins for approximately 11.7 acres located at 1572 Barrell Springs Road, Bellingham (OST-98-0050).
2. Nicola Pearson for approximately 10.25 acres located at 49843 Sauk Store Road, Concrete (OST-97-0527).
3. Greg Bormuth for approximately 14.45 acres located at 1568 Barrell Springs Road, Bellingham (OST-98-0051).

Grace Roeder, Associate Planner, reviewed the exact location of each of the subject properties. After a brief discussion about the specifics of each of the applications, Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Hearing Examiner's Recommendation for approval of each of the timber open space applications listed above. Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. **(Robbins, Resolution No. 17677; Pearson, Resolution No. 17676; and Bormuth, Resolution No. 17675)**

MISCELLANEOUS.

Staff presented a Memorandum of Agreement with the Skagit Preschool and Resource Center (SPARC) for the provision of Family Resources Coordination services in conjunction with Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) funding. The effective date of the agreement is October 1, 1998 through September 30, 1999, and the not-to-exceed amount of the Agreement is \$5,000. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement as presented, and Commissioner Wolden seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04673)**

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ADJOURNMENT.

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

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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