

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, June 4, 1984

9:00 a.m. Community Services - JoAnn Angevine, Coordinator:

1. Contract Amendment - Mental Health.
2. Contract Amendment - Developmental Disabilities.
3. Call for Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

10:00 a.m. Review of Skagit County Court Commissioner System - Harry Follman, Superior Court Judge.

11:00 a.m. Executive Session - Litigation and Personnel.

2:00 p.m. Discussion - Fireworks Permit Process - Tom Oakes, Skagit County Fire Marshal; Fred Moore, Big Lake Fire Chief.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2:30 p.m. Proclamation - Search and Rescue Volunteer Recognition Week, June 1, 1984, through June 7, 1984 - Tom Sheahan, Director, Emergency Services.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 4, 1984. Commissioners Norris, Mansfield and Rohrer were present.

COMMUNITY SERVICES - JoAnn Angevine, Coordinator:

1. Contract Amendment - Mental Health.

JoAnn Angevine explained that this amendment would add federal grant funds of \$75,000 for the next 13 months effective June 1, 1984, to be used for mental health programs for the Swinomish and Upper Skagit Indian Tribes through the Minority Outreach Program.

Following a discussion regarding accountability and liability, Ms. Angevine explained that should the Board decide not to sign the contract amendment, the funds could be granted directly to Skagit Counseling & Psychiatric Services without going through the County.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to refrain from signing the contract amendment for these funds because of lack of knowledge of what would take place, lack of control of funds, and a concern with liability. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Contract Amendment - Developmental Disabilities.

JoAnn Angevine explained that this contract amendment in the amount of \$29,516 from Department of Social and Health Services would provide additional funding to SPARC and Chinook Enterprises. The Chinook Enterprises funding would provide employment support services.

The Board approved this contract amendment for signature.

3. Call for Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget.

JoAnn Angevine presented for the Board's approval a resolution instructing the Auditor to issue a Call for Public Hearing authorizing a supplemental budget.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution instructing the Auditor to issue a Call for Public Hearing for the purpose of determining whether a resolution shall be adopted authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$25,000 for the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Fund to provide for the General Assistance - Unemployable (GAU) - Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Service. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10094)

The public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m., June 18, 1984.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

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

1. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings of Tuesday, May 29, 1984. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. The Board reviewed the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund:
  - a. Rudy Clark, Rockport, Washington 98283, in the amount of \$260.73 because of senior citizen exemption. (Petition #844802)
  - b. Washington Mutual Savings Bank, P.O. Box 834, Seattle, Washington 98111, in the amount of \$256.28, because the property tax had already been paid at the time of sale to another owner.
  - c. Wilderdest, P.O. Box 329, Burlington, Washington 98233, in the amount of \$59.90, because there was a double assessment of account. (#844723)
  - d. Grace Kjos, P.O. Box 432, La Conner, Washington 98257, in the amount of \$174.85, because of senior citizen exemption. (#4844)

- e. Harley G. Walden, 353 Butler Creek Road, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$152.17, because of senior citizen exemption.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve the above listed Petitions for Property Tax Refund, as recommended by the Assessor and Treasurer. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. The Board reviewed a resolution supporting Lawrence County, South Dakota, in its appeal concerning the purposes and objectives of the PILT (payments-in-lieu-of-taxes) Act.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution which states that Skagit County wishes to be listed on the Amicus Brief in support of Lawrence County. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10087)

REVIEW OF SKAGIT COUNTY COURT COMMISSIONER SYSTEM - Harry Follman, Superior Court Judge.

Judge Harry Follman reported that the hiring of Gil Mullen as a Court Commissioner has been of great help to the system. He presented a typical calendar of Mr. Mullen's duties, explaining that Mr. Mullen handles routine administrative duties such as dissolutions, adoptions, and juvenile court. Judge Follman stated that they decided that Mr. Mullen's salary should be handled on the same basis as salaries of District Court judges. Since District Court judges receive \$54,000 per year, and Mr. Mullen works 1/2 time as a Court Commissioner, they felt he should receive \$27,000 per year. He is presently receiving approximately \$20,000 per year. Judge Follman stated that they feel the addition of Mr. Mullen is setting back the need for a third Superior Court judge from three to five years.

Judge Follman stated that Mr. Mullen utilizes a part-time clerk to operate their electronic transcription machine, as well as a person out of the Clerk's Office who handles the necessary paperwork. Although the clerk was formerly a part-time bailiff, they are asking for additional money to make her position full-time to allow her to also work 1/2 time in the Clerk's Office.

Judge Follman additionally requested that the salary of Carol Perusek, Director of Court Services, be increased approximately \$5,000 per year. He explained that she handles budgetary items, and jury scheduling, as well as many other administrative duties. The Board had also received a letter from David Yamashita, President of the Bar Association, which described Ms. Perusek's responsibilities and duties.

Judge Follman summarized Skagit County Superior Court's requests as follows:

Upgrade and add employee	\$17,078
Salary adjustment budget needs	10,794
<u>Total Adjustment</u>	<u>\$27,872</u>

Chairman Norris questioned the feasibility of the Superior Court using electronic transcription units in place of court reporters. Judge Follman responded that electronic transcription units might be implemented when three Superior Court judges become necessary.

