

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, August 13, 1984

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. EDB Groundwater Survey Report.
2. Discussion of Expanded Class 4 Public Water Supply Program.
3. Update on Septage Handling Practices in Skagit County.
4. Discussion - Placement of "Proprietary Notice" on Sewage Disposal System Designs.

- 10:30 a.m.
1. Discussion and Consideration of Approval of a County Timber Tax Ordinance as authorized under Chapter 204, Laws of 1984.
 2. Discussion and Authorization of Payment of 1984-85 County Insurance Premium.
 3. Proclamation - Skagit County YMCA Week - August 26 through August 31, 1984.
 4. Discussion and Authorization of Purchase of Copy Machines.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

11:30 a.m. Executive Session - Litigation.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, August 13, 1984, with Commissioners Norris and Rohrer present. Commissioner Mansfield was absent.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. EDB Groundwater Survey Report.

Bruce McCormick, of the Health Department, updated the Board on the EDB groundwater survey. He stated that they have now identified all areas to which EDB was applied in recent years, and are now evaluating four areas, namely Cockreham Road, Pinelli Road on Highway 20, Pulver and East Gilkey Roads, and Ovenell Road. He stated that DSHS is paying for the testing of these sites.

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II, gave a report on the background of EDB.

2. Discussion of Expanded Class 4 Public Water Supply Program.

Bob Schofield, Director of the Planning Department, explained that presently the State doesn't have enough time to approve and monitor Class

4 water systems in a timely fashion. He suggested that the responsibility for Class 4 water systems (systems serving 2 to 9 services) be designated to the Health Officer. He proposed that a fee be imposed on new short plats to cover at least the initial monitoring of these systems.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, stated that the Health Department presently monitors systems to a certain extent.

The Board requested several weeks to consider the impact this added responsibility would have.

3. Update on Septage Handling Practices in Skagit County.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, updated the Board on the septage handling practices in Skagit County. The Board suggested that Skagit County encourage pumpers to utilize La Conner's treatment plant, since they have agreed to accept septage on a trial basis.

4. Discussion - Placement of "Proprietary Notice" on Sewage Disposal System Designs.

Steve Wood, of the Permit Center, initiated discussion on a "Proprietary Notice" which one septic system designer is placing on his septic system designs, stating that information on the design may not be disclosed to others for any purpose without the written permission of the designer. Mr. Wood stated that John Moffat, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, wrote a letter to the designer early this year, informing him that any documents received by Skagit County were public records and were available to the public. Mr. Moffat's consensus was that Skagit County could not restrict the designer from placing such a statement on his designs.

The Board asked that the Permit Center look into possibly placing a disclaimer on these documents to show Skagit County is not endorsing such a statement.

Mike Mitchell, a septic system designer in Skagit County, was present.

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

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF A COUNTY TIMBER TAX ORDINANCE AS AUTHORIZED UNDER CHAPTER 204, LAWS OF 1984.

Bob Taylor, Administrative Officer, informed the Board that in checking with the Washington State Association of Counties, he found that Skagit County would have to contract with the Department of Revenue for

collection of the timber tax. He stated that the proposed ordinance and contract have been approved by the Prosecuting Attorney.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the ordinance imposing an excise tax upon persons engaging in business as harvesters of timber, as provided in Chapter 204, Laws of 1984, and authorizing the County to enter into a contract with the Department of Revenue. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10161)

DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION OF PAYMENT OF 1984-85 COUNTY INSURANCE PREMIUM.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the payment of the 1984-85 County insurance premium in the amount of \$191,826.13. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

PROCLAMATION - SKAGIT COUNTY YMCA WEEK - AUGUST 26 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1984.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution proclaiming the week of August 26 through August 31, 1984, to be YMCA Week in Skagit County. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10162)

DISCUSSION AND AUTHORIZATION OF PURCHASE OF COPY MACHINES.

Jerry McInturff, Auditor, was present to inform the Board that the five departments interviewing copy machine distributors unanimously chose the Minolta brand copier.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to enter into an agreement with Associated Business Machines for the purchase of five copy machines. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following miscellaneous items were addressed:

1. Jerry McInturff, Auditor, requested the Board approve of increasing the Auditor's bond from \$10,000 to \$50,000, as a result of last week's decision to allow the Auditor to sign payroll warrants prior to the Board's approval of these warrants. The Board approved of this request and asked that the Board's bond be reviewed.
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, August 7, 1984. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

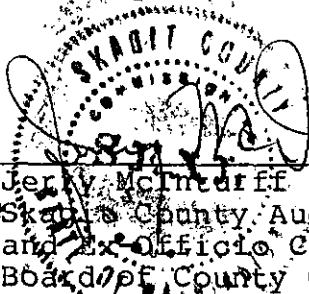

3. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund from Land Title Company of Skagit County, P.O. Drawer 1225, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$86.10, because the paid taxes were applied to the wrong account. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
4. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #56953 through #56991 in the amount of \$7,615.00. Chairman Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (P/R 15)


ADJOURNMENT

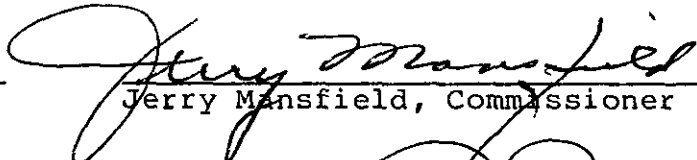
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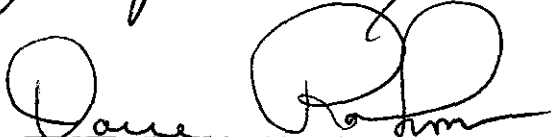
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:



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


Bud Norris, Chairman


Jerry Mansfield, Commissioner


Dave Rohrer, Commissioner