

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, May 28, 1985

8:30 a.m. Work Session - Public Works Department Road Supervisors.
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9:00 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Call for Bids - Minkler Road.
2. Signature - U.A.B. Prospectus - Pease Road.
3. Resolution - Solid Waste Incineration.
4. Discussion - Curran Place.
5. Update Septage Study.
6. Miscellaneous items.

10:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Discussion of Permit Center procedures for evaluating suitability of existing sewage systems when substantial residential additions are proposed.
2. Request of Ken Tiscornia to waive Section 12.04.070-(d)(i) of the Skagit County Code relative to replacement of a residential structure on Lot 21, Block 2 of Samish Terrace.
3. Request of Richard Hill to waive Section 12.04.070-(d)(i) of the Skagit County Code relative to a proposed addition to a residence at 494 Channel View Drive on Guemes Island.
4. Request for a resolution pertaining to dispensing of medication by public health nurses.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

2:00 p.m. Executive Session - Personnel.

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

Prior to commencing the Public Works Department agenda, the following miscellaneous item was addressed:

Gene Sampley stated that after reviewing the bids received for the 24-passenger bus for the Skagit Council on Aging, they recommended award of the bid to Intermountain Coach of Colorado Springs, Colorado, at a bid price of \$53,541.00.

JoAnn Angevine, Community Services Coordinator, explained that although this bus was the most expensive, it was the only bus which met the necessary specifications. She informed the Board that the Department of Transportation has increased the funding to 80 percent of the purchase price due to the cost of the bus. Skagit County's portion is 20 percent or \$10,708.40.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution awarding the bid for purchase of one 24-passenger bus to Intermountain Coach of Colorado Springs, Colorado, for the bid price of \$53,541.00, as recommended by the Public Works Department and JoAnn Angevine. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10500)

Ms. Angevine also presented the amendment to the previously signed contract with the Department of Transportation for the increased funding.

Chairman Vaux motioned to approve the contract amendment with the Department of Transportation for increased funding for the 24-passenger bus. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

1. Call for Bids - Minkler Road.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Skagit County Auditor to issue a Call for Bids for reconstruction of 1.73 miles of the Minkler Road #9350. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10501)

Bids will be received and publicly opened at 1:30 p.m., Monday, June 17, 1985.

2. Signature - U.A.B. Prospectus - Pease Road.

Gene Sampley explained that this project will include the portion of Pease Road from the railroad tracks north to the Burlington city limits connecting to Anacortes Street. The City of Burlington is considering Federal Aid Urban System (F.A.U.S.) funds for improvement of the short section of Anacortes Street that remains to be improved within the city.

The Board approved for signature the Preliminary Proposal Prospectus for the Urban Arterial Board project. The County will receive 80 percent of the funding necessary for the estimated \$300,000 project.

3. Resolution - Solid Waste Incineration.

Several residents from the Inman Landfill vicinity were present for this discussion.

Gene Sampley presented a resolution regarding the solid waste incineration proposal selection to the Board, explaining the process has been reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office. For the benefit of those present, he read the resolution which would accept the proposal of Energy Resource Recovery, Inc., dated August 16, 1983, for the purpose of pursuing a solid waste incineration/resource recovery project subject to a feasibility study to be conducted by the County with the cooperation of Energy Resource Recovery, Inc.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution accepting the August 16, 1983, proposal of Energy Resource Recovery, Inc. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10502)

Mr. Sampley informed the Board that the consultants from R. W. Beck and Associates will be here May 28 and 29, and will be present at a work session with the Board on May 29, at 10:00 a.m., to discuss the feasibility study further.

4. Discussion - Curran Place.

John Rumsey, Traffic Safety Engineer, explained that a resident of Hermway Heights has requested that Curran Place be designated a one-way road. A field review of the road showed that a traffic revision is advisable.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Skagit County Auditor to issue a Call for Public Hearing regarding the establishment of the direction of traffic on Curran Place #8477. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10503)

The public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 18, 1985.

5. Update Septage Study.

Gene Sampley informed the Board that the draft report from a consultant study of area sewage treatment plants has indicated that Burlington's plant is the only viable alternative for Skagit County. The capital expenditures required for the project are estimated at \$234,100. Funds in the amount of 50 percent of the estimate would be requested through the Department of Ecology's Referendum 39 Solid Waste Management funds.

Ken Willis, Environmental Health Specialist II, stated that Sedro Woolley also feels a responsibility to help solve the problem, although their treatment plant was determined to be incapable of handling Skagit County's septage.

6. Miscellaneous items.

The following Public Works Department miscellaneous items were addressed:

- a. Gene Sampley informed the Board of the difficulties encountered by the Memorial Day ferry traffic. He stated that Al Bacetich, Section Manager, Ferry Operations, has requested that Memorial Day be included as a holiday for purposes of ferry scheduling.

