

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, February 7, 1984

- 9:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:
1. Bid Opening: Storage Shed Addition to Skagit Co. Maintenance Shop
 2. Drainage District #17 Interlocal Agreement
 3. Final Cost Record - Parking Lot

Miscellaneous:

Public Works Department related items

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 11:00 a.m. Planning Department - Bob Schofield, Director
1. Discussion: Fire Protection, District #3 Annexation of Property
 2. Miscellaneous Items

- 1:30 p.m. Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department - Jon Aarstad, Director:
1. Consideration of Bid Recommendation for the Skagit County Multi-Purpose Facility
 2. Miscellaneous Items

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- 2:30 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director

1. Bid Opening: Storage Shed Addition to Skagit County Maintenance Shop

Megan Cheney, in behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, read the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in the Skagit Valley Herald on January 20, 27, and February 3, 1984.

The following bids were received:

Folkers Construction Company
P.O. Box 457
Anacortes, WA 98221

Bid Bond included
Bid Price: \$18,948.00

Sound Construction
1902 South 17th
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Bid Bond included
Bid Price: \$19,300.00

Sword Construction
Box 249
La Conner, WA 98257

Bid Bond included
Bid Price: \$18,900.00

The Public Works Department will review the bids prior to making the award of the bid.

2. Drainage District #17 Interlocal Agreement

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, presented the Board with the Resolution for approval of the Drainage District #17 Interlocal Agreement renewal and the Agreement for approval and signature. Gene Sampley recommended approval. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the Resolution and the Agreement. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #9960).

3. Final Cost Record - Parking Lot

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, presented the Board with the Final Cost Record of the parking lot construction at the intersection of Third and Kincaid, for signature. The final cost came to \$15,198.62, which was several thousands of dollars under the estimated cost.

Miscellaneous: Public Works Department related items

- a. Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, presented the Board with a request from Guemes Island Community Club to increase the size of the boat ramp by 8 feet in width and 10 feet in length toward the water. Gene Sampley reported that the Community Club would be responsible for all necessary permits, but the County would provide the construction of the ramp.

Gene Sampley recommended approval of the Guemes Island Community Club's project. The Board gave formal approval to proceed.

- b. Gene Sampley presented the Resolution for Awarding Bid for Purchase of County Vehicles to the Board for signature only. The Resolution awarded the following:
- Cascade Chrysler was awarded the bid to furnish three new 1984 Dodge D150 pickup trucks as per specifications for the sum of \$26,570.78.
 - Blade Chevrolet was awarded the bid to furnish one new 1984 Chevrolet Suburban as per specifications for \$13,746.03.

(Resolution #9961)

- c. Gene Sampley informed the Board that Linda Arentzen had indicated to him that the Conservation Corp is ready to continue work in the Samish River. She wanted to know if the agreement from last year would remain in effect. Chairman Norris stated that if this year's work in the Samish River does not require any additional commitment, last year's agreement would remain in effect for this year.
- d. Tom Oakes, Fire Marshall, made a request to the Board for out of state travel to a seminar for two weeks during April. The Board granted permission for this request.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Two letters for signature only:
 - Letter to Mayor Don Walley of Sedro Woolley, regarding the proposed Mount Baker Professional Center plat.
 - Letter to Brian Boyle, Commissioner of Public Lands, Department of Natural Resources, requesting sponsorship of a project under the Washington Conservation Corp Program which would be directed toward preserving and enhancing the grounds and buildings of the Northern State Hospital at Sedro Woolley.
2. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve Warrants #243 through #244 in the amount of \$26,374.68 for signature. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (C-5)
3. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve Warrants #34099 through #34136 in the amount of \$53,623.32 for signature. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (R-4)
4. Robert Taylor informed the Board that the newly appointed secretary to Cemetery District #3 on Guemes Island was not a commissioner.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT - Bob Schofield, Director

1. Discussion: Fire Protection, District #3 Annexation of Property

Bob Schofield, Director of the Planning Department, presented the Board with a copy of a Resolution by the Commissioners of Fire Protection District #3. Attorney John Meyer transmitted the Resolution to the Board for information only according to law and for no action.

