

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, December 3, 1984

- 8:30 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel.
- 9:00 a.m. 1. Signature - Adoption of 1985 Annual Road Program.
2. Resolutions - Budget Line Item Changes:
- a. Prosecuting Attorney
 - b. Superior Court
 - c. Assessor
 - d. Clerk
 - e. Parks, Recreation and Senior Services
 - f. Revenue Sharing
 - g. Mental Health
 - h. Auditor
 - i. Auditor, Elections Division
3. Resolutions - Call for Public Hearings - Supplemental Budgets:
- a. County Road Fund
 - b. Equipment Rental Fund
 - c. Sedro Woolley Sub-Flood Control Zone Fund
 - d. Hansen Creek Sub-Flood Control Zone Fund
 - e. Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Fund
4. Resolution - Certification of 1985 Skagit County Property Tax Levies to the Skagit County Assessor.
5. Miscellaneous Items.
- 10:00 a.m. 1. Public Hearing - Proposed 1985 Federal Revenue Sharing Budget for Skagit County.
2. Public Hearing - Proposed 1985 Budget for Skagit County.
- 11:00 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel.
- 1:30 p.m. 1. Public Hearing - Proposed Amendments to Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, Chapter 15.20, Skagit County Code.
2. Planning Commission Referred Items:
- a. Timber Open Space Taxation Application #29-85 of Melvin Nilson.
 - b. Modification Request of Michael Youngquist of Rezone #R-78-001.
 - c. Amendment to Skagit County Code, Section 14.04.240(16).

d. Amendment to Skagit County Code, Section
14.04.221(7).

3. Miscellaneous Items.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 3, 1984, with Commissioners Norris and Mansfield present. Chairman Rohrer was absent.

1. SIGNATURE - ADOPTION OF 1985 ANNUAL ROAD PROGRAM.

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, pointed out several recent additions to the 1985 Annual Road Program. He stated that increased revenues from Federal and State Forest moneys are available as cash on hand funds for use in the program. He requested the Board's approval in adding one mid-level engineering position to the department to do office engineering and some inspecting to help complete the projects in the program.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the 1985 Annual Road Program as presented. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10270)

2. RESOLUTIONS - BUDGET LINE ITEM CHANGES:

a. Prosecuting Attorney

This resolution transferred \$1,250 from Rentals to Equipment for the acquisition of office equipment necessary for the Prosecutor's Office. (Resolution #10271)

b. Superior Court

This resolution transferred \$4,000 from Jury Fees to Office Supplies and Equipment for the Court to purchase necessary supplies and equipment. (Resolution #10272)

c. Assessor

This resolution transferred \$4,000 from Postage to Equipment for the acquisition of a variety of office equipment items for the Assessor's Office. (Resolution #10273)

d. Clerk

This resolution transferred \$2,860 from various accounts to various other accounts in order to continue the efficient operation of the County Clerk's Office. (Resolution #10274)

e. Parks, Recreation and Senior Services

This resolution transferred \$10,226 from various accounts to various other accounts in order to modify appropriations for a variety of fixed expenditures within the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department. (Resolution #10275)

f. Revenue Sharing

This resolution transferred \$10,000 in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds from Blade Building Repairs to Third Floor Heat Pumps in order to complete the heating revision project. (Resolution #10276)

g. Mental Health

This resolution transferred \$5,250 from Unanticipated Grants to various accounts for the proper administration of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities contracts. (Resolution #10277)

h. Auditor

This resolution transferred \$9,644 from various accounts to various other accounts in order to continue the efficient operation of the Auditor's Office. (Resolution #10278)

i. Auditor, Elections Division

This resolution transferred \$11,050 from Election Boards and Professional Services to various accounts in order to continue the efficient operation of the Elections Division of the Auditor's Office. (Resolution #10279)

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the above listed resolutions, specifically Resolutions #10271 through #10279. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

3. RESOLUTIONS - CALL FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS - SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS:

a. County Road Fund

This resolution called for a public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 17, 1984, to determine whether a resolution shall be adopted authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$300,000 for the County Road Fund to pay for costs in connection with reimbursable operations, financial administration charges and extraordinary operations expenditures. (Resolution #10280)

b. Equipment Rental Fund

This resolution called for a public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 17, 1984, to determine whether a resolution shall be

adopted authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$200,000 for the Equipment Rental Fund to pay for costs in connection with fixed asset purchases and equipment rental services. (Resolution #10281)

c. Sedro Woolley Sub-Flood Control Zone Fund

This resolution called for a public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 17, 1984, to determine whether a resolution shall be adopted authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$13,000 for the Sedro Woolley Sub-Flood Control Zone Fund to partially repay a loan from the County Road Fund for construction purposes. (Resolution #10282)

d. Hansen Creek Sub-Flood Control Zone Fund

This resolution called for a public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 17, 1984, to determine whether a resolution shall be adopted authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$25,000 for the Hansen Creek Sub-Flood Control Zone Fund to pay for costs in connection with reimbursable work provided by the Skagit County Road Fund. (Resolution #10283)

e. Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Fund

This resolution called for a public hearing to be held at 9:00 a.m., Monday, December 17, 1984, to determine whether a resolution shall be adopted authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$1,295 for the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Fund to pay for costs in connection with the Respite Care Project. (Resolution #10284)

