

**RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, October 24, 2000**

	7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Commissioners' Staff Meeting.
	8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Executive Session – Personnel, Litigation and Land Acquisition.
*T	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Discussion and Possible Action – Planning Commission Recommendation on County Capital Facilities Plan, 2001 – 2006.
	9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Skagit Valley Dreamfield Committee Presentation.
*T	9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Discussion – South Mount Vernon Commercial Area Annexation.
	10:00 a.m. – Noon	Budget Work Session.
*T	1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Discussion with Army Corps of Engineers re: Flood Awareness Week.
	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Budget Work Session.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 24, 2000, with Commissioners Harvey Wolden, Ted W. Anderson, and Robert Hart present.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON COUNTY CAPITAL FACILITIES PLAN, 2001 – 2006.

Gary Christensen, Assistant Director of the Planning & Permit Center, briefly reviewed the Skagit County Planning Commission Recorded Motion regarding the Skagit County Capital Facilities Plan 2001 – 2006. He advised that the Capital Facilities Plan would most likely be scheduled for the Board's final adoption prior to the adoption of the County Budget for 2001. Mr. Christensen read the verbiage of the recorded motion into the record.

A brief discussion ensued on the particulars of the recorded motion as read.

Commissioner Hart expressed his appreciation to those compiling the report and the work of the Planning Commission in forwarding their recommendation.

Commissioner Hart moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. It was clarified that the motion was for accepting the recommendation only and not for adopting the Capital Facilities Plan. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

SKAGIT VALLEY DREAMFIELD COMMITTEE PRESENTATION.

Harlan Forrest, Skagit Valley Dreamfield Committee, introduced the members of the Committee and thanked the Board for the opportunity to make this presentation and for the Board's support over the last eight years. He viewed a photograph of the Dreamfield complex as it exists today. He gave a chronology of efforts and events in the formation of the Dreamfield.

Mr. Forrest stated that the Committee was appearing before the Board by their direction to request funds to complete the field. Such funds would be needed for expansion and continued improvements. He

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stated that the Committee is well aware of the many worthwhile projects that the Board is requested to fund throughout the County, and commended the Board on their foresight in funding such youth-oriented projects. He reviewed the fundraising efforts of the Committee.

He explained the remainder of the work to be completed, including lighting, bleachers, concession stand facilities, ticket booth facilities and restrooms. He asked that the Board allocate funding to complete these projects as part of their legacy to this initial partner. Mr. Forrest asked the County to fund \$400,000 to complete the projects as detailed.

Commissioner Anderson reviewed that Skagit County has contributed \$435,000 to date to this project, and that an additional \$400,000 would bring the County's contribution to almost \$850,000. He explained that the County has tried to partner to a percentage less than 50% on such projects, so that funding is not the total responsibility of the County. He reported that the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) funding is almost totally tapped, with the County slated to begin several capital facilities projects of its own. He stated that he was, quite frankly, staggered by the request of the Committee.

Chairman Wolden concurred that the County has partnered with cities and other entities for such projects, and that the dollar amount requested is almost an entire year's worth of the REET money allocation. He explained the need to build up the County's capital facilities funds for future projects and improvements. He stated that, consequently, it does not leave much money for such a large request.

A discussion ensued about the possibility of the overturning of I-695 by the Supreme Court and the effect this might have on available monies.

Commissioner Hart stated that this Board does not have any money to distribute during the remainder of this year, and that the Committee would need to work with the new Board of Commissioners in 2001. He indicated that the Committee should seriously look at developing partnerships to help fund the remainder of this project. He stated that in looking at the County's fiscal pattern, it may be many years before the County can contribute the amount of money requested.

Mr. Forrest stated that the Committee has been responsible for over \$400,000, which indicates a 50/50 partnership on this project. He stated that he is proud of the activities and involvement of the Committee. He reported that maintenance of the field over the years would be provided for with funds derived from advertising revenue. He apologized for not coming before the Board earlier with this large request, but thought it was better to ask for the entire amount, rather than coming forward with each component.

He reviewed the history of the original budget for the field, when it was going to be built at the Fairgrounds.

Mr. Forrest expounded on the efforts by both the Committee and the Board to create a great ballfield. He reviewed the various aspects of the complex, including the soccer field. He reviewed the partnership of Skagit Valley College and their contributions to the complex.

A discussion ensued regarding the proposed projects at the former Northern State site and the Board's commitment to spend \$300,000 per year for the next ten years on such projects.

Mr. Forrest asked the Board to please give the Committee \$300,000 to allow them to finish their project.

Chairman Wolden thanked the Committee for their efforts over the years.

