

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, February 6, 1984

- 9:00 a.m. Board of Health:
1. Discussion of Skagit County Food Protection Audit
- 9:30 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Dr. Neils, Health Officer;
Labor Negotiations
- 10:30 a.m. Petition for Funding for the Upper Skagit Community
Services Center - Jim Robson
- 11:00 a.m. Contracts for Signature - 1984 Mental Health, Devel-
opmental Disabilities, Drug Abuse and Alcohol Contracts -
JoAnn Angevine, Community Service Coordinator

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

BOARD OF HEALTH: Discussion of Skagit County Food Protection Audit

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist, presented the Board with the Department of Social & Health Services Audit Report for the Skagit County Health Department Food Protection Audit, which was conducted in September, 1983.

John Thayer reported that the Skagit County Health Department presented DSHS with a list of 120 of the highest risk food establishments. DSHS randomly chose 48 for use in the audit. Generally, Skagit County did fairly well in comparison with the State average, John Thayer reported. He explained how red and blue violations were evaluated to produce ratings. Further details were available in the audit report.

A staff person associated with the Food Protection Program accompanied the auditor to each establishment. The auditor spent approximately 2½ weeks in town, and approximately 2½ days going through the paperwork.

John Thayer pointed out several areas where he disagreed with the auditor's findings:

1. Method of record keeping for water test results for establishments with their own water supply. (He felt the present system used was efficient.)
2. Insect and rodent control. (This was bad because it was September and this is the Skagit Valley.)
3. Construction and maintenance of facilities. (This is a Department of Labor & Industries issue, not a Health Department issue.)

John Thayer stated that he felt his department learned from the audit. The audit provided an opportunity to see how Skagit County is doing in comparison to the State,

and also to see how well the staff was trained. He does not think the Health Department is greatly changing programs as a result of the audit, although they have developed a procedure sheet to hand out to establishments, and are also offering food worker classes. The audit also emphasized the follow-up of high risk food establishments. The Health Department is trying to get back to these establishments within a month after first notification.

Commissioners Norris and Rohrer thanked John Thayer for his presentation.

Petition for Funding for the Upper Skagit Community Services Center - Jim Robson

Jim Robson and Larry D'Arienzo were present representing the Upper Skagit Community Service Center. The Upper Skagit Community Service (USCS) is basically a charitable organization which began in March 1983 through the Presbyterian Church. It serves the communities of Hamilton through Marblemount in three areas:

1. Human development programs, which includes cutting firewood for selling, thus providing jobs.
2. Information and referral, outreach, and crisis intervention programs.
3. Community assistance programs for people in need.

USCS is looking to Skagit County to produce the initial backing for their organization. They are also seeking contributions from industry. The United Way and various other charities have shown that they will support USCS if the center can show that they have the initial backing. USCS is requesting a one time grant from Skagit County in the amount of \$12,000 to be used in the following manner:

1. To research and maintain existing firewood program.
2. To make certain modifications to the existing office and to purchase necessary office equipment.
3. To provide a minimum salary for the director and assistant director, who are presently volunteering their time, and who are themselves unemployed.
4. To provide funding for travel and to demonstrate to other sources of funding that the center is capable of performing its offered services.

Chairman Norris stated that he felt the Upper Skagit Community Service Center provided services that were parallel to the services offered by the Community Action Agency. Jim Robson stated that many of the people in the Upper Skagit area have no transportation to the Community Action Agency. USCS helps make these services available.

Chairman Norris suggested that USCS try to provide all the firewood for the County Energy Assistance Program. Jim Robson replied that at this time that might be a little too big of project to take on. Larry D'Arienzo explained why this was not feasible:

1. They could not sell anything east of Hamilton off the Lone Star property.
2. It would cost too much to haul wood down river.

Their goal is to move the firewood program into a workable proposal, and they have appointed a citizen advisory committee to approach this problem.

Bill Shuler, Director of Skagit Community Action Agency, said they were present today to express the need for help. Larry Pride, also of Community Action Agency, explained the relationship between Community Action Agency and Upper Skagit Community Service. The volunteers at USCS can see what help is needed.