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the above listed resolutions, specifically Resolutions #10280 through #10284. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

4. RESOLUTION - CERTIFICATION OF 1985 SKAGIT COUNTY PROPERTY TAX LEVIES TO THE SKAGIT COUNTY ASSESSOR.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution certifying the 1985 property tax levies for Skagit County to the Skagit County Assessor. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10285)

5. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, presented the following miscellaneous items:

a. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution designating the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners an employee

of the Commissioners' Office. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10286)

- b. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution delineating the legal holidays for 1985. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10287)
- c. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, November 19, 1984. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
- d. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, November 20, 1984. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
- e. The Board reviewed the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund:
 - (1) Conhor H. V. Hunt, Tasady Farms Sharp Road RR3, Ganges, B.C., Canada VOS 1E0, in the amount of \$4.85, because of manifest error. (Petition #845660)
 - (2) S. A. Rolph and C. E. Peterson, 2401 S. 148th Street, Seattle, Washington 98168, in the amount of \$56.45, because of Board of Tax Appeals Docket 25933. (Petition #845742)
 - (3) Martha A. Waddle, 630 Streeter Place, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$227.45, because the taxes will be paid by the mortgage company.
 - (4) John E. Pederson, for the Estate of Bertha I. Pederson, 1672 Pederson Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$56.45, because of Board of Tax Appeals Docket #25933. (Petition #845742)
 - (5) Marberta A. Storie, 1404 N.W. Richmond Beach Road #8, Seattle, Washington 98177, in the amount of \$38.02, because the land had a double assessment. (Petition #845754)

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

- f. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to deny the Petition for Property Tax Refund requested by Shoreline Savings, P.O. Box 25788, Seattle, Washington 98125, as recommended by the Assessor and Treasurer. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

- g. Commissioner Norris approved for signature the appointment of Glenn Leroy Backstrom as a Deputy Sheriff.
- h. Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve Warrants #3412 through #3802 in the amount of \$501,483.07. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (P-13)

1. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 1985 FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING BUDGET FOR SKAGIT COUNTY.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, read the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Valley Herald on November 23, 1984.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget & Finance Director, stated that he had just been informed that the Public Works Department wished to carry over into 1985 two projects from 1984, specifically: (1) Debris removal for flood control purposes, \$10,000; and (2) Relocation of County gas pumps, \$4,000. He stated that the Revenue Sharing Budget totaled \$1,415,000.

Chairman Norris pointed out that an additional \$50,000 in County funds was being made available on a matching funds basis to the diking districts for a total of \$100,000 from the County.

Paul Mahoney, Assessor, was concerned that \$15,000 would not be adequate to purchase all of the necessary data processing equipment. Mike Woodmansee explained that there was additional money available for purchasing equipment in the Data Processing Fund.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed central purchasing and personnel studies.

Jerry McInturff, Auditor, expressed opposition to the central purchasing study because he felt it would impact his accounting department tremendously by forcing a system change under statute. He felt the County had personnel who could evaluate the proposal as well or better than a hired consultant. Mike Woodmansee explained that the proposed study would identify alternatives.

Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, County Clerk, suggested a study be conducted on the impact a central purchasing department would have on local businesses. Commissioner Mansfield felt that topic was not pertinent at this time.

Ruth Wylie, Treasurer, stated that the Treasurer's and Assessor's Offices presently purchase their forms through Snohomish County at a reduced rate. She also expressed opposition to the personnel study.

John Boynton, Sheriff, also objected to the purchasing study.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

In response to a question from Commissioner Mansfield, Mike Woodmansee stated that four proposals have been received for the central purchasing study, however a consultant has not yet been selected.

Commissioner Norris felt the personnel and central purchasing studies should be included in the budget at this time. If the new Board wanted to change it, they could.

Paul Mahoney said he felt central purchasing would only cost the County more. Commissioner Norris pointed out that the Board is not in the habit of wasting money, so if the study showed the new department would not be feasible, then it would not be pursued.

