

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 12, 1985

8:30 a.m. Work Session - Road Supervisors - Public Works Department.

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Public Hearing - Winter Road Restrictions Ordinance.
2. Proclamation - "Traffic Safety Awareness Week."
3. Signature - Turnback Agreement - Hamilton Cemetery Road.
4. Signature - Final Records - Little Mountain Road.
5. Signature - Authorization to Acquire Right-of-Way - Minkler Road.
6. Establishment - C.R.P. - Havekost and Marine Drive Guardrail.
7. Construction Status Report.
8. Discussion - Skagit County Flood Control Committee.
9. Miscellaneous Items.

10:30 a.m. Proclamation - "Red Cross Month," March 1985.

11:00 a.m. Review of Local Government Technical Assistance - Skagit County Action Plan - Peter Skowlund, Washington State Energy Office.

11:30 a.m. Work Session - Microfilming Project.

2:00 p.m. Public Hearing - Appeal of Assessor's Determination on Taxpayer's Claim for Reduction of Assessment on Destroyed Real or Personal Property.

3:30 p.m. Executive Session - Land Acquisition.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

Item #8, discussion of the Skagit County Flood Control Committee, was addressed at this time.

8. Discussion - Skagit County Flood Control Committee.

Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, presented an overview of the Skagit County Flood Control Committee activities since 1980, and presented the Board with information concerning the purpose and function of the

Committee over this period of time. He recommended that the Committee be reestablished by resolution with those Committee members wishing to serve another four-year term on the Committee reappointed.

Jess Knutzen, Bill White and Richard Smith, members of the Committee, were present. Jess Knutzen, Chairman of the Committee, recommended that the Board reappoint those members wishing to continue to serve, and appoint several new members to fill vacancies on the Committee. He agreed that the Samish River should also be included in the projects.

Bill White emphasized the importance of the continuance of the Skagit County Flood Control Committee.

Richard Smith stated that the districts received money from the state for improvements in the 1950s. He expressed his appreciation to the Board for the help Skagit County has provided.

Chairman Vaux suggested the Committee provide recommendations for filling the vacancies on the Committee. The Committee members present concurred with this suggestion.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to reestablish the Skagit County Flood Control Committee, incorporating Dike District #25 and appointing 12 members of the Committee. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

1. Public Hearing - Winter Road Restrictions Ordinance.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board, read the Notice of Public Hearing, as published in the Skagit Valley Herald on March 1, and March 8, 1985.

Gene Sampley, Director, reviewed the Engineer's Report with the Board and stated that the intent of the proposed ordinance is to coincide Skagit County's load restrictions with Washington State Department of Transportation's load restrictions.

Charlie Tewalt stated that this revision is needed to facilitate enforcement of the ordinance.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to close the public hearing. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the ordinance amending Sections 11.20.010 and 11.20.050 of the Skagit County Code pertaining to load restrictions. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10396)

2. Proclamation - "Traffic Safety Awareness Week."

John Rumsey, Traffic Safety Engineer, presented the Board with a proposed Proclamation for "Traffic Safety Awareness Week" in Skagit County.

Chairman Vaux read the Proclamation which designates the week of March 17 through 23, 1985, as "Traffic Safety Awareness Week" in Skagit County.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to proclaim the week of March 17 through 23, 1985, as "Traffic Safety Awareness Week" in Skagit County. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10397)

3. Signature Turnback Agreement - Hamilton Cemetery Road.

The Board approved for signature a Turnback Agreement for the Hamilton Cemetery Road, as recommended by the Public Works Department.

4. Signature - Final Records - Little Mountain Road.

The Board approved for signature the final records for the Little Mountain Road project.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution appropriating the final cost to this project in the total amount of \$209,525.01. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10398)

5. Signature - Authorization to Acquire Right-of-Way - Minkler Road.

The Board approved for signature a Review Appraiser's Certification for right-of-way from six parcels on the Minkler Road totaling 1.07 acres and a cost of \$4,410.

6. Establishment - C.R.P. Havekost and Marine Drive Guardrail.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution establishing a C.R.P. (County Road Project) for the installation of guardrail at the intersection of Marine Drive and Havekost Road for an estimated cost of \$26,500. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10399)

7. Construction Status Report.

This item was addressed Monday, March 11, 1985, during the Road Program Work Session.

8. Discussion - Skagit County Flood Control Committee.

This item was addressed earlier.

