

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, April 16, 1984

10:00 a.m. Discussion - Juvenile Detention Fees - Terry Rousseau, Administrator, Juvenile Court Probation.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

DISCUSSION - JUVENILE DETENTION FEES - Terry Rousseau, Administrator, Juvenile Court Probation.

Terry Rousseau, Administrator of Juvenile Court Probation, stated that it has been approximately four years since the last review of detention fees. He stated that Substitute House Bill 1514, which will go into effect in June, states that juveniles charged with mostly traffic offenses (reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, etc.) through district and municipal courts shall be placed in detention rather than adult jails.

Mr. Rousseau stated that he would like to contact the judges involved with processing these juveniles and suggest billing the juveniles or their parents for their stay at detention. The maximum amount they are allowed to bill is \$30 per day, and this amount is often reduced according to the family's ability to pay. In 1983, approximately \$11,400 was collected in detention fees.

Mr. Rousseau stated that San Juan County and Island County have contracted with Skagit County to accept their juveniles into Skagit County's detention facility. Skagit County charges these counties \$60 per day per juvenile.

Commissioner Rohrer asked if they were planning to raise the detention fees. Mr. Rousseau responded that an involved analysis of the actual costs would have to be computed to determine if detention fees should be raised. At that time they would need to meet with San Juan and Island Counties to discuss the matter.

Commissioner Mansfield asked if San Juan and Island Counties pay the entire amount of \$60 per day per juvenile. Mr. Rousseau stated that the Counties are billed the entire \$60, and they pass that on to the juvenile, with the taxpayers paying what the juvenile's family cannot afford.

Mr. Rousseau stated that district and municipal courts should require the juvenile to pay for detention fees because generally traffic violations

do not incur other huge fines, which might cause judges to reduce the detention fees. He stated that restitution costs to the victims are the first costs to be paid back. Often when other large fines and attorneys fees are incurred, detention fees are reduced, according to a family's ability to pay. He stated that many counties don't even charge detention fees. Skagit County is seen as one of the strictest counties for being able to collect detention fees.

Commissioner Mansfield asked if detention fees act as a deterrent. Mr. Rousseau stated that he felt they do act as a deterrent. Juveniles don't want to be in detention in the first place, and they or their parents certainly don't want to have to pay for a detention stay. He noted that adults are seldom required to pay for their stay in an institution.

Mr. Rousseau noted that in the future courts may be opposing the right to impose detention fees on the parents for the child's behavior. Parents are not as responsible under the law as they used to be. Discussion followed regarding whether the parents or the child should be responsible for the child.

Mr. Rousseau informed the Board that he planned to meet with the judges and Duane Kline to discuss the matter further. He will meet again with the Board when he has more information.

Commissioner Mansfield thanked Mr. Rousseau for keeping the Board informed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. The Board reviewed the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund:
  - a. Edith V. Ashe, P.O. Box 6, Concrete, Washington 98237, in the amount of \$123.29 for tax years 1982 and 1983, senior citizen exemption. (#844502)
  - b. June E. Ringhouse, 625 Fidalgo Street, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$327.75 for tax years 1982 and 1983, senior citizen exemption. (#844528)
  - c. V. L. Miller in the amount of 452.77 for tax years 1982 and 1983, senior citizen exemption. (#844485)
  - d. Ray M. Aumock, 143 Butler Creek Road, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$82.67 for tax years 1982, 1983 and 1984, senior citizen exemption. (#844527)

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the above listed Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Assessor and

Treasurer. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

2. The Board reviewed the following Taxpayer's Claims for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property:
  - a. Carol Hardin, 2547 Minkler Road, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$5,840 for tax year 1985, because of flooding. (#565)
  - b. Ernest R. and Debra A. Allen, 630 Fruitdale Road, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$6,640 for tax year 1985, because of flooding. (#566)
  - c. Loyd H. Nystuen, 2077 Bridgewater Road, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$5,950 for tax year 1985, because a house was torn down. (#567)
  - d. Hamilton Baptist Church, 3246 Hamilton Cemetery Road S., Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$670 for tax year 1984, because of fire destruction. (#568)
  - e. Jerry Cummings, 664 C Fruitdale Road, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$7,780 for tax year 1984, because of flooding. (#569)

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the above listed Taxpayer's Claims for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property, as recommended by the Assessor. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

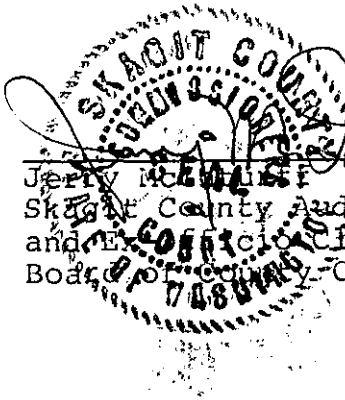
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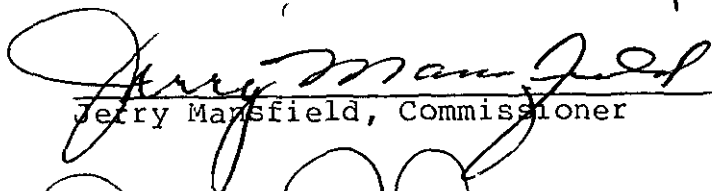
Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

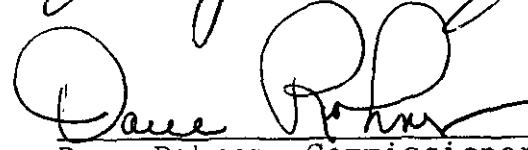
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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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