

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 27, 1984

- 8:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Work Session -
Road Supervisors.
- 9:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley,
Director:
1. Bid award recommendation -
backhoe/loader.
 2. Call for public hearing - road
vacation: portion of alleyway in Plat
of Town of McMurray.
 3. Call for public hearing - road
establishment: Clark Cabin Road.
 4. Resolutions: CRP to modify Guemes
boat ramp.
CRP for Minkler Road
Bridge and sed. basin.
 5. Resolution: Waive bid requirement on
jail parking lot.
 6. Discussion: Flood control
improvement.
 7. Miscellaneous items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 10:30 a.m. Resolution - creating Skagit County Tourism
Task Force.
- 11:00 a.m. Resolution - adopting the Skagit County
Courthouse Smoking Policy.
- 11:30 a.m. Presentation - Public Service Award for
Lowell Dayton, past Skagit County Board of
Adjustment member.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on the above
noted date. Commissioners Norris and Mansfield were present.
Commissioner Rohrer was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Bid award recommendation - backhoe/loader.

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, informed the Board that Millbrook Equipment Co. had been chosen as the successful bidder because they offered a substantially better warranty and the automatic return-to-dig feature on their John Deere Model 510B than did Cascade Tractor & Equipment Company, who was the lowest bidder. The value of these two added features more than compensated for the difference between the lowest and second lowest bids. He stated that Public Works Operations Division personnel had an opportunity to observe a demonstration and to operate each of the units which were proposed.

Glen Fisher, a representative of Cascade Tractor & Equipment Company, was present. He stated that in his opinion Ford was better than John Deere because it had more horsepower. He questioned why the County asked them to bring a backhoe up to try out if they already knew there were differences in specifications. Mr. Sampley responded that the specifications are not checked carefully as the bids are opened, and the County reserves the right to waive minor irregularities.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt and sign the resolution awarding the bid to Millbrook Equipment Company to furnish one new John Deere Model 510B Loader/Backhoe as per specifications for the net bid price of \$48,712.00. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10004)

2. Call for public hearing - road vacation: portion of alleyway in Plat of Town of McMurray.

Gene Sampley stated that the Public Works Department had received a petition for vacation of a portion of an alleyway in Block 13, Plat of the Town of McMurray.

Chairman Norris asked Mr. Sampley to proceed with the public hearing for the vacation, but also to check into the possibility that this might be in conjunction with a similar issue that reoccurs each year in that area.

Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, scheduled the public hearing on the road vacation for Tuesday, April 17.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution calling for a public hearing on the road vacation. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10005)

3. Call for public hearing - road establishment: Clark Cabin Road.

Gene Sampley stated that they had received a request for establishing the Clark Cabin Road near Marblemount.

Chairman Norris asked if all of the surrounding property was under one ownership. Mr. Sampley stated that he thought that was possibly true. Chairman Norris suggested that this item be carried over to next week so Commissioner Rohrer could be present.

4. Resolution: CRP to modify Guemes boat ramp.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution initiating a County Road Project to modify the Guemes boat ramp, as was previously discussed. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10006)

Resolution: CRP for Minkler Road Bridge and sed. basin.

Gene Sampley stated that this County Road Project was to address the drainage at Coal Creek by constructing a bridge to allow Coal Creek to cross the Minkler Road, and also to construct a settling basin south of Minkler Road. The total cost of the County Road Project would be \$50,000.

Chairman Norris stated that this proposal would protect the road and decrease ongoing maintenance costs.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution initiating the County Road Project for the Minkler Road bridge and settling basin. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10007)

5. Resolution: Waive bid requirement on jail parking lot.

There was some discussion regarding the proposed use of the parking lot next to the new jail. Gene Sampley stated that there will be 16 spaces in this area, and also more parking behind the Mobil Station.

Chairman Norris suggested using the parking lot for additional visitor parking to the Courthouse Complex, rather than strictly visitor parking for the jail. Mr. Sampley suggested that it might be used for overnight parking of County vehicles. This parking lot would be more visible than the freeway parking lot.

