

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, April 30, 1985

Flag Salute

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

1. Public Hearing - Unopened Section of Frederickson Road.
2. Discussion - Geological Survey Request.
3. Presentation - Priority Array.
4. Preliminary Submittal - Six-Year Road Program.
5. Discussion - Operations Division Reorganization.
6. Miscellaneous items.

10:30 a.m. Discussion - Logging Practices on County Forest Lands - Jim Merritt.

11:00 a.m. Work Session - Microfilming County Records.

- 1:30 p.m.
1. Bid Opening - Utility Trailer.
 2. Proclamation - Older Americans Month.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, April 30, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Public Hearing - Unopened Section of Frederickson Road.

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 April 12 and April 19, 1985.

John Rumsey, Traffic Safety Engineer, stated that the Public Works Department recommended approval of the request, subject to the following conditions:

1. That the unimproved segment be improved to the single access "driveway" standard.
2. That permission to utilize the intervening segment is granted on the basis that there is no maintenance obligation on the part of the County.
3. That a drainage plan be submitted to Don Nelson for review.

Mr. Leo Hayes, who requested the right-of-way be opened, was present to explain he only wants to be able to get into his property.

Gene Sampley explained what would be involved in preparing a drainage plan.

Dorwin Smith, 771 Frederickson Road, Sedro Woolley, felt water was running onto his property as a result of backhoe work performed by Mr. Hayes.

Mr. Hayes stated that he didn't even know how to operate a backhoe, and the ditching work was believed to have been done by someone else.

With that information, Mr. Smith stated he had no objections to opening the right-of-way, as requested by Mr. Hayes.

Wes Holmes expressed concern that Union Square Road and Frederickson Road might some day be connected. He was against this, due to the through traffic it would cause.

Mr. Sampley stated that there would be approximately 1/4 mile of unopened right-of-way remaining between Union Square Road and Frederickson Road, following the opening of the portion requested by Mr. Hayes.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the request by Leo Hayes to open a portion of unopened right-of-way on Frederickson Road, subject to the three conditions previously stated. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

2. Discussion - Geological Survey Request.

Dan Shabeldeen, of Petty-Ray Geophysical, was present to discuss a seismographic exploration study utilizing the Francis, South Skagit, Old Day Creek, Rockport-Cascade and Cascade River Roads.

Gene Sampley reviewed with the Board a memo from Mike Loyd, of the Public Works Department, regarding the project, including the recommendation for a \$250,000 bond based on the 92 miles of road.

Mr. Shabeldeen explained that they were only going to use 50 miles of road for testing. He explained the method that would be used to collect data which would eventually be used by universities to map the area 20 to 30 miles into the earth.

Mr. Sampley suggested Mr. Shabeldeen contact Betsy Dwire, Shorelines Administrator in the Planning Department, regarding the work to be done along the rivers.

The Board approved the request, subject to the conditions recommended by the Public Works Department, including: (1) a bond for possible damage to be incurred to the roads as a result of the testing; and (2) coordination with personnel of the Public Works Department regarding specific road areas which might be especially susceptible to damage.

Mr. Sampley indicated the bond would be reduced to approximately half of the originally requested \$250,000 due to the testing to be done on only 50 miles of road instead of 92 miles.

Chairman Vaux suggested Mr. Shabeldeen contact Skagit Valley College to inform interested students of the project.

The Board also concurred with Mr. Sampley that media coverage be emphasized on this project in order that the public be fully informed as to the activity.

3. Presentation - Priority Array.

John Rumsey, Traffic Safety Engineer, presented the 1985 Priority Array update to the Board and explained the philosophy of the array. Discussion regarding specific roads followed.

4. Preliminary Submittal - Six-Year Road Program.

Gene Sampley presented the Board with copies of the preliminary Six-Year Road Program. Discussion followed regarding the preparation of this program. Mr. Sampley reviewed the roads on the Priority Array that were on the Six-Year Road Program, and explained that some of the problems which make a project high on the Priority Array can be dealt with through major maintenance or spot improvements and would not necessarily fall on the Six-Year Program.

The Board was informed that the purpose of this discussion was to present and update, and further work sessions will be scheduled at a later date.

5. Discussion - Operations Division Reorganization.

Gene Sampley requested approval of the reorganization of the Operations Division by reverting back to three road districts, rather than four. He explained that this reorganization will result in an annual cost savings of approximately \$40,000. The reorganization will be phased beginning May 5, with full implementation by June 1, 1985.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the proposed Operations Division reorganization, with equal road mileage in each district. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

6. Miscellaneous items.

There were no miscellaneous Public Works Department items at this time.

DISCUSSION - LOGGING PRACTICES ON COUNTY FOREST LANDS - Jim Merritt.

Jim Merritt presented the Board with comments on several proposed DNR timber sales in Skagit County. He explained that his background was greatly involved with timber management activities in his career with the U.S. Forest Service. He explained concerns he had with three proposed timber sales in particular: Frugal Suiattle (43 acres), Cascade (90 acres), and Cascade Aerial (150 acres).