Hal Pullin, also of Community Action Agency, explained that the objectives of the Agency are being aimed at the Anacortes area and the Upper Skagit area. Chairman Norris stated that the area east of Sedro Woolley was the area known as "Upper Skagit" area, not just the Upper Skagit Indian Reservation.

Hal Pullin stated that he sends someone once a week for half a day to the Upper Skagit area for home visits, to train volunteers, answer questions on applications, etc. Chairman Norris asked how soon more money from Community Action Agency could be channeled to the Upper Skagit area. Larry Pride said the money is not available at this time.

Chairman Norris stated that since there was not a full Board present today, he would like the Community Action Agency to investigate several areas before a decision would be made:

1. The possibility of program money being allocated to the Upper Skagit area.
2. The feasibility of next year's funding being more equally distributed to the Upper Skagit area.

Larry D'Arienzo pointed out that the center was not asking for on going funding from the County. Other agencies had showed interest in funding in the future if they could demonstrate the ability to obtain initial funding.

Jim Robson concluded with a statement regarding the desperate need for a means of income that the people in the Upper Skagit area are experiencing. Chairman Norris thanked everyone for attending the hearing.

Contracts for Signature - 1984 Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, Drug Abuse and Alcohol Contracts - JoAnn Angevine, Community Services Coordinator

JoAnn Angevine, Community Services Coordinator, presented the following contracts to the Board for signature:

1. Department of Social and Health Services Contract Amendment for the last three quarters.
2. Chinook Enterprises, for providing local developmental disabilities services.
3. Skagit Pre-School Association for Rehabilitation of Children (SPARC), for providing local developmental disabilities services.
4. Skagitron, for providing local developmental disabilities services.

5. STR Center - New Leaf, Inc., for providing local developmental disabilities services.
6. Skagit Counseling & Psychiatric Services, for providing local drug abuse and substance abuse prevention services.
7. Skagit Counseling & Psychiatric Services, for providing mental health services.
8. Skagit County Community Alcohol Center, for providing local alcohol treatment services.
9. Catholic Community Services Northwest, for providing mental health services.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. The Board approved for signature the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, January 31, 1984, and Wednesday, February 1, 1984. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the Record of the Proceedings. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
2. The Board approved for signature a Taxpayer's Claim for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property for Robert G. Lundvall in the amount of \$60.00. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the Taxpayer's Claim. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
3. The Board approved for signature the following Petitions for Property Tax Refunds:
 - a. Lena Campbell in the amount of \$89.52.
 - b. McNeil Real Estate in the amount of \$2,452.93.
 - c. George B. Howell in the amount of \$97.61.
 - d. Darryl Y. Sueda in the amount of \$14.59.

Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the above Petitions for Property Tax Refunds. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.


4. The Board approved the following Resolutions for Appointment of a Board Member to the Skagit County Extension Advisory Board:
 - a. Ron Hawkins, 1844 Alliston Lane, Burlington, Washington 98233. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve Ron Hawkins to the Skagit County Extension Advisory Board. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #9958)
 - b. Gene Sargent, 103 Hazel Street, Burlington, Washington 98233. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve Gene Sargent to the Skagit County Extension Advisory Board. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #9959)

5. Robert Taylor presented to the Board a Resolution regarding Shoreline Substantial Development Permit. Chairman Norris stated that he wanted to speak with Bob Schofield, Director of the Planning Department, before any action was taken.
6. Robert Taylor presented the following correspondence:
 - a. A letter from Jack Crawford, Area Extension Agent, regarding his resignation effective February 29, 1984. Chairman Norris said that Ernest Hopp, Regional Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, will be making a recommendation to the Board on a replacement.
 - b. A memo to the Board from Duane Kline, Budget and Finance Director, regarding hearing room usage. The Board agreed to wait until Duane Kline was present to discuss the matter.


ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

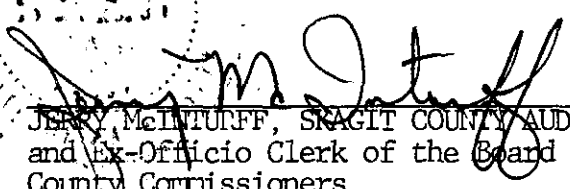
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