

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, January 28, 1985

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9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Variance Request of Olaf Gildnes to allow a reduced setback between a proposed sewage disposal system and two bodies of salt water (Swinomish Channel and a boat basin) in Lot 4, Tract D, Plat of Skagit Beach No. 2.
2. Overview of Skagit County Health Department Environmental Health Section Program.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

10:00 a.m. Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department - Jon Aarstad, Director:

1. Review of Department Offices.
2. Review of Sharpe Park.
3. Legislative Issues Relating to Parks and Recreation.
4. Miscellaneous Items.

11:00 a.m. Consideration of Appeal of Hearing Examiner's Decision to Deny Special Use Request #SP-84-033 of Draper Valley Farms.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, January 28, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. Variance Request of Olaf Gildnes to allow a reduced setback between a proposed sewage disposal system and two bodies of salt water (Swinomish Channel and a boat basin) in Lot 4, Tract D, Plat of Skagit Beach No. 2.

Tom Karsh, Environmental Health Specialist III, explained that when the Plat of Skagit Beach No. 2 was approved by the County in 1966, the minimum separation requirement between a subsurface soil absorption system and surface water was 75 feet. However, in 1976, the setback requirement was increased to 100 feet. He explained that the Swinomish Channel is not fresh water, which might be used for drinking or bathing, so the risk was not so great. He also noted that the neighbor to the north has agreed to an easement for a replacement system, should that ever become necessary. The Permit Center and Dr. Neils recommended approval of this waiver request.

Olaf Gildnes and Charles Smyth, septic system designer, were present.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the waiver request by Olaf Gildnes to reduce the separation requirement between the edge of a subsurface soil absorption system and surface water on Lot 4, Tract D, Plat of Skagit Beach No. 2. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Overview of Skagit County Health Department Environmental Health Section Programs.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, explained the seven programs of the Environmental Health Section:

- a. Water, which includes private water supplies and public water supplies;
- b. Solid Waste, which includes solid waste licensees and complaints;
- c. Liquid Waste;
- d. Vector, which includes communicable disease and nuisance vectors;
- e. Food Protection, which includes retail food establishments, temporary food service, paralytic shellfish poisoning (PSP) and consumer inquiries;
- f. Chemical and Physical Hazards; and
- g. Living Environment.

The Board thanked John Thayer and Dr. J. K. Neils for their report.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, presented the following items:

1. The Board reviewed the following Petitions for Property Tax Refund:
  - a. Dale and Marlene Klein, 2448 Helmick Road, Sedro Woolley, Washington 98284, in the amount of \$75.05, because they paid Fire District #8 tax when they were not in the district.
  - b. Susie Loop, 1552 Penn Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$292.48, because of senior citizen exemption. (#5974)

Commissioner Walberg 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.

2. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution authorizing the Auditor to issue a Call for Public Hearing for Special Use Request #SP-84-026 of Concrete

Nor'West to construct an asphalt plant. (Resolution #10356) The public hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 5, 1985.

3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the resolution renewing the Dance Hall License for Skagit Valley Grange No. 620. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10357)
4. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, January 21, 1985. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, January 22, 1985. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

PARKS, RECREATION AND SENIOR SERVICES DEPARTMENT - Jon Aarstad, Director:

1. Review of Department Offices.

Jon Aarstad presented the Board with copies of the proposed floorplan of the Moen Building, located at 315 Montgomery in Mount Vernon. He explained where various Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department offices would be located in the building. The anticipated entry date for the Moen Building is March 1, 1985.

Discussion followed regarding the future use of the old Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department building.

2. Review of Sharpe Park.

Jon Aarstad provided Assessor's Maps of the area for the Board's information. He read the deed from Mrs. Sharpe to the County, including all restrictions on the property's use.

Discussion followed regarding options available for providing vehicular access into Mr. Decker's landlocked property in the same area.

3. Legislative Issues Relating to Parks and Recreation.

Jon Aarstad informed the Board of the following legislative issues:

- a. Senator Frank J. Warnke is proposing that 10 percent of the lottery revenues be used for acquisition, development, and renovation of State and local parks. However, this proposal excludes the use of these funds in smaller counties and cities. Mr. Aarstad noted that the previous Board of Commissioners expressed opposition to this proposal because of the exclusion.

- b. The Department of Revenue is proposing to extend sales and B & O taxes to include fees received by the County for recreational programs, etc. This would increase the fees charged for such programs.
- c. There is presently a proposal to fund recreational projects which would be utilized by trailers and campers with the excise tax received from recreational trailers and campers. Skagit County received approximately \$9,900 last year from this tax.
- d. Also proposed is a state-wide bond issue which would be an extension of Referendums 11, 18 and 28. Citizens would indicate whether they wanted to have an issue that would allow them to develop local and state facilities.

Jon Aarstad will keep the Board informed on these issues.

4. Miscellaneous Items.

The following miscellaneous Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department items were addressed:

- a. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services with the Mount Vernon High School Cheerleaders for services consisting of instruction for the County-sponsored Cheerleader Camp. This contract shall be in effect January 12, through February 16, 1985, and compensation shall be 90 percent of program proceeds after Department expenses.
- b. The Board discussed making application to the Washington Parks and Recreation Commission for Boater Safety Grants available for promoting boater safety education and boater safety patrolling.

CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF HEARING EXAMINER'S DECISION TO DENY SPECIAL USE REQUEST #SP-84-033 OF DRAPER VALLEY FARMS.

Steve Wood, of the Permit Center, read the findings of fact and conclusions of the Hearing Examiner, as well as the appeal of the Hearing Examiner's decision filed by Draper Valley Farms.

Earl Angevine, attorney for Draper Valley Farms, gave a brief history of Draper Valley Farms' search for a parcel on which to locate a 40- by 80-foot building for maintenance and storage of farm equipment. He pointed out that in the meantime the Zoning Ordinance was amended to state that an accessory use building must be maintained on the same property as the primary use building. He explained that the proposed building is being located away from Draper Valley Farms' other facilities to isolate poultry-related diseases. Therefore, he stated that this was an agricultural use of the property, rather than commercial/light industrial. He questioned the need for a Special Use Permit at all,

since this was an agricultural use in an Agricultural zone. Mr. Angevine requested that the Board hold their own public hearing at which they could hear all of the evidence supporting the approval of the Special Use Request.

Mr. Calhoun, of Draper Valley, was present.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to schedule a public hearing before the Board for further consideration.

Joseph Soler, President of the South Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of the Hearing Examiner's decision denying the Special Use Request.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Walberg, Steve Wood stated that final approval of a septic system would be necessary prior to issuance of a building permit.

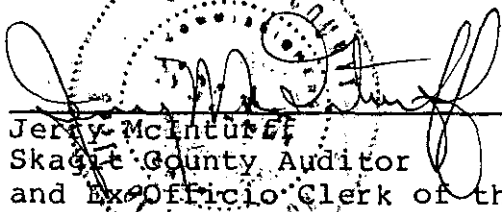
Commissioner Walberg seconded Commissioner Rohrer's motion to schedule a public hearing before the Board of Commissioners on Monday, February 11, 1985, at 1:30 p.m. The motion was carried unanimously.

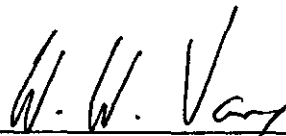
ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

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

  
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W. W. Vaux, Chairman

  
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Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner

  
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Dave Rohrer, Commissioner