

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, June 10, 1985

Flag Salute

- 9:00 a.m. Board of Health - Report on Skagit County Health Department Food Program.
- 9:30 a.m. Consideration of a Resolution Adjusting the Salary of the County Auditor and Assessor.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 10:00 a.m. Report on Phase III of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program - Buddy Davis, American Red Cross.
- 10:30 a.m. Consideration of Request for Hotel-Motel Tax Funds - Susan Mortensen, Economic Development Association of Skagit County.
- 11:00 a.m. Contract Signature - Snohomish County Prisoner Overflow - John Boynton, County Sheriff.
- 11:30 a.m. Discussion - Road Access and Tidelands at Youngs Park, Guemes Island.
- 1:30 p.m. Executive Session - Litigation.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

BOARD OF HEALTH - REPORT ON SKAGIT COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOOD PROGRAM.

John Thayer, Environmental Health Specialist III, explained that the purpose of the food program is to insure that the citizens of and visitors to Skagit County are provided safe food, be it ingredients from the grocery store or a fully prepared meal. He pointed out that they have not had a confirmed foodborne illness in Skagit County since 1980.

Ron Palmer, Environmental Health Specialist II, elaborated on the specific components of the food program:

1. Routine surveillance of licenses
2. Consumer complaints
3. Education
4. Enforcement
5. Temporary food establishments
6. Architectural plan reviews
7. Referrals to other agencies
8. Illness investigations

Mr. Palmer pointed out that approximately 45 percent of the total Environmental Health Section time is spent on the food program.

Mr. Thayer stated that other areas of the food program, i.e. sulfiting agents ban, restaurant non-smoking areas, bulk foods, bed and breakfast establishments, etc., are continuing to increase the workload of the Environmental Health Section. Future areas of concern will also include menu expansion and catering operations.

The Board thanked Mr. Thayer, Mr. Palmer and Dr. J. K. Neils for their presentation.

CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE SALARY OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND ASSESSOR.

Chairman Vaux suggested scheduling another Executive Session to continue discussion of adjusting the salary of the Skagit County Auditor and the Skagit County Assessor prior to consideration of a resolution.

The consideration of a resolution on this matter was rescheduled at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 25, 1985.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, presented the following miscellaneous items:

1. The Board approved for signature three copies of the book entitled Skagit Settlers for Tom Sheahan to take with him to Chili, South America.
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve a Taxpayer's Claim for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property for James J. Murphy, 1525 Hoag Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$8,140 for tax year 1986, because several buildings were bulldozed. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor. The motion was carried unanimously. (#651A)
3. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve a Taxpayer's Claim for Reduction of Assessments on Destroyed Real or Personal Property for James J. Murphy, 1525 Hoag Road, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$7,600 for tax year 1986, because several other buildings were bulldozed. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion, as recommended by the Skagit County Assessor. The motion was carried unanimously. (#651B)

4. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Friday, June 7, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. In accordance with action previously taken, the Board approved for signature the resolution remanding Shoreline Permit #1-85 of Clam Shacks of America to the Skagit County Hearing Examiner for further consideration of Condition #1 of the Written Order, limiting the use of more than one hydraulic clam rake for use in the subject study.

REPORT ON PHASE III OF THE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM - Buddy Davis, American Red Cross.

Buddy Davis, of the American Red Cross, presented the Board with Phase III (January through April, 1985) of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program interim report. He explained to the Board that money in the form of a federal grant is administered through the National United Way and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The shelter provided can be in the form of one month's rent, one month's mortgage payment, or lodging at any of three motels in the county.

The Board thanked Mr. Davis for his presentation.

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR HOTEL-MOTEL TAX FUNDS - Susan Mortensen, Economic Development Association of Skagit County.

Susan Mortensen, Executive Director of the Economic Development Association of Skagit County (EDASC), informed the Board that the Department of Commerce is bringing a delegation of eight Japanese investors to Seattle next week. EDASC was chosen to make a presentation at the Seattle meeting.

Ms. Mortensen, on behalf of the Tourism Task Force, requested that the Task Force be allowed to make their own appointments to the Task Force.

Chairman Vaux stated that he had no problem with that request.

Commissioner Walberg stated that he wished to continue to appoint members to serve on the Tourism Task Force, although he welcomed suggestions from the Task Force.

Commissioner Rohrer stated that he was agreeable to either arrangement.

Ms. Mortensen stated that she would inform the Tourism Task Force that they are free to make recommendations for appointments, however, the Board would like the final decision on the matter.

She presented a memo to the Board requesting the Board provide \$9,000 in Hotel-Motel Tax funds in order to fund a Tourism Coordinator for three quarters. She stated that the Tourism Coordinator would work directly under the EDASC Director.

Mike Woodmansee, Budget and Finance Director, explained that the Hotel-Motel Tax Fund currently has \$115,000 to \$120,000. These funds are to be used for construction of a stadium, performing arts center, etc., or for the promotion of tourism in Skagit County.

Chairman Vaux suggested using some of the Hotel-Motel Tax funds to benefit Skagit County in the form of promoting tourism.

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the request for \$9,000 in Hotel-Motel Tax funds to fund a Tourism Coordinator for a three-quarter period. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Woodmansee informed the Board that Skagit County's contract with EDASC will expire on June 30, 1985, so a renewal of this contract will be coming before the Board in the near future.

CONTRACT SIGNATURE - SNOHOMISH COUNTY PRISONER OVERFLOW - John Boynton, County Sheriff.

John Boynton, County Sheriff, presented a Jail Services Interlocal Agreement between Skagit County and Snohomish County for the purpose of incarcerating Snohomish County prisoners due to either placement criteria or overcrowding. Snohomish County will pay Skagit County \$50 per prisoner per day of incarceration. Sheriff Boynton pointed out that this contract should generate in excess of \$200,000 in revenue.

The Board approved the agreement for signature.

DISCUSSION - ROAD ACCESS AND TIDELANDS AT YOUNGS PARK, GUEMES ISLAND.

Oswin Partington, property owner; Harvey Prutzman, realtor; and Mr. Paschel, property owner, were present for the following discussion.

Mr. Prutzman explained that Mr. Partington is proposing he deed 400 feet of tidelands at Youngs Park to Skagit County in exchange for the south 100 feet of Youngs Park property. With the additional 100 feet, Mr. Partington would grant an easement to a landlocked parcel to the west owned by Mr. Paschel. Mr. Paschel plans to short plat his property.

Jon Aarstad, Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Director, stated that Youngs Park has been a day use facility for the past two years.

The Board stated that they will make a decision on the proposal following a visit to the properties involved in the matter.

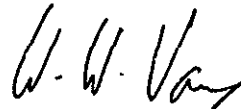
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve out-of-state and out-of-country travel for Chairman Vaux and Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, to travel to Italy to research incineration equipment by Tecnitalia. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

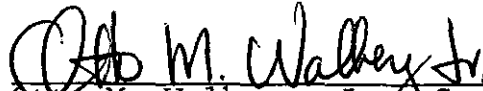
ADJOURNMENT

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

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SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



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Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner



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