North Whidbey Port District, thus Mr. Hitt involved in development and be involved in the formation of the Island County Comprehensive Plan, which Mr. Coleman did not believe was right, and commented that the Planning Commission today was overwhelmingly slanted philosophically towards development. He asked this be completely rethought; look at the planning staff and the needs of the County before this is done.

He read from the minutes of the Planning Commission September 28, 1993:

"A Mr. Bill Vaux, an Anacortes resident, an employee of Port Gardner Company which has extensive holdings in Island County asked Mr. Kwarsick how the present number of planners on staff compares to staffing five years' ago. Mr. Kwarsick explained that three years' ago the Department of Planning and Community Development was created which pulled together Planning, Permit and Building. At that time the planning staff was increased to the point where it was determined that both permit processing and long range planning could be accomplished. Currently staff is down four planners from the level it was at the time of reorganization three years' ago and as it stands right now, Mr. Kwarsick is the only planner working on growth management activities. The remaining staff is involved in permit planning. Additionally, department staff is down by two administrative positions. Mr. Kwarsick added that revenues generated by the Planning and Community Development Department are adequate to support staffing if the department is allowed to retain those revenues. However, at the present time about $140,000.00 is 'exported' out of the department. Current Expense funds have been supplanted with growth management funds with the bottom line being that the department has not been able to maintain the staff as needed.".

Mr. Coleman asked where the $140,000.00 went.

The Chair advised that Mr. Coleman's concerns would be addressed in letter form.

HEARING HELD: WHIDBEY TELEPHONE COMPANY FRANCHISE APPLICATION #75 (1)

A Public Hearing was held at 10:15 a.m. as scheduled, for the purpose of considering Whidbey - Whidbey Telephone Company Franchise Application #75(1), continued from hearings held on September 27, October 25, November 15 and December 13, 1993, and January 10, 1994.

Roy L. Allen, County Engineer, advised the Board that he met last week with Whidbey Telephone Company to discuss the franchise, and that Dave Jamieson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, had not had an opportunity to review the latest proposal from the Company. Both parties request continuation of the hearing until 14 March.

Commissioner Colby called attention to what appeared to be conflicting language in the franchise agreement, Items #19 and #20. Mr.Allen confirmed that he was working with Mr. Jamieson on that issue.

By unanimous motion, the Board continued the Public Hearing until March 14, 1994 at 10:15 a.m.

RESOLUTION R-8-94 & QUITCLAIM DEED

As presented by Mr. Allen, Commissioner Colby moved that the Board approve Resolution #R-8-84 in the matter of granting a Quit Claim Deed to the State of Washington for County rights of way located within project limits of SR 532 in the vicinity of Sunrise Blvd. to Hanstad Road and Hanstad Road to Smith Road, Secs. 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29, Twp. 32N, Rge. 3E. Motion was seconded by Commissioner McDowell.

Commissioner Colby asked for staff comment as to why the County

would grant this much right of way to the State. Mr. Allen explained that it was a temporary granting of deeds, and the typical procedure was when the State completes the work, the State will deed the right of way back to the County.

Commissioner Colby had some concern with the Good Road intersection in that it did not appear to provide an adequate amount of land in order for the kind of work that needs to be accomplished. He saw a need for a deceleration/acceleration turn picket, but did not see that planned.

Lew Legat, Assistant County Engineer, requested that the State include a left turn channel area at this intersection; the State will get back to Mr. Legat later this afternoon. The WSDOT offered to send staff to discuss the matter at staff session with the Board. There have been offers from property owners in the area to help participate financially.

Commissioner Colby believed the County should be willing to participate financially in order to bring the intersection up to the condition it needs to be and provide a much improved intersection.

Motion, as made and seconded, carried unanimously.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF GRANTING A QUIT-DEED TO THE STATE OF WASHINGTON FOR COUNTY RIGHTS OF WAY LOCATED WITHIN PROJECT LIMITS OF SR 532, SECS. 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, AND 29, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST	RESOLUTION NO. R-8-94

WHEREAS, the County of Island is record owner (grantor) of the following described land:

All County road rights of way, together with all appurtenances thereto, together with and to include, but not be limited to, all or various rights, titles and interests and easements that have inured to the Grantor, located within portions of the highway project limits of SR 532, Jct. Sunrise Boulevard to Hanstad Road Vic.; AND, SR 532, Hanstad Road Vic. to Smith Road; and

WHEREAS, in the improvement of both State Routes 532 (as referenced above) by the State of Washington, Department of Transportation, it is necessary and advisable for the State of Washington to acquire title to the previously described portions of land for right of way for said highway; and,

WHEREAS, after due consideration by the Board of County Commissioners of Island County, it appears to the Board that it will be in the best interests of both the County and the State of Washington that the County convey said lands to the State of Washington by Quitclaim Deed for a consideration of mutual benefits; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Island County, State of Washington that Island County, in accordance with RCW 47.12.040 (RCW 84.64.320 for tax title lands) and through its Board of County Commissioners, execute and notarize and deliver said deed to the State of Washington, Department of Transportation.

DATED this 14th day of February, 1994.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

J. MICHAEL SHELTON, Chairman