9. Miscellaneous Items.

The following miscellaneous Public Works Department items were addressed:

- a. Mr. Sampley presented the Board with copies of a letter from the Snohomish County Office of the Fire Marshal requesting Skagit County's support of receiving state funds for fire marshals' activities. The Board requested that Tom Sheahan obtain any information available concerning legislation which may have been developed concerning this matter so they could make appropriate contacts in support of the legislation.
- b. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to authorize the Auditor to issue a Call for Bid for one new latest model 24-passenger small bus, as recommended by JoAnn Angevine, Community Services Coordinator. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10400) Bids will be received and publicly opened on Tuesday, April 16, 1985, at 9:00 a.m.
- c. Mr. Sampley advised the Board that a campaign for a county-wide clean-up was being considered sometime in April. The Board requested that the county-wide cleanup be coordinated with the traditional spring clean-up days at Concrete and Fidalgo Island.
- d. A discussion was held regarding the Inman Landfill excavation contractor's request for the sale of 50,000 cubic yards of sand to Associated Sand and Gravel. Chairman Vaux stated that he would prefer to wait to sell any sand until adequate information was obtained concerning the total volume of material required for operation of the Inman Landfill. Commissioners Walberg and Rohrer and Mr. Sampley concurred.

PROCLAMATION - "RED CROSS MONTH" - MARCH 1985.

Buddy Davis, of the Skagit Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross, was present for the proclamation.

Commissioner Walberg read the proclamation and motioned to proclaim the month of March 1985 "Red Cross Month" in Skagit County. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10401)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Bill Stiles III was present to inform the Board that his land use proposal was not addressed at Monday night's Planning Commission meeting due to the lack of a quorum present. He requested that the Board hear the proposal without going through the Planning Commission to speed up the process.

The Board informed Mr. Stiles that they could not bypass the Planning Commission, but would see if a special Planning Commission meeting might be scheduled to address the item. Commissioner Vaux requested a memo from Bob Schofield, Director of the Planning Department, listing those members who have had poor attendance at the Planning Commission meetings. He apologized to Mr. Stiles for the Planning Commission's failure to address his proposal.

REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - SKAGIT COUNTY ACTION PLAN - Peter Skowlund, Washington State Energy Office.

Dave Hough, of the Planning Department, introduced Peter Skowlund, of the Washington State Energy Office. Mr. Skowlund explained the assistance being offered to Skagit County, including the following:

1. Energy efficient building codes.
2. Development and adoption of a County solar access protection ordinance, which would provide protection for those that invest in passive and/or active solar systems.
3. Promotion and incorporation of energy saving operation and maintenance procedures in Skagit County's buildings.

Dave Hough explained the computer system available to builders and homeowners for evaluating insulation and other energy efficiency procedures.

Mr. Skowlund stated that the current trend is to implement economical solar methods.

Jerry Kaufman, of Puget Power, was also present and agreed with the benefits of the County's program. He explained Puget Power's senior assistance program, which provides assistance in making senior's homes energy efficient.

The Board thanked Mr. Skowlund and Mr. Kaufman for their participation in the discussion.

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

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Phillip N. Bunney, 720 Vernon Street, Burlington, Washington 98233, in the amount of \$114.00, because of senior citizen exemption. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by the Treasurer and Assessor. The motion was carried unanimously. (#850285)
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #37284 through #37335 in the amount of \$70,257.84. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (R-7)
3. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #58330 through #58365 in the amount of \$6,940. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (P/R-5)
4. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution approving the application of Concrete Nor'West for Special Use Permit #SP-84-026 for the operation of an asphalt batch plant. The Board was informed that John Moffat, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, wished to call attention to Condition #7 regarding the hours of operation and the ability to enforce this condition.

PUBLIC HEARING - APPEAL OF ASSESSOR'S DETERMINATION ON TAXPAYER'S CLAIM FOR REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT ON DESTROYED REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II, reported that he is just completing the mapping portion of the survey of properties in the contaminated area. He expects to be able to take additional samples for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lab testing soon.

Chairman Vaux stated that he felt properties without wells should be valued as agricultural or forest land, rather than residential.

Larry Welsh, 791 Pinelli Road, Sedro Woolley, stated that he owns three parcels: two parcels have not been found to be contaminated, and one has not been tested.

