

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, June 25, 1984

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Introduction of Bruce McCormick, summer student.
2. Call for Public Hearing - Readvertise for Revised Skagit County On-Site Sewage Code.
3. Update on septage handling practices in Skagit County (continued from June 11, 1984 meeting).
4. Discussion of EDB problems in Skagit County groundwater.

10:00 a.m. Discussion - Purchase requests for new copy machines.

10:30 a.m. Discussion - Establishment of a Billing and Handling Fee Schedule for services provided by the Cleric's Office - Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, County Clerk.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

11:00 a.m. Discussion - Colony Mountain Drive - Gene Sampley, Director of Public Works Department.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1:30 p.m. Planning Commission Referred Items:

1. Rezone Request #R-84-010 of William Finkbeiner.
2. Rezone Request #R-84-011 of Anthony Senff and Dean Harrington.

2:00 p.m. Presentation of Public Service Awards:

1. Bill Jones - Skagit County Explorer Search and Rescue.
2. Skagit County Explorer Search and Rescue.

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

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 25, 1984. Commissioners Norris, Mansfield and Rohrer were present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. Introduction of Bruce McCormick, summer student.

Ken Willis introduced Bruce McCormick, a student from the University of Washington, who will be working with EDB follow-up investigations, as well as other areas of environmental health.

2. Call for Public Hearing - Readvertise for Revised Skagit County On-Site Sewage Code.

Bob Schofield, Director of the Planning Department, stated that the Prosecuting Attorney requested that this item, as well as all future continued items, be readvertised.

Chairman Norris asked that all hearing notices be approved by the Prosecuting Attorney before advertising.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to reschedule the continued public hearing for discussion of the Revised Skagit County On-Site Sewage Code for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, July 16, 1984. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Update on septage handling practices in Skagit County (continued from June 11, 1984 meeting).

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist 11, stated that Burlington will be contracting with Poole Engineering to look at the issue of handling septage at the City's treatment plant, and Sedro Woolley may be studied at the same time. Mount Vernon will evaluate the possibility of accepting septage in their comprehensive sewer study, while Concrete has concluded that their system is at capacity now. Mr. Willis also reported that early this month a private contractor pumped down Butler Lagoon, improving the situation considerably, although additional improvements are scheduled.

4. Discussion of EDB problems in Skagit County groundwater.

Ken Willis reported that in early June an additional five EDB samples were taken from public wells, four of which served two houses and the other served Cedar Grove near Concrete. The preliminary results look very favorable. He reported that most of the properties with EDB contaminated wells have public water available, which is fortunate. He stated that the Department of Social and Health Services has arranged for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to accept another round of samples soon.

Jones Atterberry, a Public Utility District Commissioner, stated that their watershed is controlled and inspected by EPA.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adjourn the Board of Health. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Record of the Proceedings
Skagit County Board of Commissioners
Monday, June 25, 1984
Page 3

DISCUSSION - PURCHASE REQUESTS FOR NEW COPY MACHINES.

Chairman Norris stated that Duane Kline, former Budget & Finance Director, had recommended that the five new copy machines be obtained through a joint purchase.

Tom Moser and Boots Wagoner, from the Prosecutor's Office; Jerry McInturff, Auditor; and Dr. J. K. Neils, of the Health Department, were present for the discussion. It was noted that the Treasurer's Office and District Courts are also requesting new copy machines, although no representatives from those departments were present.

Jerry McInturff, Auditor, suggested that representatives from the five interested departments meet to investigate several different brands of copy machines. The three departments present were all particularly interested in the Minolta brand.

Dr. Neils, of the Health Department, pointed out research showing that the maintenance costs on their present copier would pay for a new machine in 3.2 years.

Representatives from the five departments will meet for further discussion.

DISCUSSION - ESTABLISHMENT OF A BILLING AND HANDLING FEE SCHEDULE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CLERK'S OFFICE - Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, County Clerk.

Phyllis Coole-McKeehen stated that in her office there are several areas where staff time could be charged for services provided, namely the preparation and mailing of invoices, and the packaging and mailing of returned exhibits. Primarily these fees would be charged to attorneys in civil cases. She stated that at the present time there is no provision for charging fees for these items.