Commissioner Elect Bill Vaux and Commissioner Elect Otto Walberg were present, but had no comment at this time.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the 1985 Federal Revenue Sharing Budget as proposed, with the understanding that the budget could be amended at a future date if necessary. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Commissioner Norris stated that the City of Sedro Woolley has asked Skagit County to contribute an additional \$21,000 to help complete their Senior Citizen Center. Commissioner Norris stated that he was in favor of the expenditure.

Commissioner Mansfield stated that he was also in favor, but felt the two incoming Commissioners should be consulted prior to action on the matter. This item will be discussed further next week.

2. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED 1985 BUDGET FOR SKAGIT COUNTY.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, read the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Valley Herald on November 23, and November 30, 1984.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget & Finance Director, pointed out several recent changes to the preliminary budget, specifically: (1) \$85,000 increase in the County Roads Budget because of Federal Road Improvement moneys now available; (2) \$120,541 increase because the DWI Impact Grant was inadvertently left out; and (3) The appropriation for the Clerk of the Board was moved from the Auditor's to the Commissioners' Office. The 1985 budget totaled \$27,320,002.

John Boynton, Sheriff, asked that the Board reconsider his request for four additional people for his department. Commissioner Mansfield suggested that the new Board meet with Sheriff Boynton to discuss his department's needs.

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, pointed out that the significant costs regarding solid waste have not yet been identified because the solid waste study is not complete yet.

Paul Mahoney asked if particular projects were identified under Land Facility Acquisition and Improvement. The Board informed him that these matters would be discussed in private if he was interested, but not yet in public.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Commissioner Norris pointed out that several large projects, such as the Campbell and Erie Lake projects, new Sheriff's facility, and microfilming of the Clerk's records, contributed to the 8.5 percent increase over 1984's budget. He listed many accomplishments of the County departments and staff over the years, and expressed his appreciation to the elected officials and department heads for their cooperation and service to the taxpayers.

Commissioner Mansfield also expressed his appreciation for cooperation received.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution adopting the 1985 budget as presented. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10288)

1. PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 15.20, SKAGIT COUNTY CODE.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, read the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Valley Herald on November 23, and November 30, 1984.

In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution establishing a public hearing for proposed amendments to the Skagit County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, Chapter 15.20 of the Skagit County Code. (Resolution #10289)

Steve Wood, of the Permit Center, presented copies of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as it now exists, as well as the proposed amendments required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Ecology (DOE) for Skagit County to enter into the regular insurance program.

Mr. Wood stated that they have been working with FEMA, Mount Vernon, Burlington, Skagit/Island Builders Association, one realtor, as well as DOE. DOE appears satisfied with the proposed amendments. Mr. Wood delineated the proposed amendments individually.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to modify the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance, Skagit County Code Chapter 15.20, as proposed. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

2. PLANNING COMMISSION REFERRED ITEMS:

a. Timber Open Space Taxation Application #29-85 of Melvin Nilson.

Bob Schofield, Director of the Planning Department, explained that this parcel was generally located behind Big Rock and was zoned Rural. The Planning Commission recommended approval subject to the usual conditions of open space.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution approving Timber Open Space Taxation Request #29-85 of Melvin Nilson. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10290)

b. Modification Request of Michael Youngquist of Rezone #R-78-001.

This item will be discussed following the next two items.

c. Amendment to Skagit County Code, Section 14.04.240(16).

Bob Schofield explained that this amendment was at the request of the Prosecuting Attorney, and relates to the appeal process of the Hearing Examiner. He stated that this amendment was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution approving the amendment of Skagit County Code, Section 14.04.240(16) relating to the appeal process of the Hearing Examiner. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10291)

d. Amendment to Skagit County Code, Section 14.04.221(7).

Bob Schofield stated that this amendment was also being presented at the request of the Prosecuting Attorney, and it related to appeals

from the decision of the Board of Adjustment. This amendment was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to approve the amendment to Skagit County Code, Section 14.04.221(7) as presented. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10297)

b. Modification Request of Michael Youngquist of Rezone #R-78-001.

Bob Schofield stated that the applicant wishes to sell the house located on this property, which is against the conditions of approval granted to his rezone several years ago. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the modification request, as they saw no adverse impacts the segregation would have on the remaining property.

Commissioner Mansfield motioned to adopt the resolution approving the modification request of Michael Youngquist of Rezone #R-78-001. Commissioner Norris seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10292)

3. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Board approved for signature the annual Coastal Zone Management Grant Contract with the Washington State Department of Ecology for this year's project, which is Gages Slough.


ADJOURNMENT

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


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Dave Rohrer, Chairman



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



Bud Norris, Commissioner



Jerry Mansfield, Commissioner