Chairman Norris stated that he would like to observe the Court Commissioner at work prior to making his decision on the requests.

Bill Nielsen, representing the Bar Association, stated that he has been amazed at how well the Court Commissioner system is working. He stated that this system is serving his clients exceptionally well, because they don't have to pay him to sit and wait to see a judge.

Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, County Clerk, stated that if a third judge were hired, even more staff time would be spent from her office. She stated that the present system of Judge Follman, Judge Deierlein, and Court Commissioner Mullen, is working best to serve the people.

The Board thanked everyone for coming, and will visit the courtroom before making a decision on the requests presented.

DISCUSSION - FIREWORKS PERMIT PROCESS - Tom Oakes, Skagit County Fire Marshal; Fred Moore, Big Lake Fire Chief.

Fred Moore, Big Lake Fire Chief was present to discuss permit procedures for fireworks displays. He stated that in his opinion the County permit process was repetitive of the State permit process. He requested that the application form be simplified, instructions be included, and the permit be available through the mail. He also requested that the County Fire Marshal be authorized to give approval of permits, rather than the Board.

The Board concurred that they did not want to relinquish the review of applications for permit. The Board agreed that the form was fairly self-explanatory and as simplified as possible.

Mr. Moore felt the neighborhood fire departments should be authorized to sign the permit, as it wasn't always possible for him to get to the County during business hours. Chairman Norris responded that the Prosecutor has stated that the County Fire Marshal is authorized to sign these permits.

As Mr. Moore was also concerned with the time it takes to obtain State and County permits, Chairman Norris asked Tom Oakes to accommodate Mr. Moore as best he could to make the permit process convenient.

PROCLAMATION - SEARCH AND RESCUE VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK, JUNE 1, 1984, THROUGH JUNE 7, 1984 - Tom Sheahan, Director, Emergency Services.

Sheriff John Boynton stated that the week of June 1, through June 7, 1984, has been proclaimed Search and Rescue Volunteer Week in Washington State. He presented for the Board's review a resolution proclaiming the week of June 4, through June 10, 1984, as Search and Rescue Volunteer Week in Skagit County.

Gary Frazier, Undersheriff, reported on the accomplishments of the Explorer Search and Rescue (ESAR) volunteers. The Board instructed Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, to write a letter to Tim Davis, President of ESAR; and have plaques prepared for ESAR and Bill Jones, who was formerly very involved with ESAR.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution proclaiming the week of June 4, through June 10, 1984, as Search and Rescue Volunteer Week in Skagit County. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10088)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS


Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #34875 through #34900 in the amount of \$73,219.76. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (R-21)

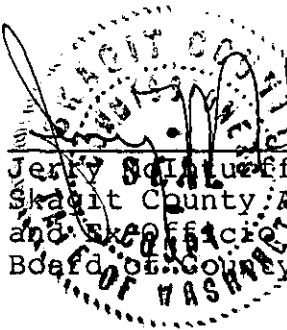
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON


ATTEST:

  
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Jerry Mansfield  
Skagit County Auditor  
and Executive Clerk of the  
Board of County Commissioners



  
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Bud Norris, Chairman

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Jerry Mansfield, Commissioner

  
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Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

AMENDMENT

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Monday, June 4, 1984

Regarding: REVIEW OF SKAGIT COUNTY COURT COMMISSIONER SYSTEM -  
Harry Follman, Superior Court Judge.

Paragraph 6, Page 3, should read as follows:

Judge Follman stated that Mr. Mullen utilizes a part-time recorder operator to operate the electronic recorder, as well as a person out of the Clerk's office who handles the necessary paperwork. Although the recorder operator was formerly a part-time bailiff, they are asking for additional money to make her position full-time to allow her to also work 1/2 time in the Court office.

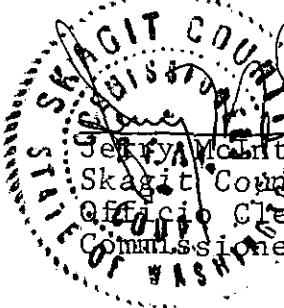
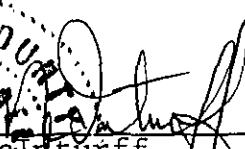
Paragraph 2, Page 4, should read as follows:

Chairman Norris questioned the feasibility of the Superior Court using electronic recording units in place of court reporters. Judge Follman responded that electronic recording units might be implemented when three Skagit County judges become necessary.

Date: July 3, 1984

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

The seal of Skagit County, Washington, is circular with the text "SKAGIT COUNTY WASHINGTON" around the perimeter. In the center, it says "SEAL OF SKAGIT COUNTY WASHINGTON".  
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jerry Monturff".  
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Jerry Monturff  
Skagit County Auditor and Ex-  
Officio Clerk of the Board of  
Commissioners

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Bud Norris, Chairman

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Jerry Mansfield, Commissioner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Dave Rohrer".  
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Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

cc: Superior Ct  
clerk