Mr. Sampley explained that the Board had recently committed to meet with the people of Guemes Island to discuss the ferry schedule in general and suggested that it might be most appropriate to discuss this item with all other ferry schedule items at that time.

The Board concurred, and Chairman Vaux will verify the time and date for the meeting.

- b. The Board presented a Certificate of Good Practice to the Public Works Department in response to the recent certification of the Department submitted by the County Road Administration Board for the year 1984.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. The Board approved for signature the Contract for Professional Services between the Skagit County Permit Center and Materials Testing and Consulting, 1021 Riverside Drive, Mount Vernon, for providing building inspection services four hours per day at the rate of \$22. per hour. The contract shall commence on May 6, and continue until June 7, 1985. These services are necessary while Gene Feden, a County building inspector, is off work.
2. Commission Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution amending Resolution #10489, which denied Regency Investment Contract Rezone #R-77-002 Modification Request. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10504)
3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the request for out-of-state travel authorization for Steve Wood, Zoning Administrator, to attend the Western Regional Planning Conference in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, July 15 through 18, 1985. The approximate cost would be \$570. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the request for out-of-state travel for Tom Sheahan to attend a regional conference entitled "Anatomy of a Disaster: Preparedness Makes a Difference," to be held on Friday, May 31, 1985, in Portland, Oregon. The cost to the County will be a \$90 registration fee plus lodging and meals. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Thursday, May 16, 1985. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
6. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, May 21, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
7. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, May 20, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
8. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve a Petition for Property Tax Refund for Edmund E. Meyer, in the amount of \$195.82, due to senior citizen exemption. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor and Treasurer. The motion was carried unanimously. (#850684)

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. Discussion of Permit Center procedures for evaluating suitability of existing sewage systems when substantial residential additions are proposed.

Tom Karsh, Environmental Health Specialist III, provided those present with copies of the Skagit County Code, Chapter 12.04.070 with regard to the Health Officer's review of all building permit applications. Mr. Karsh explained that over the years the Permit Center has been functioning, many inconsistencies in the way the Skagit County Code is administered have become apparent with regard to on-site sewage systems. He pointed out that Skagit County has many sensitive areas with regard to sewage systems.

Mr. Karsh explained the square footage method used to determine the number of bedrooms in order to arrive at the proper size of sewage system. He pointed out that simply determining the number of bedrooms contained in a residence is not adequate, since many owners refer to bedrooms as "dens," "sewing rooms," etc.

Since the square footage method was adopted, Mr. Karsh stated that additional problems have occurred in the administration of the Code. He contacted surrounding counties once again and said he was unimpressed with the responses. No other county uses the square footage method.

Mr. Karsh offered no immediate solution to the problems which are occurring, although he recommended a committee be appointed to review the matter.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that he felt common sense could be used in many of these problem situations to come up with a workable solution.

Chairman Vaux favored the formation of a committee comprised of community members to review the situation.

Commissioner Rohrer concurred with Chairman Vaux.

Bob Schofield, Director of the Planning Department, pointed out that this area is one of the few in the County Code where the staff does not take the word of the applicant.

Dr. J. K. Neils, Health Officer, commended Tom Karsh on his presentation. He noted the steady trend of upgrading residences without upgrading the systems. He also favored the formation of a 7-member committee composed of staff, designers, realtors, builders, etc.

Mike Mitchell, professional engineer, from Northwest Septic of Mount Vernon, suggested the number of bedrooms for which the system is designed be noted on the property's title.

Tom Karsh concluded by stating he will contact the Builders' Association, Board of Realtors and designers and installers in order to set up a committee for review of this matter.

2. Request of Ken Tiscornia to waive Section 12.04.070(d)(i) of the Skagit County Code relative to replacement of a residential structure on Lot 21, Block 2 of Samish Terrace.

Tom Karsh presented the Board members with written information regarding the variance request. Included was a letter from Northwest Septic listing the reasons why a variance should be granted to allow the existing 2-bedroom sewage system to service a new 2,050 square foot residence in place of the existing mobile home on the site.

Mr. Karsh explained that the Hearing Examiner approved a variance for reduced setback requirements due to the size of the lot. Since that time, however, it was discovered that the home would be 2-story and therefore over the 1,500 square foot limitation for a 2-bedroom sewage system. To comply with requirements, the system for a 4-bedroom home should be installed. Mr. Karsh reported that there is not adequate room on the property to install an expanded system, and therefore, an expensive mound or sand filter system would be required if the variance could not be obtained.