With regard to the Frugal Suiattle sale, Mr. Merritt felt the timber should be logged in two stages because the land on either side of this proposed sale is logged and the soil is unstable. Mr. Merritt suggested more timber should be left along Irene Creek in the proposed Cascade sale. He also felt the leave strip in the Cascade Aerial sale could not be maintained as the sale was designed.

Marcy Golde, Co-chairman of the Washington Environmental Council Forest Practices Committee, questioned whether clearcutting would be allowed in 30 percent of the area along the shoreline, or if 30 percent of the trees would be selectively logged.

She suggested the lands be rented to state parks for no money. She read R.C.W. 79.08.1062, and explained that the County could rent the shoreline portion to the state parks as an alternative to clearcutting.

Ms. Golde noted two resources: timber and recreation. She urged the Board to consider all options available.

Jim Merritt pointed out that timber left standing is money in the bank.

The Board thanked Mr. Merritt and Ms. Golde for their presentation.

BID OPENING - UTILITY TRAILER.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board, read the Notice of Call for Bids, as published in the Skagit Valley Herald on April 19 and April 26, 1985.

The following bids were received:

1. Smiley's, Inc.
P.O. Box 737
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
 - a. Manufacturer: Smiley's, Inc.
Model: 14' flat deck low profile equipment trailer
Bid Bond enclosed.
Total Bid: \$4,879.20

- b. Manufacturer: Smiley's, Inc.
Model: 16' flat deck low profile equipment trailer
Bid Bond enclosed.
Total Bid: \$5,093.20
2. Cle-Mar Manufacturing, Inc.
817 N. 4th
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Manufacturer: Cle-Mar Manufacturing, Inc.
Model: #2AFBC
Bid Bond enclosed.
Total Bid: \$3,842.00
3. Millbrook Equipment Co.
1712 Hickox Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
 - a. Manufacturer: Trail King Industries
Model: TK-10 14' long deck
Bid Bond enclosed.
Total Bid: \$3,765.33
 - b. Manufacturer: Trail King Industries
Model: TK-10 16' long deck
Bid Bond enclosed.
Total Bid: \$4,199.75

Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department, will review the bids and make a recommendation to the Board at a later date.

PROCLAMATION - OLDER AMERICANS MONTH.

Chairman Vaux read the proposed resolution to proclaim the month of May Older Americans Month in Skagit County.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution proclaiming the month of May, 1985, Older Americans Month in Skagit County. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10466)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Board addressed the following miscellaneous items:

1. Jon Aarstad, Director of the Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department, invited the Board to attend the RSVP luncheon on May 2, at the VFW Hall.

2. Jon Aarstad informed the Board that a letter signed by the Board was sent to the Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) to express the County's intent to submit an application for park acquisition and development grant funds.
3. The Board approved for signature an amendment to the Skagit Playfields project contract extending the completion date until December 31, 1985.
4. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a transfer of budget appropriation in the amount of \$2,700 to provide for a part-time employee to perform janitorial duties at the Mount Vernon Senior Center, rather than awarding a professional services contract. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10467)
5. Chairman Vaux motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a transfer of budget appropriation in the amount of \$93 to provide for payment of the remaining bills for the multi-purpose facility. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10468)
6. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution authorizing the Auditor to issue a Call for Public Hearing for the purpose of determining whether Skagit County should adopt an ordinance declaring Skagit County a Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. (Resolution #10469)

The public hearing is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 15, 1985, in Hearing Rooms B and C of the Skagit County Administration Building.

7. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Alice Oosterhof, 1759 Skyridge, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$23.53, because the parcel was left on the tax rolls after a plat in 1980. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (Petition #850208)
8. The Board approved for signature the Skagit County Medical Bureau Group Health Care Service Contract for Skagit County Employees, effective for one year commencing January 1, 1985.
9. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #1149 through #1538 in the amount of \$515,287.39. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (P-4)
10. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #37613 through #37647 in the amount of \$175,089.71. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (R-14)
11. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #58529 through #58659 in the amount of \$198,210.96. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (P/R 8)

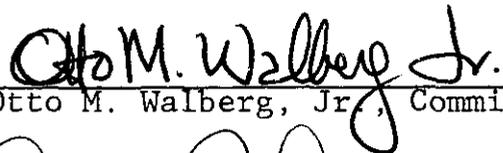
ADJOURNMENT

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

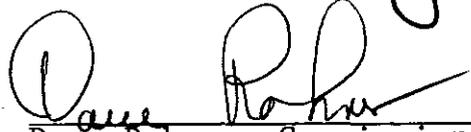
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W. W. Vaux, Chairman

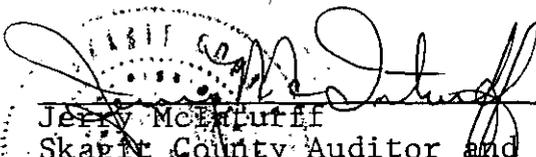


Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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

