

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, May 21, 1985

Flag Salute

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

1. Discussion - Solid Waste with Cities.
2. Discussion - Surplus Trailer.
3. Resolution - Appointment/Solid Waste Citizens' Advisory Committee.
4. Call for Public Hearing - Lease of House to Youth Encouragement Services.
5. Call for Public Hearing - Lease of House to Rape Relief and Battered Women's Services.
6. Miscellaneous items.

10:00 a.m. Work Session - Six-Year Road Program.

11:00 a.m. Executive Session - Litigation.

FIDALGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
GIBRALTER ROAD, ANACORTES, WASHINGTON

7:30 p.m. Discussion - Erie and Campbell Lake Restoration Project.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Discussion - Solid Waste with Cities.

Mayor Ray Reep of Mount Vernon, Mayor Ray Henery and City Supervisor Stan Kersey of Burlington, and Mayor Jim Rice of Anacortes, as well as other staff representatives were present for this discussion. Chairman Vaux commenced the discussion by indicating that the position of the County would be to develop a publicly owned, rather than privately owned, solid waste incineration facility. There were no negative comments to this position.

Gene Sampley explained that the County has been awarded grants to update the Solid Waste Management Plan and to assist with the expansion of the Inman Landfill. He explained that the public hearing process on the Inman Landfill expansion will begin in the near future, and there seems to be some opposition to the long-term effects of the expansion. He added that the County is also seeking funding for the Butler Lagoon and Sauk and Gibraltar Landfills. The State's first alternative to disposal of solid waste is incineration, while landfilling is at the end of the list of alternatives.

Mr. Sampley introduced Bob Bingham, of R. W. Beck and Associates, and Bill Frederick, of Energy Resource Recovery, Inc., the firm operating an incineration facility at this time.

Mr. Sampley reviewed briefly what had transpired since 1983 in the County's pursuit of solid waste incineration. He explained that proposals were received in August, 1983, with no resulting action on the part of the County. In reviewing a "decision tree" which would result in a project, he noted the need to decide whether or not Skagit County should pursue a joint project with the Navy and Island County.

Chairman Vaux stated that he felt joining with the Navy and Island County is no longer an alternative. Mayor Reep, Mayor Henery and Mayor Rice concurred.

Mr. Sampley presented two alternatives requested of R. W. Beck and Associates as a result of the consultant's visit to Skagit County the previous week to review the potential for incineration. Two procurement plans for a waste-to-energy facility were presented which would "fast-track" a project:

Alternative #1 would involve the selection of Energy Resource Recovery, Inc., with Tecnitalia equipment based on the proposal submitted in August, 1983, updated to current conditions, i.e., public ownership and sited at March's Point in the industrially zoned area.

Alternative #2 was a conventional project vendor qualification and request for proposal process. The proposal from the consultant included an estimate of time and cost for the process with a detailed feasibility study.

Chairman Vaux congratulated Bill Frederick for his efforts in Energy Resource Recovery, Inc. He stated that he favored Alternative #1, and Commissioners Walberg and Rohrer concurred. Representatives from the cities present expressed no objection.

Bill Frederick informed the Board that their incineration facility will undergo the second Northwest Air Pollution testing on Wednesday. He stated that they feel confident they will be in compliance.

Discussion followed regarding the inevitable increase in tipping fees to be charged. Chairman Vaux informed the mayors that the Board will determine the tipping fee to be charged by August 15, 1985.

Mayor Rice suggested the incineration plant be expertly screened through the use of landscaping.

The Board concluded discussion by authorizing the Public Works Department to work with R. W. Beck and Associates to develop Alternative #1 further.

The Board thanked all those present for attending the discussion.

The Board approved for signature a Department of Ecology grant application for funds in the amount of \$37,250 for the waste energy feasibility study to be conducted by R. W. Beck and Associates. The study is estimated not to exceed \$74,500.