Chairman Norris questioned why they were requesting to waive the bid requirement. Mr. Sampley stated that the County will do the majority of the work, and will then accept quotes for the asphaltting.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution waiving the bid requirement on the new jail parking lot. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10008)

6. Discussion: Flood control improvement.

Chairman Norris stated that this discussion was to consider the future and direction of the Skagit River Flood Control Committee and also to

consider the possibilities of making money available to upgrade the dikes to the 25-year flood elevation level.

Jess Knutzen stated that the 4-year terms of the committee's members are ending in October, 1984. If the committee is to be continued, there needs to be representation from areas not yet represented. To stimulate, the committee needs to know that some action beyond their study will take place. Dike improvements are a high priority, and some funds from the County would be greatly appreciated.

Commissioner Mansfield stated that local government has been deluged with studies. He would like to see this study go farther than just be added to the stack of studies.

Chairman Norris thanked the committee members for their dedication. He stated that the existing committee members should be contacted to continue to serve and attend the committee meetings. Secondly, new members should be appointed to replace those members who did not want to serve a second term. He then suggested putting together a 4-year plan whereby the County would make available \$50,000 per year to diking and drainage districts wanting to improve their districts to the 25-year flood elevation.

George Dynes suggested improving dikes to the 50-year flood elevation. Chairman Norris said he thought they had previously agreed that the 25-year flood elevation would be more realistic and feasible with the funds available. He asked if the committee would be satisfied with this approach.

Jess Knutzen stated that it would be a giant step in the right direction. Chairman Norris agreed that if the County could commit to the \$50,000 per year for a 4-year period, it would be an improvement.

Carl Vandersar asked how the money would be allocated, and if the committee would be involved in screening projects. Chairman Norris suggested that the money be allocated on a project by project basis as reviewed by the Board. He said the committee could screen the projects if they decided to. It would probably be best if the committee presented the projects to Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, and allowed him to present them to the Board.

Jess Knutzen stated that it is important to improve the worst dikes first. He asked if the County had heard from the Congretional Delegation regarding a control structure to be built on the Sauk River. Chairman Norris asked Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, to find out if the County received a reply from the Congretional Delegation.

Commissioner Mansfield stated that the diking and drainage district improvements should be administered by the County and the Skagit River Flood Control Committee jointly.

Chairman Norris thanked the committee members for being present.

7. Miscellaneous items.

- a. Gene Sampley stated that he contacted the Assessor regarding the right-of-way appraisals on Hobson Road, as requested by the Board. The Assessor's Office felt they could accomplish the appraisals on two other construction projects the Public Works Department anticipated, namely two parcels on Havecost Road and two parcels on Little Mountain Road. Mr. Sampley recommended retaining Property Appraisals of Anacortes to do the 31 parcels on Hobson Road for \$120 per parcel.

The Board approved for signature the contract with Property Appraisals for the parcels on Hobson Road.

- b. Gene Sampley informed the Board that Burlington Northern has completed their work on the signalization project at the crossing of the Ershig Road at Bow. The County's roadwork remains to be completed.

On a related matter, John Rumsey, of the Public Works Department, reported that the March Point railroad crossing signalization project is dead, due to a lack of usage of the railroad. The County has put in illumination to possibly help avoid accidents.

