

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, January 31, 1984

- 9:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:
1. Bid opening: County vehicles.
 2. Storm damage status report.
 3. Final order of vacation: G Avenue in Bayview.
 4. Interlocal agreement with City of Mount Vernon.

Miscellaneous:

Public Works Department related items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 11:00 a.m. Discussion: Proposal for Commissioner Appointed Task Force for Expo '86 - Susan Mortensen, Skagit County Information Center.

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- 1:30 p.m. Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department - Jon Aarstad, Director:
1. Discussion: Multi-Purpose Facility.
 2. Miscellaneous items.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session with Commissioners Norris and Rohrer present. Commissioner Mansfield was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, presented the following items to the Board:

1. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve Warrants #12396 through #12768 in the amount of \$460,719.86. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (P-1)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director

Bid Opening: County vehicles.

Megan Cheney, in behalf of Jerry McInturff, the Skagit County Auditor, read the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in the Skagit Valley Herald on January 20 and 27, 1984.

The following bids were received:

Bid Item 1: Cascade Chrysler Center
1353 Auto Blvd.
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Bid Bond included.
Manufacturer: Chrysler
Model: D-150
Bid Price: \$26,570.78

Bid Item 2: No bid received.

Bid Item 1: Gearhart Ford
P.O. Box 370
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Bid Bond included.
Manufacturer: Ford
Model: F 150
Bid Price: \$27,358.22

Bid Item 2: No bid received.

Bid Item 1: Blade Chevrolet, Inc.
1100 Freeway Drive
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
Bid Bond included.
Manufacturer: Chevrolet
Model: CC10903 ½-ton long box pick ups
Bid Price: \$27,991.84

Bid Item 2: Blade Chevrolet, Inc.
Bid Bond included.
Manufacturer: Chevrolet
Model: Suburban
Bid Price: \$13,746.03

Bid Item 1: Frontier Ford, Inc.
1710 Commercial
Anacortes, WA 98221
Bid Bond included.
Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company
Model: 1984 Ford F 150 133" pick ups
Bid Price: \$27,902.67

Bid Item 2: No bid received.

Bid Item 1: Vern Sims Ford, Inc.
116 W. Ferry St.
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284
Bid Bond included.
Manufacturer: Ford
Model: F 150
Bid Price: \$28,155.52

Bid Item 2: No bid received.

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, will review the bids and report back to the Commissioners.

Storm Damage Status Report

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, presented the storm damage status report to the Board. The damage, as reported to the County, was as follows:

\$65,000 road damages
\$13,000 private property damages

Chairman Norris asked Gene Sampley about the possibility of accumulating three years of necessary repairs before submittal to FEMA. Gene Sampley noted that most necessary repairs have already been made.

Chairman Norris initiated discussion regarding the residents of the Childs Creek area possibly forming a sub-flood control district or diking district. He stated that he referred them to Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, for more information.

Final Order of Vacation: G Avenue in Bayview

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, presented the G Avenue, Bayview, Final Order of Vacation to the Board for signature only as a result of action taken from the January 17, 1984, hearing.

Interlocal Agreement with City of Mount Vernon

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, presented a Resolution on the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon. Chairman Norris motioned to approve the renewal. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #9954)

Miscellaneous: Public Works Department related items

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, presented the Board with the following:

1. Gene Sampley requested that the Board call for bids for the following to be installed upon a County-owned tractor:
 - a. A hydraulically powered telescoping boom-arm brushcutter attachment
 - b. An enclosed cab

Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the Resolution to call for bids. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #9953)

2. Gene Sampley presented the Board with the final cost report on McLean Road for signature. Discussion followed regarding Mrs. Mergler's property at 1477 McLean Road. Mrs. Mergler has been unhappy with the road work that was recently done. She claims her property was flooded because of the road work and because of a blocked Drainage District #15 structure. Gene Sampley presented the Board with pictures taken of Mrs. Mergler's situation. He said they were called out to look at the situation at night, and when they went back in the morning, the water was considerably less.

Chairman Norris said he would call Mrs. Mergler. Gene Sampley stated that Mrs. Mergler felt that after the road was constructed, more water came onto her property. He stated that the elevation change to her property was not significant.

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Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, presented the Board with the following:

1. Letter from John Moffat, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, as delivered by Hugh Ridgway, for review and signature. Chairman Norris and Commissioner Rohrer signed two copies of the letter.

2. Record of the Proceedings for Monday, January 23, 1984; Tuesday, January 24, 1984; and Wednesday, January 25, 1984, for review and approval. Commissioner Rohrer motioned approval of the Record of the Proceedings. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
3. Resolution for appointment of Adrienne Nelles, Route 1, Concrete, Washington, to the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Rohrer motioned approval of the Resolution. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #9957)
4. Resolutions for appointments, as made by Commissioner Mansfield:
 - a. Resolution for appointment of Don Zorn, 641 Hilynn Drive, Burlington, Washington, to the Skagit County Parks and Recreational Advisory Board. Commissioner Rohrer motioned approval of the Resolution. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #9956)
 - b. Resolution for appointment of Harold Milford, 112 Harbor Lane, Anacortes, Washington, to the Mental Health Board. Commissioner Rohrer motioned approval of the Resolution. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #9955)

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, announced that the bids for County vehicles had been reviewed:

Bid Item 1: Cascade Chrysler Center was the low bid in the amount of \$26,570.78. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to accept the bid. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Bid Item 2: Blade Chevrolet was the only bid for the Suburban vehicle in the amount of \$13,746.03. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to accept the bid. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Discussion: Proposal for Commissioner Appointed Task Force for Expo '86

Susan Mortensen of the Skagit County Visitors Information Center, John Spalding, Chairman of Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC), and Gerald Digerness of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce were present. Susan Mortensen presented the proposal for a Commissioner appointed task force for Expo '86. Ms. Mortensen stated that tourism is our #1 growth industry.