Bob Lee, Chief Deputy Assessor, called the Board's attention to the Taxpayer's Claim for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property (#621) for George Theodoratus, 3593 Highway 20, Concrete. Mr. Lee stated that the assessed value was reduced on the building by 90 percent, and the land value was reduced to that of undeveloped land.

Mr. Theodoratus questioned the value of the remaining property (acreage), which is now valued at \$4,000 per acre. He felt the property should be assessed as forestry.

The general consensus of those present was that properties should be valued as either agricultural or forestry, depending on the situation.

Mr. Theodoratus stated that he has not yet obtained a cost estimate for installation of a community water system, as he does not yet know the number of users.

Commissioner Walberg expressed the opinion that the Board wants to be fair and decrease the value of all properties in the contaminated area as soon as boundaries of the area are determined.

Mr. Lee recommended that Taxpayer's Claim #621 be set aside until the boundaries of the contaminated area are determined. The Board concurred.

Mr. Willis stated that soil samples would determine if the EDB chemical is caught in the soil structure. He hopes to receive funding from a state agency for these soil samples. He also stated that if laboratory services are available in the future, he hopes to continue monitoring the contaminated wells.

Mr. Theodoratus felt most people would be ultimately satisfied with a community water system funded by a grant or the insurance companies, because this would eliminate the problem. He expressed his appreciation of Ken Willis' work and the Board's cooperation.

Mr. Lee pointed out that Taxpayer's Claims #627 (Earle M. Smith, 3564 Highway 20, Concrete) and #628 (Ernest S. Johnson, 3597 Highway 20, Concrete) have additional property also, so these should be considered similarly to the Taxpayer's Claim of George Theodoratus. Therefore, the Board also put Taxpayer's Claims #627 and #628 aside until the completion of the boundary survey.

Megan Cheney, Clerk of the Board, read a letter from Mack Johnson requesting the Board value his property and his daughters' properties at pasture land rather than building sites.

Mr. Willis informed the Board that he expected the boundary survey to be completed in approximately 90 days.

Norm Rathvon asked if everyone in the contaminated area would receive reduced valuations. The Board stated that everyone would be treated equally, regardless of whether or not they filed Taxpayer's Claims with the Assessor's Office.

Jack Leslie, 719 Warner, Sedro Woolley, asked whether or not he should continue working on the house he is building in the contaminated area. The Board advised him to wait until his well could be tested.

Norm Rathvon stated that he is also building a house.

Bob Rathvon stated that he hadn't received a tax statement for his property, so he hadn't filed a Taxpayer's Claim with the Assessor's Office. The Board informed him that if his property was found to be in the contaminated area, he would receive equitable reduction of his value.

Chairman Vaux instructed Mr. Willis to test the wells of Jack Leslie, Norm Rathvon and Bob Rathvon, just as soon as possible.

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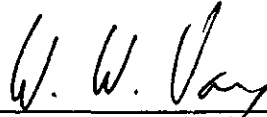
Robert Taylor, Administrative Officer, presented the following miscellaneous items:

1. The Board approved for signature the Agreement by and between Skagit County Commissioners, the Sheriff of Skagit County, and Local #788, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, effective January 1, 1985, and terminating December 31, 1987.
2. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services between the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department and Randy Sophusson for services as a basketball referee. This contract is effective March 9, 1985, through December 31, 1985, and compensation shall be at the rate of \$10 per junior high game, and \$12 per slowbreak and over 30s game.
3. The Board approved for signature Amendment #1 to the Northwest Regional Council Contract #85-3170-23 for the Skagit Nutrition Project. The amendment modifies the budget by a \$2,473 increase for the capital equipment purchase of a commercial freezer to be used by the Home Delivered Meal Program.

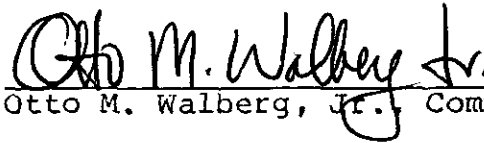
ADJOURNMENT

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

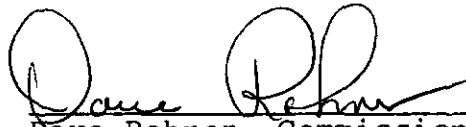
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W. W. Vaux, Chairman

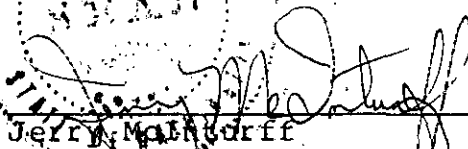



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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