The Board concurred that they would like to review this matter further and discuss it with the Prosecuting Attorney.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. The Board approved for signature a letter responding to Ms. Jeanne Story's request to receive a refund of her 1981 Building Permit fee in the amount of \$224.15, because she claimed no sewerage disposal was provided for the entire division of Shelter Bay in which her house is located. The Planning Department researched the situation, and found that all houses in Shelter Bay, including Ms. Story's house, are connected to the Shelter Bay System. The letter stated this, and declined to refund the Building Permit fee.

2. The Board approved for signature a followup letter to the Department of the Interior requesting that the department investigate and resolve some of the problems which are believed to result from the formation of a reservation for the Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe in Skagit County.
3. Following a discussion of the County Timber Tax Ordinance, as outlined in a correspondence item from the Department of Revenue, the Board instructed Mr. Taylor to review this item with the Prosecuting Attorney. The Timber Tax Ordinance must be in effect on or before October 1, 1984, and prior to this date, a contract with the Department of Revenue must be finalized.
4. The Board reviewed a memo from Undersheriff Gary Frazier regarding the out-of-state travel request of Sgt. David Willard to attend a Northwest Polygraph Association meeting in Kalispell, Montana. Sgt. Willard would be traveling by automobile, and would be away from June 24, until June 30, 1984. The Board requested more information on this travel request before granting permission.
5. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, June 18, and Tuesday, June 19, 1984. Commissioner Mansfield seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
6. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve a Petition for Property Tax Refund for Ticor Title, 2221 Riverside Drive, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$17.95, as approved by the Assessor and Treasurer. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (#844998)
7. The Board approved for signature the DSHS amendment to the Developmental Disabilities Contract, as recommended by JoAnn Angevine, Coordinator of Community Services.
8. The Board scheduled the review of Skagit County Development Corporation's Special Use Permit SP-84-002 request for a gravel extraction project, for 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 3, 1984.

DISCUSSION - COLONY MOUNTAIN DRIVE - Gene Sampley, Director of Public Works Department.

Gene Sampley stated that members of the Colony Mountain Estates Property Owners Association were present to discuss conditions of establishment that were set previously for Colony Mountain Drive. He stated that the major concern was the bridge at Colony Creek. Other improvements would include drainage and road improvements. Mr. Sampley stated that the property was developed in 1973, and the road was asphalted in preparation for establishment. Only minor improvements remained at that time before the County would accept the road.

Bob Schofield, Director of the Planning Department, stated that this development pre-dated the 5-acre ordinance.

Tony Berry, a resident of Colony Mountain Estates, stated that a growing number of children are living on that road, and school bus service is not provided because it is a private road. The bridge which crosses Colony Creek is also too narrow for two cars to pass.

Gene Sampley stated that the County built the bridge in 1971 after some culverts washed out.

Tony Berry stated that the Property Owners Association doesn't have near enough funds to complete the improvements. He stated that they are asking for the County's assistance. They have volunteers and have located a culvert. The estimated expense for the culvert purchase and installation is \$15,000. Mr. Berry stated that they are asking that the County establish the road before the next school year starts.

Bill Nevares, 337 Colony Mountain, stated that there are 87 lots in the development, 21 families presently residing there, and 31 school aged children. There are also approximately three additional parties interested in building.

Commissioner Mansfield stated that there are a number of roads similar to this in the County. He stated that anytime a development is approved, it should be up to County standard.

Chairman Norris asked if the road was built to County standard by the developer. Gene Sampley stated that there were only a few improvements needed at the time the road was built.

Tony Berry stated that the County built the bridge after several culverts washed out and took the creek across the road. He pointed out that there is an unused County right-of-way in the vicinity of that road.

Robin LaRue, of the Public Works Department, stated that drainage was one problem that needed improving before the County would have accepted the road in the early 1970s.

Gene Sampley pointed out that the road is in good condition because the residents have been taking care of it.

Chairman Norris pointed out that the County built the bridge as a measure of defense, and now the bridge has been declared inadequate in width.