Mr. Karsh stated that the applicant is willing to sign a Notice of On-site Sewage Limitation, which would limit the sale of the house to only a 2-bedroom residence. He pointed out that should the existing system fail, there would be room on the property for a mound or sand filter system, although this would be costly. Based on the above information, the Permit Center recommended approval of this requested variance.

Dr. J. K. Neils, Health Officer, stated that approval of this variance request would be inconsistent with actions taken in the past for new construction.

Dick Gudmunson, licensed designer, of Northwest Septic, stated that according to the Skagit County Code, a system designed for a 3-bedroom home could be used to serve a larger home if the owner signed a Notice of On-site Sewage Limitation, limiting the sale of the house to only a 3-bedroom residence. He encouraged the Board to approve the variance and pointed out that a 2-bedroom residence could typically house 4 people.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the variance request of Ken Tiscornia to waive Section 12.04.070(d)(i) of the Skagit County Code relative to replacement of a residential structure on Lot 21, Block 2 of Samish Terrace.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Walberg, Mike Mitchell, of Northwest Septic, explained the additional costs required for expansion of an existing sewage system.

Mr. Karsh explained that in this case, it would not be possible to add another unit of drainfield, as a mound or sand filter system would be necessary to bring the system into compliance.

In answer to a question from Chairman Vaux, Mr. Tiscornia stated that he was willing to meet the recommended conditions, including signing of a Notice of On-site Sewage Limitation.

Chairman Vaux seconded the motion to approve the request. The motion was carried unanimously.

3. Request of Richard Hill to waive Section 12.04.070(d)(i) of the Skagit County Code relative to a proposed addition to a residence at 494 Channel View Drive on Guemes Island.

Tom Karsh presented the Board members with written information regarding the variance request. Included was a letter from Northwest Septic listing the reasons why a variance should be granted to allow construction of a 700 to 800 square foot addition to the existing 1,600 square foot house without expansion of the existing 2-bedroom sewage system.

Tom Karsh reported that Richard Hill also received a side yard setback variance recently. It was also noted that Mr. Hill owns an adjacent lot to the property being considered for this variance.

Dick Gudmunson, licensed designer, of Northwest Septic, stated he was under the impression that the addition would be used as a family room. He said the site has been reviewed, and there is no observable failure of the existing system at this time. Based on the applicant's willingness to sign a Notice of On-site Sewage System Limitation, and the availability of property for a mound or replacement system, he encouraged the Board to approve the request.

Mr. Karsh stated that the property owner to the east of Mr. Hill was in contact by telephone with the Permit Center asking why she was being required to build an expensive system for a new home, if Mr. Hill could use a conventional system for his addition.

Mr. Gudmunson stated that he had not been on the site, however, someone from their firm had been on the property.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the request of Richard Hill to waive Section 12.04.070(d)(i) of the Skagit County Code relative to a proposed addition to a residence at 494 Channel View Drive on Guemes Island. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

4. Request for a resolution pertaining to dispensing of medication by public health nurses.

Dr. J. K. Neils, Health Officer, and Carolyn Milat, Director of Nursing Services, Health Department, were present for this discussion.

Ms. Milat explained that the Washington State Board of Pharmacy is considering draft regulations in an attempt to limit the nurses' role in the delivery of drugs for the treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis and other illnesses. She stated that the drugs are purchased pre-labeled from a pharmacy, and a Health Department Registered Nurse fills out the name of the client, doctor, prescribed dosage, etc. on the label. She also explained that without these clinical services provided by the Health Department free of charge to the clients, many people would go untreated for these communicable diseases, and thus cause a far greater problem.

Ms. Milat requested the Board adopt a resolution urging the Washington State Board of Pharmacy to avoid using a regulatory approach which controls delivery of drugs by nurses to clients of public health clinical programs.

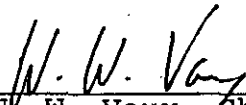
Dr. Neils pointed out that if this legislation is passed, the system would be controlled by a pharmacist, which would present unacceptable economic hardships and programmatic problems to the Health Department and clients.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution urging the Washington State Board of Pharmacy to avoid using a regulatory approach which controls delivery of drugs by nurses to clients of public health clinical programs. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried with votes from Commissioner Rohrer and Commissioner Walberg. Chairman Vaux abstained.


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



W. W. Vaux, Chairman

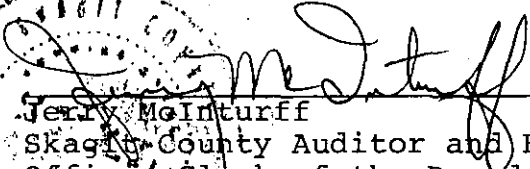


Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

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Skagit County Auditor and Ex-
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