2. Discussion - Surplus Trailer.

Gene Sampley explained to the Board the request of Emergency Management to use a tandem axle trailer which was used in solid waste management but was currently surplus to solid waste needs. He explained that the Fire Chief's Association requested assurance from the Board that the County would commit the use of this trailer for Emergency Management purposes.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to commit the use of the trailer to Emergency Management. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Resolution - Appointment/Solid Waste Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution appointing the following members to the Skagit County Citizens' Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

- a. From Inman Landfill Vicinity: David Chamberlain
1501 North 26th St., Apt. #87
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
- b. From City of Mount Vernon: (1) George Poppe
P.O. Box 776
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
(2) Larry Nelson
1808 South 2nd
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10496)

4. Call for Public Hearing - Lease of House to Youth Encouragement Services.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Skagit County Auditor to issue a Notice of Intent to Lease County Property for the building located at 1426 Walter Street, Mount Vernon. An application to lease the building was submitted by Youth Encouragement Services. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10497)

The public hearing is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, 1985, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

5. Call for Public Hearing - Lease of House to Rape Relief and Battered Women's Services.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Skagit County Auditor to issue a Notice of Intent to Lease County Property for the building located at 103 Broadway Street, Mount Vernon. An application to lease the building was submitted by Rape Relief and Battered Women's Services. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10498)

The public hearing is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, 1985, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

6. Miscellaneous items.

Gene Sampley explained that the Public Works Department has received a petition to reduce a speed limit on East Gilkey Road from 50 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to authorize the Skagit County Auditor to issue a Notice of Public Hearing to discuss the establishment of a speed limit reduction on East Gilkey Road. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10499)

The public hearing is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 11, 1985, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. The Board approved for signature an agreement between Skagit County and the Skagit Valley Family YMCA for the Clear Lake Swimming Beach facility. Under the agreement, the County will provide necessary maintenance to the beachfront area, structures and dock, while the YMCA will provide the management expertise to conduct and operate the management and aquatic supervision of the Clear Lake Swimming Beach activities.
2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for N. C. Machinery Co., P.O. Box 3562, Seattle, Washington, 98124, in the amount of \$6,161.07, because the first half tax was paid twice. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (#052085)

3. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Berdette Glassner, 1661-A8 Old Highway 99 S., Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$92.59, due to senior citizen exemption. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (#850700)

FIDALGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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DISCUSSION - ERIE AND CAMPBELL LAKE RESTORATION PROJECT.

Chairman Vaux explained that this community meeting was to bring everyone up to date on the status of the project and to discuss the proposed timing of the aluminum sulfate treatment and the weed harvesting.

Betsy Dwire, Shorelines Administrator, gave a brief summary of the history of the project. She noted that the Hearing Examiner conducted a shorelines hearing this day, and it was being assumed at this time that a Shorelines Permit would be approved. A Hydraulics Permit from the Department of Game will also be necessary for the project to proceed.

Ms. Dwire introduced David Morency, Project Consultant of Entranco Engineers, and Ken Ferjancic, fish biologist of Fish Pro.

David Morency conducted a slide presentation and discussed the mechanics of the aluminum sulfate treatment and the weed harvesting program. He explained that the project was initiated in 1980 after fish kills and dense plant growth became a problem in the two lakes. A year-long water quality study was conducted to determine the condition of the lakes.

Mr. Morency explained the recommended plan for the lake restoration:

1. Watershed best management practices, including review of regulatory practices with regard to soil erosion, sewage treatment, etc.
2. In-lake restoration techniques, including aluminum sulfate treatment and weed harvesting.
3. Performance monitoring.

Mr. Morency stated that if the necessary permits are obtained on schedule, the application of the aluminum sulfate will take place around September and October. The weed harvesting program would be implemented in June, 1986. He informed those present that they expect a 50 percent improvement in Erie Lake and a 25 percent improvement in Campbell Lake.

Rick Kirkwood, 407 S. Campbell Lake Road, asked why September and October were chosen to apply the aluminum sulfate treatment.