2. Miscellaneous Items

Bob Schofield, Director of the Planning Department, presented the following items to the Board:

- a. Letter from Brown & Caldwell regarding the completion of the drainage plan study for less than the estimated cost. There was discussion regarding the possible uses for the remainder of the money, such as possible analysis of Coal Creek. Bob Schofield suggested sending a letter to Brown & Caldwell thanking them for the completed project. He also noted that the next step was a study of funding alternatives for the Drainage and Diking District improvements.
- b. Letter signed by Dr. Alexander H. Bill, of the Lopez Sound Salmon partnership, regarding their withdrawing their application for an aquaculture site between Young Island and Burrows Island. Bob Schofield presented the Board with a Resolution Remanding the Application for Shoreline Substantial Development/Variance Permit #23-83 of Lopez Sound Salmon to the Planning Commission for signature. (Resolution #9962)
- c. Bob Schofield reported to the Board on the Edison Tavern's proposed move from 574 Cains Ct. to 583 Cains Ct. Mr. Dave Hall, property owner, was present for discussion. It appears that their initial permit application was denied, then approved, without opportunity for comment in between. Chairman Norris suggested sending a letter to the Liquor Control Board indicating the concerns of the County, such as parking problems. Bob Schofield read a letter that he had prepared.
- d. Bob Schofield requested permission to eliminate the fee charged for Floodplain Permits issued on 'M' Class buildings. Since there are no elevation or flood-proofing requirements, he saw no need for a fee to be collected. The Board approved of this request.
- e. Bob Schofield reported to the Board on some concerns he had regarding an application being made for a power plant on Damnation Creek. Since this is in the National Parks and Recreational area, he wasn't sure what the County's jurisdiction was on the matter. Some discussion followed regarding the possible actions to be taken. Final decision was to proceed with a hearing on the matter.

- f. Bob Schofield presented the Board with a letter from the Washington State Energy Office informing the County that it has been selected as one of the target communities for the Local Government Technical Assistance Program.
- g. Bob Schofield requested permission from the Board to hire someone to be flown to Sinclair Island and Fidalgo Island to take pictures of two projects. The Board gave formal approval.

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

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

I. Consideration of Bid Recommendation for the Skagit County Multi-Purpose Facility

Chairman Norris began the hearing with a brief explanation of the situation. Fisher & Sons, Inc., of Burlington, was the low bidder. The decision to be made now involved the possible addition of \$36,000 to the original \$200,000 the County was to pay for its share of expense. Chairman Norris opened the hearing to the public for comment.

Dallas Wylie, 2198A Game Farm Road, Mount Vernon: He is a dairy farmer who is in support of the project because it makes more sense to use a multi-purpose facility instead of the new jail across the street. If even one or two kids were helped by the facility, it would be worth the cost.

Geneva Sasnett, 1180 Darcy Road, Bow: She was in favor of the facility because it would provide something for the people the County has not been reaching in other programs. The community will never get anything cheaper. The longer we wait, the more it will cost.

Vicki Archer, 1103 Cleveland, Mount Vernon: She was in favor of the facility because the existing school gyms are available to the schools first, and the community second. This facility would be saving the taxpayers money because two large organizations are willing to share the expense.

Tim Davis, 3524 Woodland Drive, Mount Vernon: He supported the facility because he represented Skagit County Search and Rescue, which annually holds a fund raiser. The proposed facility would provide an excellent place for this fund raiser and thus make it possible to raise more money.

Dan Miller, 1439 Peterson Road, Burlington: He presented the Board with a petition containing 240 names and signatures of people from all three districts who were against the County spending County money on a project of this size without a vote of the people. He said they were not against the "gym," just felt it should be a bond or levy.

Jerry Kaufman, 1454 Country Club Drive, Burlington: He supported the project, saying it was similar to the Skagit Playfields project. This facility would produce the best use of the money available.

Jim Grenz, 2077 Knapp Road, Mount Vernon: He supported the facility, explaining that it would not be simply a larger gym. It was to be a multi-purpose facility to be used for many events.

Ray Reep, 1523 South 12th, Mount Vernon: He supported the proposed facility. He gave a brief history of Skagit Valley College, and asked how we can spend millions of dollars on a jail and worry about \$36,000 for a multi-purpose facility.

Stan Sygitowicz, 1030 Rolling Ridge, Sedro Woolley: He supported the facility, stating that Mount Baker High School has a gym that is larger than Skagit Valley College's gym.

Ed Stewart, 1554 Dunbar Road, Mount Vernon: He supported the facility, stating that everyone should quit nitpicking and band together. We don't even have a decent YMCA. How are we going to take care of people in the future?

Susan Kjarstad, 121 South 12th, Mount Vernon: She was in favor of the facility, She is one of the owners of Susan Cooper School of the Dance, and has been very embarrassed by this area's lack of an appropriate facility for many functions.

Dennis Lind, 1222 Quinton Avenue, Mount Vernon: He is the Recreational Coordinator of the Skagit Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department, and is in support of the project. He presented the Board with a list of signatures from more than 1,600 participants in the fall/winter activities.. This list did not even include all of the participants nor did it include spectators. He pointed out that this facility would be available for the use of the working class people -- people who don't belong to a country club.