DISCUSSION – SOUTH MOUNT VERNON COMMERCIAL AREA ANNEXATION.

Skye Richendrfer, Mayor of Mount Vernon, discussed the collaborative process and success between the City and County in the potential annexation of the south Mount Vernon Urban Growth Area into the City

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by March 1, 2001. He reviewed that petitions must be received from 10% of the property in the area before the annexation process can begin. Mayor Richendrfer indicated that the Interlocal agreements in place for joint development have been working well, as well as the sales tax revenue share program. He reported that the Boundary Review Board reviewed the sewer expansion plans in the South Mount Vernon Planning area in 1998.

Mayor Richendrfer commented briefly on the financial assistance utilized to prepare for future sewer expansion and infrastructure needs.

Mayor Richendrfer stated that the City is actively meeting face-to-face with property owners to help further the understanding of issues. He informed the Board that the City is continuing to meet and discuss annexation issues with the involved fire districts, and to develop appropriate revenue-sharing programs. Most importantly, the City is committed to provide urban services and provide updated stormwater planning and other aspects for improvements to this area. He introduced members of the City Staff who were present to answer questions should the Board have any.

At the request of Commissioner Hart, Mayor Richendrfer reviewed the exact location of the proposed annexation.

Upon query from Chairman Wolden, Rick Cisar, City Planning Director, advised that the proposed zoning in the area mirrors what the County had zoned. He detailed the exact location of the property to be included in the annexation.

Commissioner Hart commented that it seems obvious that the education of property owners needs to be continued through the transition. He emphasized the need for good communication.

A discussion ensued regarding the outreach needed to residential property owners.

DISCUSSION WITH ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RE: FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK.

Chairman Wolden reviewed some of the history of flood events in Skagit County, including the 1990 and 1995 floods.

Commissioner Hart commented that this would be the first year that Ed O'Leary was not with us, and expressed his appreciation for Mr. O'Leary's wisdom and memory, and how his passing constituted a loss to the County.

Ernie Sabo, Army Corps of Engineers, advised that he had served 59 years with the Corps.

Chal Martin, Public Works Department Director, spoke to the importance of the assembly of the Corps and the tremendous resources they bring to this area in times of flooding. He detailed some of the activities taking place during Flood Awareness Week and the various meetings with fire departments, dike district commissioners, law enforcement personnel, and cities and towns. He expressed his appreciation to the Corps for participating in the week's activities, including an all-day exercise on Thursday.

Chairman Wolden presented a plaque of appreciation to Ernie Sabo for his years of flood fighting service to Skagit County.

Members of the Corps of Engineers introduced themselves to the Board.

Chairman Wolden praised Public Works Administrator Dave Brookings for implementing Flood Awareness Week in Skagit County several years ago.

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Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, discussed the contributions of Mr. Sabo to the flood fighting effort in Skagit County. He cautioned those people who live near a dike or in a flood area to be prepared to move quickly to get out of harm's way.

Dave Brookings, Public Works Administrator, stated that there are no winners when there is a flood, and that we must minimize the damage and co-exist with the consequences. He praised the partnership with the Corps of Engineers and spoke to the contributions of Mr. Sabo.

Sky Miller, Surface Water Management Division Manager, reviewed the plans for the remainder of Flood Awareness Week.

Jackie VanderVeen, Public Works Department Staff, reviewed the particulars of the sandbagging exercise around the courthouse to protect computer servers.

MISCELLANEOUS.

1. Staff presented a Resolution Authorizing a Public Hearing for Supplemental Budget pertinent to the County Fair, #106, in the amount of \$54,000. The public hearing will be held on November 6, 2000, at 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Hart motioned to approve the Resolution as presented by Staff. Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. **(Resolution No. 18030)**
2. Staff presented Supplement No. 2 to a Real Estate Purchase and Sale Agreement with Richard D. Philips. The supplement would extend the time for Mr. Philips to vacate the property to 180 days from June 30, 2000, and clarified the removal of seller's property from the premises. Commissioner Hart moved to approve the Supplement No. 2 as presented by Staff, and Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. **(Contract No. 04891)**
3. 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, October 24, 2000, the Board, by a majority vote, did approve for payment those vouchers included in the above-mentioned list and further described as follows:

Payroll warrants numbered 953960 through 954048 in the total dollar amount of \$74,299.38 (Transmittal No. P-40-00); and

Payroll warrants numbered 62317 through 63166 in the total dollar amount of \$777,851.38 (Transmittal No. P-40-00).

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ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Harvey Wolden, Chairman

Robert Hart, Commissioner

Ted W. Anderson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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