The Board requested that this item be scheduled on the agenda as a proposal with estimates. The residents of the area will petition for a Call for Public Hearing to reconsider the conditions of establishment previously set.

Roger Miller stated that the property in Colony Mountain Estates is very desirable property with an increasing population and need for bus service,

In response to a question, Gene Sampley stated that they could proceed with the Fisheries Permit, since the deadline is September 15.

The Board thanked all for attending the discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. The Board reviewed a letter from Frank Ryan, of the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies, with regard to the notification procedure used for their recent hearings.
2. The Board reviewed a letter from Judge Harry Follman of Superior Court, in which he requested an amendment to the Record of Proceedings of Monday, June 4, 1984. The Board requested this be accomplished.

Commissioners Norris and Rohrer were present for the following. Commissioner Mansfield was absent.

PLANNING COMMISSION REFERRED ITEMS :

1. Rezone Request #R-84-010 of William Finkbeiner.

Otto Walberg, Assistant Director of the Planning Department, stated that Mr. Finkbeiner requested that approximately 21.5 acres near La Conner be rezoned from Rural (5 acre) to Residential Reserve (1 acre). The Planning Commission recommended approval of Rural Intermediate (2 1/2 acre) zoning, rather than Residential Reserve (1 acre) zoning, since waterfront and view properties enhance residential use.

Chairman Norris asked if wastewater treatment was discussed. Mr. Walberg stated that wastewater treatment will be considered in the subdivision process.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution approving the reclassification of approximately 21.5 acres owned by William Finkbeiner from Rural zoning to Rural Intermediate zoning, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10109)

2. Rezone Request #R-84-011 of Anthony Senff and Dean Harrington.

Otto Walberg, Assistant Director of the Planning Department, reported that this request was to reclassify approximately 4.5 acres south of the intersection of Cleveland and Blackburn Roads in Mount Vernon, from Agriculture to Commercial/Limited Industrial. The Planning Commission recommended denial of this request on the basis that the uses permitted by Commercial/Limited Industrial zoning would be an infringement on adjacent agricultural **uses**.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to deny the Rezone Request #R-84-011 of Dean Harrington and Anthony Senff, as recommended by the Planning Commission. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10110)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Taylor, Commissioners' Assistant, presented a letter from the Governor's Advisory Council on Food Assistance, requesting Skagit County's participation in collecting food at the fair. The Board instructed Mr. Taylor to prepare a letter to the Fair Board requesting cooperation with this task.

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS:

1. Bill Jones - Skagit County Explorer Search and Rescue.

The Board presented Bill Jones with a Public Service Award, for his dedicated service to the Skagit County Explorer Search and Rescue Program.

2. Skagit County Explorer Search and Rescue.

The Board presented representatives of the Skagit County Explorer Search and Rescue Program with a Public Service Award to express appreciation for their work.

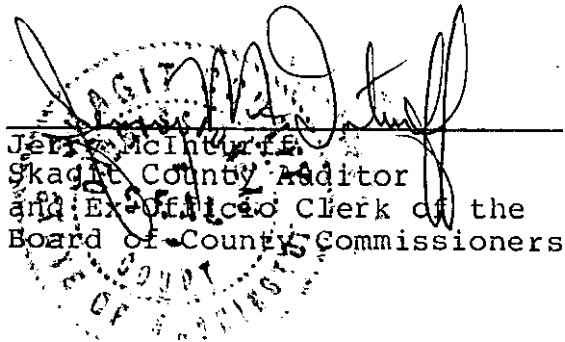
ADJOURNMENT

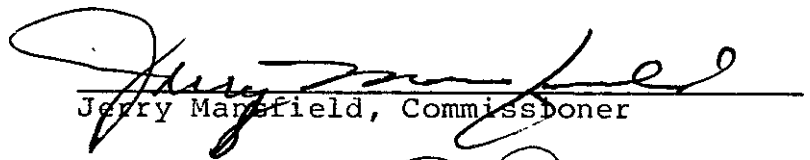
Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST :


Bud Norris, Chairman


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


Jerry Mansfield, Commissioner


Dave Rohrer, Commissioner