Joe Best, 200 N. 11th, Mount Vernon: He supported the facility, stating that as a businessman, the project made good economic sense. He felt as a parent, that this is a good step in the right direction.

James Scidmore, 121 Butler Creek Road, Sedro Woolley: He questioned how a gymnasium could be acoustically suitable for concerts. Chairman Norris asked Cort Liddell, architect for the project, to address that matter. Cort Liddell explained that the facility would be constructed with that in mind and stated that it would be an improvement over a gym.

James Scidmore wished also to ask a question about the number of local jobs the construction would provide. Chairman Norris stated that there was no stipulation in the contract stating who could be hired as subcontractors. He stated that local employment is encouraged.

Dan Miller stated that he was against the County giving a blank check to the college. Chairman Norris assured Mr. Miller that the County was not going to sign a blank check to any organization.

Geneva Sansett stated that County money is college money is State money. It all comes from the same place.

Mark Pederson, 1905 Beaver Marsh Road, Mount Vernon: He is also an architect working on the facility. He stated that this is a chance for the Commissioners to do something good for the County. He feels that once the facility is constructed, the problems would disappear.

Jane Nielson, member of the Student Council of Skagit Valley College: She supports the proposed facility because she can see a very definite need for it.

Commissioner Mansfield stated that he appreciated the public comments on the proposed facility. He has had two negative phone calls on the matter. He stated that he did not vote for it the first time because he was not able to be present. He agreed to support the facility if it would be a true multi-purpose facility, and if it cost no more than \$200,000 to the County. He did not want to buy less of a facility for more money. He has reviewed the plans and visited the college. This facility, in addition to providing jobs during construction, would be able to seat 3,600 people, and feed almost 1,000. The facility would make Skagit County more equal with Bellingham and Everett in its ability to serve the community with events. Commissioner Mansfield stated that we have signed an agreement with Skagit Valley College (State of Washington), if the facility could be built for the original money agreed upon. He was in favor of honoring the contract we have signed.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that he had heard from many communities on the issue, and had 251 phone calls against the proposed facility. He stated that he was against the facility because he has had an over-whelming response from the people who are against the facility.

Chairman Norris stated that he has been in support of the proposed facility since the beginning because of the great number of activities which will be available to the entire community. He thanked the public for their comments.

Commissioner Mansfield stated that he had received a suggestion from the public about possibly raising the additional \$36,000 privately. He didn't feel it should come from the County, because it would be detracting from some other equally deserving program.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve letting of the bid subject to our being responsible for only the initial \$200,000 requested, with the understanding that the facility will be completed with the quality and form as originally intended. Chairman Norris clarified the motion by stating that the funding would come from Federal revenue sharing or from a reserve fund. Commissioner Mansfield agreed with the statement made by Chairman Norris. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. Commissioner Rohrer was opposed to the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

2. Miscellaneous Items

Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department, presented the following contracts to the Board for signature:

- a. Revision of Budget for ACTION grant for Retired Senior Volunteer Program.
- b. Contract between the City of Mount Vernon and Skagit County for Provision of Senior Services for the calendar year 1984.
- c. Contract for Professional Services with Dave Rindal, Program Instructor for Rhythm Fitness Exercise Program.

- d. Agreement between the Sedro Woolley School District No. 101 and Skagit County for the lease of several classrooms and office space.

Jon Aarstad pointed out to the Board an article in the Winter 1983 issue of "Prime Times" regarding the RSVP Volunteer Program.

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, recommended that the Board award the storage shed addition construction to the low bidder, Sword Construction, in the amount of \$18,900. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to award the bid to Sword Construction. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

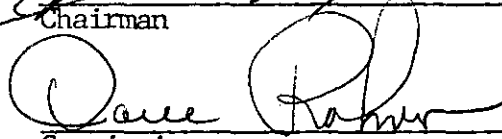
- 1. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve Warrant #477 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for signature. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (C-7)
- 2. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve Warrants #245 through #476 in the amount of \$73,431.09 for signature. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (C-6)
- 3. Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, February 6, 1984. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

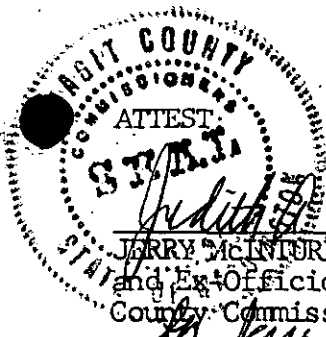
Commissioner Rohrer made a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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JERRY MCINTURFF, SKAGIT COUNTY AUDITOR
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