

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, May 22, 1984

9:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Public Meeting - Request to designate Birch Lane as a one-way road.
2. Bid Award - Black Slough Bridge.
3. Call for Bids - Cook Road Improvements.
4. Discussion - Wood Road Petition (continued).
5. Discussion - Lexington Avenue.
6. Miscellaneous items.

10:00 a.m. Discussion - Change in road surfacing standards.

11:00 a.m. Discussion - Fireworks Displays - Tom Oakes, Skagit County Fire Marshal.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1:30 p.m. Discussion - Jury Project Report - Carol Perusek, Director of Court Services.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 22, 1984, with Commissioners Norris and Rohrer present. Commissioner Mansfield was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Public Meeting - Request to designate Birch Lane as a one-way road.

Gene Sampley located Birch Lane north of Sedro Woolley, at the city limits. He stated that if the Board chose to designate Birch Lane as a one-way, traffic could be directed in either direction, utilizing Apple Lane, a two-way roadway. He stated that Birch Lane has only 11 to 15 feet of surface width, and a very low volume of traffic. Some damage is being caused to lawns along Birch Lane when cars try to pass.

Mr. Sampley presented the following:

- a. Letter from Eldon L. DeMeyer, 2101 East Jones Road, Sedro Woolley, stating he was 100 percent in favor of making Birch Lane a one-way road.
- b. Letter from Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Mannon, 2097 West Jones Road, Sedro Woolley, stating they were in favor of making Birch Lane a one-way road.

c. Original petition requesting Birch Lane be made a one-way road.

Errol Hanson, 866 Garden of Eden Road, Sedro Woolley, stated that he doesn't use Birch Lane much anymore. He initiated discussion about owners deeding 10 to 15 feet of right-of-way to the County in the past.

Mr. Sampley presented a petition from residents on Apple Lane who are in opposition to Birch Lane becoming a one-way road. Mr. Sampley stated that residents were informed by mail and the posting of notices.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to designate Birch Lane as a one-way road to northbound traffic to Apple Lane. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

2. Bid Award - Black Slough Bridge.

Gene Sampley stated that the Public Works Department had reviewed all bids and recommended that the bid for improvement of the Black Slough Bridge #40062 be awarded to Dale M. Madden, 3003 Fairweather, Bellevue, Washington 98004, for submitting the lowest bid of \$219,838.70.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution awarding the bid to Dale M. Madden for the amount of \$219,838.70. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10076)

Mr. Sampley also presented a revised C.R.P. for the above project. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution revising C.R.P. #40062-1 to show the total amount of appropriation of \$267,211.23. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10078)

3. Call for Bids - Cook Road Improvements.

Gene Sampley presented a resolution authorizing the Auditor to issue a Call for Bids for the Cook Road improvement. He stated that the City of Sedro Woolley is interested in participating in this project, and this can be accomplished by change order.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Auditor to issue a Call for Bids for improvement of the Cook Road. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10077)

Bids will be received and publicly opened at 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, June 5, 1984.

4. Discussion - Wood Road Petition (continued).

Gene Sampley located Wood Road, and stated that it was approximately two miles long, continually narrowing. He presented a petition from residents of the Wood Road requesting that the road be widened, the road be straightened as much as possible, and a centerline be painted.

Chairman Norris pointed out a concern with development taking place without adequate road systems to handle the traffic properly.

Mr. Sampley stated that his crews could minorly widen the road in specific areas, but striping is impossible because the road is too narrow for two-way traffic in some areas.

The Board instructed the Public Works Department to write a letter to the petitioners indicating that spot improvements will be made by the maintenance forces as time is available and that the project will be included on the preliminary six-year transportation improvement program which will be heard by the Board in late June at a public hearing. There is no guarantee that the project will remain on the program as adopted, however.

5. Discussion - Lexington Avenue.

Gene Sampley located Lexington Avenue on Fidalgo Island west of Sharps Corner. He stated that minor widening could be accomplished without additional right-of-way, however major improvements would necessitate moving power poles, etc.

Following additional discussion, the Board directed that no improvements be made to Lexington Avenue at this time.

6. Miscellaneous items.

The following miscellaneous Public Works Department items were discussed:

- a. Gene Sampley advised the Board that seven proposals had been received in response to the request for proposals for a consultant in the Solid Waste Program. He informed the Board that an interview panel for the selection process will include Duane Kline, Budget and Finance Director; Bob Schofield, Planning Director; John Wiseman, Mount Vernon City Engineer; and Gene Sampley, Public Works Director. He stated that they hope to enter into a contract with the chosen consultant by June 15.

Chairman Norris stated his interest in retaining some flexibility that would provide for the operation to go into trial work during the study stage.

- b. Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, reviewed the drainage issue being discussed with the Port of Skagit County, Drainage Improvement District #8 and PACCAR. Mr. Nelson informed the Board of the proposed improvement which would channel drainage into a 40-foot deep canyon.

The Board requested that the private party who owns the canyon be contacted as soon as possible. The Board also requested that a provision be made in the agreement with the Port and the Drainage District for future impact of development. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of retainage systems or increased capacity of the system as developed in order to accommodate the maximum flow which could develop in this area.

Mr. Nelson stated that the proposed improvement is estimated to cost approximately \$25,000. The parties involved are interested in working out a cost sharing program, possibly including Skagit County.