The financial aspects of a task force would be:

1. Recommendations on hotel/motel tax fund.
2. Possibility of EDA application for Expo '86 task force.

The task force would be Commissioner appointed, include the private sector, and be a sub-committee of EDASC. EDASC's participation would be to assist in the EDA application, administrate any EDA funds for Skagit County tourism development, and provide organizational and administrative support for the task force.

Ms. Mortensen presented the Board with a list of possible choices for the task force. The objective would be to spread representation evenly throughout the County. Chairman Norris asked on behalf of Commissioner Mansfield about the representation of the Anacortes area. Ms. Mortensen and John Spalding said the Anacortes area has several representatives, including Knute Figenshow and Ian Munce.

Chairman Norris stated that all hotel/motel taxes would not be identified for tourism. The taxes should also be used for such items as conventions. Chairman Norris approved of having one central group representative of the County to offer advice on where money should be distributed. Chairman Norris said possibly funds could be distributed more evenly throughout the County with this task force.

Chairman Norris supported the task force operating as a sub-committee, and Commissioner Rohrer agreed. Gerald Digerness pointed out that the task force would involve the private sector, which would appear favorable with the State.

Chairman Norris stated that the proposal for a Commissioner appointed task force for Expo '86 would be put on the agenda next week or the following week for Commissioner Mansfield's review and action of the Board. If approved, the Board would appoint the task force. Chairman Norris requested a letter from EDASC stating what they are requesting.

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Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, presented the Board with the following:

1. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve Warrants #105 through #242 in the amount of \$70,126.96. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (C-4)

PARKS, RECREATION AND SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT - Jon Aarstad, Director

Discussion: Multi-Purpose Facility

Chairman Norris stated that the County had gone to bid and received bids. He stated that there is a 30-day limitation on bids received; therefore, a decision would have to be made soon.

Chairman Norris read a letter to the Board signed by Joe Thurmond of the Burlington-Edison Youth Athletic Association, stating support for the project.

Chairman Norris stated that the project would be limited to open discussion today, due to the absence of Commissioner Mansfield. Norris stated that he had received no contact at all from people objecting to the proposal. He asked Dr. James Ford, President of Skagit Valley College, what his contact from the public had been. Dr. Ford said that he had received only positive support from the public also.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that he has had many negative responses to the contacts he has made, which he estimated to be at least 300 random telephone calls to the public. He said Ray Henery, Mayor of the City of Burlington, was one who was opposed to the project. Commissioner Rohrer stated that he felt a project of this type was needed, but he would have to vote "no" if the vote were today. Commissioner Rohrer stated that he had not made contacts with the public before the initial vote on the \$200,000 project. His contacts were initiated with the proposed \$36,000 increase.

Wally Sigmar from Skagit Valley College stated that it was unfortunate that a miscalculation in the amount needed for the project has somewhat changed the psychological attitude of the public.

Chairman Norris stated that this proposal would help eliminate costs in the judicial system for prosecutions and incarceration. He stated that this proposal would have many benefits that the average person does not see. Also, the money would not be leaving Skagit County. The low bidder is a Skagit County contractor, who would probably employ local people. Chairman Norris stated that the multi-purpose facility would also be a location for musical and conference events. The facility would also generate business in the hotel/motel industry.

Chairman Norris stated that he feels the negative aspects have not been defined nearly as well as the positive aspects of the facility.

Wally Sigmar questioned Commissioner Rohrer's method of contacting people. Rohrer stated that his contacts have told him that this is not the time nor the place for such a project.

Discussion followed regarding the location of the proposed facility.

Commissioner Rohrer excused himself from the meeting. There was no longer a quorum, since Chairman Norris was the only remaining Commissioner. Discussion regarding the proposed multi-purpose facility continued.

Gerald Digerness from the Chamber of Commerce said the Chamber is generally interested in new industry, but declined an opinion from the Chamber on the project.

Chairman Norris asked that the proposed multi-purpose facility be put on next week's agenda. Chairman Norris added that this is a project that would be open for the use of everyone in the community who wishes to participate. He said it would be unfortunate to defeat it at this point, when it was accepted initially.

Wally Sigmar stated that this was a unique opportunity for both Skagit Valley College and the County to accomplish together what neither could accomplish alone.

Miscellaneous Items

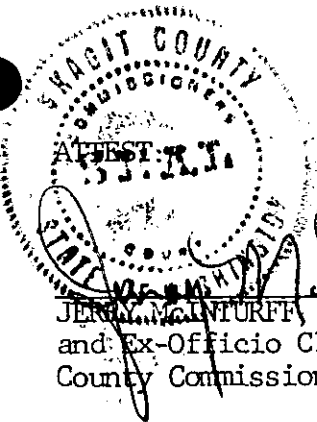
Miscellaneous items were not attended to because of lack of a quorum.

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and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of
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