

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, April 2, 1985

Flag Salute

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

1. Signature - Plans for Green Road.
2. Signature - Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County.
3. Final Cost - Bayview House.
4. Resolution - Waive Bids for Courthouse Improvement.
5. Miscellaneous Items.

9:30 a.m. Department of Emergency Management - Tom Sheahan, Director:

1. Earthquake Awareness Week Proclamation.
2. Discussion - Hazardous Materials.
3. Discussion - Emergency Action Plans for Seattle City Light and Puget Power.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Noon Recognition - YMCA Citizenship Day.

- 1:30 p.m.
1. Discussion - Financing of Improvements at Inman Landfill.
 2. Consideration of Agreement to Retain Bond Financial Advisor.
 3. Consideration of Resolution to Retain Bond Counsel.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 2, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Signature - Plans for Green Road.

The Board approved for signature the plans for the North Green Road relocation in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Fisheries.

2. Signature - Interlocal Agreement with Snohomish County.

The Board approved for signature a new interlocal agreement with Snohomish County, which provides for certain minor street projects in Skagit County to be performed by Snohomish County. The new interlocal

agreement is a result of modifications requested by the Prosecuting Attorney.

3. Final Cost - Bayview House.

The Board approved for signature the Final Cost Record for the disposal of the Bayview house. The final cost, which included short plat and septic modifications, totaled \$5,718.04.

4. Resolution - Waive Bids for Courthouse Improvement.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution waiving the bidding requirements for approximately 140 lineal feet of draperies for the annex complex. The estimated cost is \$5,000. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10423)

5. Miscellaneous Items.

The following miscellaneous Public Works Department items were addressed:

- a. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution designating Sunday, April 28, 1985, as "Skagit County Clean-Up Day." Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10424)

The Sauk, Gibraltar and Inman Landfills will be open on April 28, 1985, for free disposal of general litter, household and lawn and garden waste. Commercial haulers, however, shall not be allowed to dispose of waste free of charge.

The Board was also advised that the Concrete School District will be allowed to dump free of charge for a special clean-up day project in the Concrete area on Thursday, April 25.

- b. Gene Sampley reviewed with the Board the status of the right-of-way acquisition on the Minkler Road project west of Sims Road. He explained that the Public Works Department had informed area residents that the roadway widening was mandatory according to County standards.

The Board felt that the Department's response to the residents was appropriate, and will await further update on that project.

- c. Gene Sampley informed the Board that excavation has begun on the addition to Inman Landfill.

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - Tom Sheahan, Director:

1. Earthquake Awareness Week Proclamation.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution proclaiming the week of April 7 through April 13, 1985, as "Earthquake Awareness Week" in Skagit County. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10425)

2. Discussion - Hazardous Materials.

Tom Sheahan presented the Board with a list of hazardous material incidents in the area and accompanying photos. He stated that Skagit County Department of Emergency Management is the "Incident Command Agency" (coordinating agency) in Skagit County. In a hazardous material incident, the Department of Emergency Services is in charge of the following:

1. Identifying the chemical or product.
2. Containing and controlling the chemical or product.
3. Authorizing the cleanup of the chemical or product.

Mr. Sheahan informed the Board that he will be meeting with the Fire Chief's Association regarding possibly training firemen for use with hazardous material incidents. He also informed the Board that he is presently on the Governor's Advisory Commission for Hazardous Materials. He emphasized that these hazardous materials are necessary to everyday living. The Board will be kept informed on this matter.

3. Discussion - Emergency Action Plans for Seattle City Light and Puget Power.

Tom Sheahan recommended that the Board sign a letter stating that they had reviewed the Emergency Action Plans for Seattle City Light, although the County feels they have not adequately addressed all the necessary items in accordance with the guidelines for these plans. Mr. Sheahan presented the Board with an additional letter to Seattle City Light outlining the concerns in this area.

Mr. Sheahan noted that the County has already acknowledged review of Puget Power's Emergency Action Plan.