- c. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services between Skagit County and William J. Weaver, 830 North 14th Street, Mount Vernon, for services consisting of developing a flood awareness program, by use of slides and recordings of interviews with public officials and citizens of Skagit County. The cost for this program is \$350.
- d. As recommended by the Public Works Department, the Board approved for signature a letter of final acceptance on the jail project to Cobra Construction Company, effective May 21, 1984.

DISCUSSION - CHANGE IN ROAD SURFACING STANDARDS.

Gene Sampley presented for the Board's review the resolution revising Skagit County Road Standards as follows:

Section 5.03 - Surface Requirements:

All roads within long subdivisions shall have a Class B asphaltic concrete surface with a minimum of 2 inches compacted depth. Asphalt concrete surfacing shall conform to Section 5.04 of the Washington State Department of Transportation standard specifications.

Bob Schofield made contact with engineers, surveyors and realtors in Skagit County, and has had no input from them on this issue.

Don Van Etten, a realtor, 473 Mercer, Bow, stated his concern regarding the proposed requirement for a long subdivision located in a secluded rural area. He stated that an oil lift road surface would be better for a development which might sit for years without use.

Chairman Norris pointed out that asphaltic concrete road surfaces actually last longer, require less maintenance, and will cost less to the taxpayers.

Gene Sampley stated that the asphaltic concrete will probably be a 50 percent increase in cost compared with the light bituminous surface treatment, however less pit run rock is required for the base, so some cost would be trimmed in that area.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that he doesn't think this change will impact the people considerably. He stated that he has been pushing for this change for many years.

Chairman Norris stated that the goal of the County is to have the best road systems possible with the amount of money available.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution revising the Skagit County Road Standards to require asphalt surfaced roads in long subdivisions. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10079)

DISCUSSION - FIREWORKS DISPLAYS - Tom Oakes, Skagit County Fire Marshal.

Tom Oakes informed the Board that the State passed a change in law which will basically prohibit fire crackers from being sold at retail stands. He noted that the Indian Reservations can still sell fire crackers, although it is also illegal to be in possession of fire crackers off Indian Reservation property. Skagit County is able to fine up to \$500 for violation of this new change in law.

On a related matter, Mr. Oakes informed the Board that Berry Dairy Days will have a display outside the Burlington City Limits. There was some discussion about possibly waiving the fee. The Board and Mr. Oakes concurred that the fee should be consistently charged to all fireworks displays.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #2524 through #2640 in the amount of \$48,938.55. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (C-26)
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #34799 through #34840 in the amount of \$133,858.85. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (R-19)
3. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution reappointing Bud Norris, 3780 College Way, Mount Vernon, as a member of the Northwest

Senior Services Advisory Board, said appointment to expire on June 30, 1987. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10080)

4. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution reappointing Winfield McLean, 709 Talcott Street, Sedro Woolley, as a member of the Northwest Senior Services Advisory Board, said appointment to expire on June 30, 1987. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10081)

DISCUSSION - JURY PROJECT REPORT - Carol Perusek, Director of Court Services.

Carol Perusek was present to inform the Board of the new combined juror system being used by Superior Court and District Court. She reported that the combined juror system is now controlled by Superior Court and shortens the jury term from five and six weeks to only three weeks. This combined usage not only saves money, but also best serves jurors by shortening their terms.

The Board thanked Ms. Perusek for her report.

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

1. The Board approved for signature a letter to Karen Rahm, of the Department of Social and Health Services, providing comment regarding the 1985-1987 Budget Proposal. The letter urged DSHS to place as one of its highest priorities the provision of sufficient funds to provide adequate, direct treatment services to the victims of child abuse and neglect and their families.
2. The Board discussed with Duane Kline, Budget and Finance Director, the matter concerning the County's option to provide Industrial Insurance for Community Service Workers. Mr. Kline pointed out that if a Community Service Worker were injured on the job and covered by Industrial Insurance, the Industrial Insurance would pay all medical bills, rather than the County.

The Board approved of the coverage of Community Service Workers by Industrial Insurance.

3. There was discussion regarding information contained in a National Association of Counties (NACo) newsletter regarding the issue of payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) being directed by the County or State.

Chairman Norris stated his support for the amicus brief being filed on behalf of Lawrence County, South Dakota, against the Lead-Deadwood School District.

The Board instructed Bob Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, to check into the possibility of sending a resolution or letter to NACo, which would then list Skagit County on NACo's brief in support of Counties directing PILT funds rather than the State.

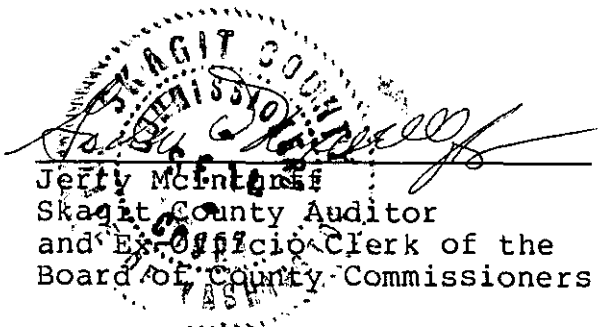
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Rohrer 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 McIntosh
Skagit County Auditor
and Ex-officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners

Jerry Mansfield, Commissioner


Dave Rohrer, Commissioner