- d. The Board approved for signature a letter to Calbuilt Products, Inc., accepting their proposal to modify the handrails in the Skagit County Public Safety Building.
- e. Gene Sampley stated that Tammy Ensley representing the March of Dimes would like to meet with the Commissioners before work some morning regarding a teen walk. The Board agreed to this request.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve Warrants #1468 through #1469 in the amount of \$27,905.40. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (C-16)
2. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve Warrants #361 through #734 in the amount of \$481,024.35. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (P-3)
3. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve Warrants #1241 through #1467 in the amount of \$324,450.75. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (C-15)
4. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve Warrants #34412 through #34454 in the amount of \$155,561.05. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (R-11)

5. Duane Kline, Budget and Finance Director, reported that in closing last year's books, it was found that several construction funds were left off the resolution for the final budget. He explained that the adoption of the resolution to correct this oversight, would have no unanticipated impact on the Current Expense Fund.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing and correcting the budget. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10009)

6. The Board approved for signature the appointment of Bellingham/Whatcom County Humane Society as an agent of Skagit County, for the purpose of acting in the matter of allegations of a particular instance of cruelty to animals in Skagit County alleged to have occurred in the Alger area.

Resolution - creating Skagit County Tourism Task Force.

Susan Mortensen, Executive Director of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County, and Gerry Digerness, of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce, were present.

Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, presented the resolution creating a Skagit County Tourism Task Force and also adopting the by-laws to guide and govern the Tourism Task Force, attached to the resolution. The Board read through the by-laws and indicated several changes to be made.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution with the by-laws amended as indicated at this meeting. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10010)

Resolution - adopting the Skagit County Courthouse Smoking Policy.

Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, presented the resolution adopting the Skagit County Smoking Prohibition Policy as attached to the resolution. He noted that only one change was made since the Board reviewed the policy. Juvenile Probation has prohibited smoking in their offices altogether. Also, the Sheriff's office has adopted their own smoking policy.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to sign the resolution adopting the Skagit County Smoking Prohibition Policy. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10011)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Chairman Norris stated that Mayor Walley of Sedro Woolley had indicated that it is difficult for them to meet the match of the \$250,000 Block

Grant from the Planning & Community Affairs Agency for their proposed Senior Citizens Center. Since Sedro Woolley serves many Skagit County seniors, Chairman Norris suggested that the County look at the possibility of contributing \$10,000 from Revenue Sharing Funds. The Board agreed to discuss this item further at a later date.

Presentation - Public Service Award for Lowell Dayton, past Skagit County Board of Adjustment member.

Chairman Norris, Commissioner Mansfield, and Bob Schofield said words of appreciation for Lowell Dayton's service as a Board of Adjustment member. Chairman Norris awarded Mr. Dayton a Certificate of Appreciation.

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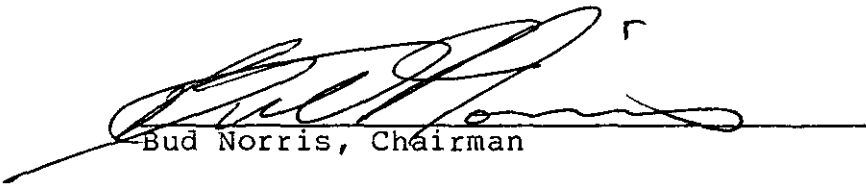
1. The Board approved for signature the Contract Amendment for the Senior Nutrition Project, as recommended by Jon Aarstad, Director of Parks, Recreation & Senior Services.
2. The Board approved for signature the Contract for Professional Services between the Skagit County Parks and Recreation Department and Michelle Troupe, who will be retained as assistant at recreational special events and programs as requested by the County at \$3.75 per hour. The Contract shall begin on March 17, 1984, and continue until December 31, 1984.

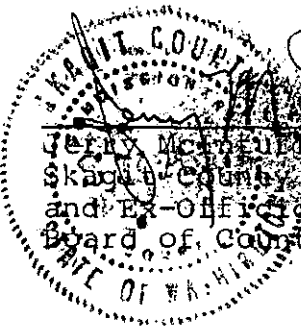
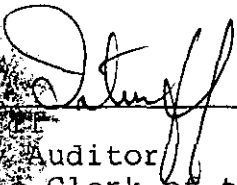
ADJOURNMENT


Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:


Bud Norris, Chairman



Jerry McKeown
Skagit County Auditor
and Ex-Officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners


Jerry Mansfield, Commissioner

Dave Rohrer, Commissioner