It was the consensus of the Board that the letter acknowledging the County's review of the plans should include a reference to the concerns expressed. Mr. Sheahan will revise the letter and present it to the Board for their signatures.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following miscellaneous items were addressed:

1. The Board approved for signature a contract with Entranco Engineers for the restoration of Lake Campbell and Lake Erie.
 2. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution awarding the bid for County legal printing for 1985-86 to The Skagit Argus. The resolution also directed the County Auditor to prepare a contract to be executed by the County and The Skagit Argus. (Resolution #10426)
1. Discussion - Financing of Improvements at Inman Landfill.
 2. Consideration of Agreement to Retain Bond Financial Advisor.
 3. Consideration of Resolution to Retain Bond Counsel.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, explained that the Inman Landfill expansion project was expected to cost approximately \$1 million. The expanded landfill is estimated to serve the County for approximately five years, although this estimate could vary depending upon the future of the incineration proposal.

Mr. Woodmansee explained that limited tax general obligation bonds are less risky than other bonds, and therefore would have a lower interest rate. As of this meeting, the County had not yet received a proposal from Preston, Thorgrimson, Ellis & Holman, an interested bond counsel.

Chairman Vaux pointed out that the County is assured of receiving at least \$203,500 in grant money for the project and will have a more accurate financial assessment of the situation by May 15, 1985. He felt that the decision of whether or not to finance the project with bonds would depend on the total cost of the project to the County.

Ruth Wylie, County Treasurer, stated that the financial advisor should not be allowed to bid on the bonds. She informed the Board that the County presently earns between 7.75 and 8.5 percent interest on cash on hand.

Jerry McInturff, County Auditor, concurred with Ms. Wylie that a financial advisor should be just that.

Bob Linrothe, of H. Jackson Shirley, an investment bankers firm, stated that he would agree with the Treasurer and Auditor if this were a complicated matter; however, he felt this project was not complicated enough to warrant concern in this regard.

Discussion followed regarding the Navy's incineration proposal, which is on hold at the present time.

Mr. Woodmansee stated that the County is nearing the time when bills will have to be paid for the excavation work, and it would be helpful to have a bond counsel retained at that time to draft the project resolution and advise. It would also be helpful to retain the financial advisor at this time, and Mr. Woodmansee outlined the fees which would be involved. He stated that he concurred with the Treasurer and Auditor that a financial advisor should be separate from the investment banking function. Mr. Woodmansee stated that he had a contract in hand for retaining the firm of Yeasting and Associates as the financial advisor, if the Board wished to enter into the contract at this time.

Bob Linrothe stated that the firm of H. Jackson Shirley would be interested in the underwriting of the bonds when that time comes. He pointed out that their firm tries to sell the bonds locally as much as possible.

The Board continued this discussion until 10:00 a.m., Monday, April 8, 1985.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following miscellaneous items were addressed:

1. The Board approved for signature the grant from the Department of Ecology for funding in the amount of \$203,500 for the Inman Landfill expansion project, as recommended by Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department.
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #37437 through #37466 in the amount of \$28,903.49. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (R-10)
3. Mike Woodmansee explained that Skagit Council of Governments (SCOG) had responded to the Board's request for additional information regarding the increase in dues. He read a letter from Ian Munce, Secretary of SCOG, in which it was explained how their dues relates to their projects. Out of a total current budget of \$122,500, Mr. Woodmansee explained that \$100,000 is funded by government grants, with the remaining \$22,500 paid by member dues. He explained that dues in 1983 and 1984 were cut approximately in half due to staffing reductions.

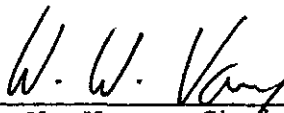
Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a transfer of budget appropriation in the amount of \$4,523 to provide for the payment of 1985 SCOG dues. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10427)

ADJOURNMENT


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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:




W. W. Vaux, Chairman



Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner



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