Mr. Morency explained that most of the annual plant growth in the lake will be decomposed at that time. The placement of the chemical on the bottom of the lake will inhibit future growth.

Kaaren Wooding, 1337 Deane Drive, asked if the lake level would be monitored.

Mr. Morency stated that the level of the lakes will be monitored, but not maintained at a specific level.

Mr. Hammer asked if there would be a problem with gravity flow into Erie Lake and out of Campbell Lake because of a damming structure in the vicinity.

Mr. Morency stated that he didn't believe the flow would have much effect on the treatment.

John Cameron, 328 Campbell Lake Road, stated that he understood money was to be received to alleviate the damming problem.

Mr. Morency stated that at one point, that may have been considered, but the grant money being received at this time is strictly for the aluminum sulfate treatment and weed harvester.

Irene Cameron, 328 Campbell Lake Road, felt the damming problem should be solved at the same time as the water quality cleanup project.

Mr. Morency explained that the two projects are quite separate.

Norman Elvebak, 406 S. Campbell Lake Road, asked if the grant money will cover both the aluminum sulfate treatment and the weed harvester.

Mr. Morency explained that grant money totalling \$570,680 will be received, and this will include the purchase of the weed harvester and one year's operation costs. The County's share of the project will be \$44,000. Mr. Morency suggested that the County may supply equipment maintenance and a truck for hauling of the weeds, while lake residents may volunteer to operate the harvester during the summer months.

Ed Goodman, 631 Discovery Drive, Burlington, stated that he would volunteer.

Kaaren Wooding asked if the floodgate litigation is being resolved.

Betsy Dwire stated that she was not aware of the litigation, but would look into that matter as a separate issue.

Norman Elvebak asked if the weeds would have a recoverable value.

Mr. Morency stated that many farmers have welcomed the weeds in other areas, and this matter should be researched further.

Rick Kirkwood asked if other lakes in the area could drain into Erie and Campbell Lakes in order to flush them and maintain a better water quality.

Mr. Morency stated that he didn't feel the volumes or quality of water in the other lakes would be suitable.

Jim Johnston, of the Washington State Department of Game, stated that Pass Lake and Heart Lake could be seriously impacted by such draining.

Ken Ferjancic, of Fish Pro, stated that the key to the application of the aluminum sulfate is to determine a safe pH level. With regard to Campbell Lake, he favored the harvesting of weeds in such a manner as to actually benefit the fish by sculpturing paths through the weeds.

Norman Elvebak asked if the entire lake could be covered with the treatment prior to the removal of the weeds.

Mr. Morency explained that the weeds will be largely decomposed at the time this fall when treatment is expected to take place.

Ed Goodman asked if it would be possible to spray the treatment near the shores.

Mr. Morency stated that spraying would be possible, however fish are at higher risk in shallow water.

Jim Johnston favored conservancy areas being set aside where fish live and feed in the weed areas. He felt the treatment program being proposed at this time would be beneficial, but he emphasized the need for extreme planning.

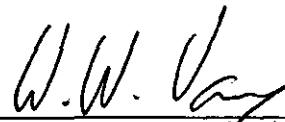
In answer to a question from Norman Elvebak, Mr. Morency pointed out that the shallow areas near shore would amount to a very small area of the entire lake.

As there were no further questions or comments, the Board thanked everyone for attending.

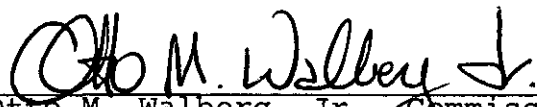
ADJOURNMENT

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

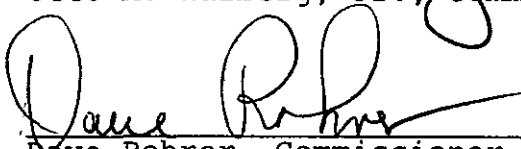
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ATTEST:



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Skagit County Auditor and Ex-
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