

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Monday, July 22, 1985

- 8:30 a.m. Work Session - Public Works Road Supervisors.
- 9:00 a.m. Executive Session - Personnel, Labor Negotiations.  
Flag Salute
- 10:00 a.m. Request for Funding - Region IV Northwest Tourism Association.
- 10:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:
1. Call for Public Hearing - Gibraltar Greenhouses.
  2. Signature - City/County Agreement - Fir Island Road.
  3. Signature - Dike District #20 Rip-Rap Project.
  4. Discussion - Minkler Road Right-of-Way.
  5. Discussion - Rainbow Bridge Lighting.
  6. Discussion - Aerial Lift Bid.
  7. Signature - Grant Amendment - Solid Waste Plan.
  8. Report - Incinerator Site Visit - Pinellas County, Florida.
  9. Miscellaneous Items.
- 1:30 p.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:
1. Bid Opening - Courthouse Roof Replacement.
  2. Bid Opening - Taylor Road Bridge.
- 3:00 p.m. Discussion - 1986 Budget - Appointed Department Heads.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, July 22, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux and Walberg present. Commissioner Rohrer was absent.

**REQUEST FOR FUNDING - REGION IV NORTHWEST TOURISM ASSOCIATION.**

Maria Petrish, Manager of the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Region IV Northwest Tourism Association, introduced Alice Perry, who is also on the Region IV Northwest Tourism Association Board of Directors. Ms. Petrish explained the concept of the Tourism Association, which is composed of Skagit, Snohomish, San Juan, Island and Whatcom Counties. She stated that the Tourism Association has received \$34,000 from the State, and is requesting a contribution of \$4,420 from Skagit County.

Discussion followed with regard to the submittal and screening process used to select projects for the Tourism Association.

Chairman Vaux felt the hotel/motel tax should be returned to assist tourism projects such as those which generated the money. On that basis, Chairman Vaux motioned to contribute \$4,420 in hotel/motel tax revenue to the Region IV Northwest Tourism Association. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

Item #3, with regard to a Dike District #20 rip-rap project, was addressed at this time.

3. Signature - Dike District #20 Rip-Rap Project.

Don Nelson, Flood Control Engineer, stated that Dike District #20 has requested the County contribute rock from the River Improvement Fund in addition to a grant of \$16,000 from the Flood Control Grant Fund.

Andy Anderson and Bob Swanson, Commissioners of Dike District #20, were present. Mr. Anderson stated that Dike District #20 received rock last year for a similar project and would appreciate receiving rock again this year.

Discussion followed regarding other projects which are anticipated to need rock from the River Improvement Fund this year.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the rock request for Dike District #20 on a 50/50 basis, thus bringing the total contribution from Skagit County for this project to \$20,062.00. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

Item #1, regarding the Gibraltar greenhouses, was addressed at this time.

1. Call for Public Hearing - Gibraltar Greenhouses.

Gene Sampley, Director of the Public Works Department, presented a memo from Roger Howard, Facilities Manager, to the Board.

Roger Howard stated that the Economic Development Administration (E.D.A.) will continue to have an interest in the Gibraltar greenhouse facility until April 1989, at which time the useful life of the facility will expire. If the facility is sold prior to that time, they must be reimbursed the current fair market value less actual and reasonable selling and fix-up expenses. They also require three independent appraisals of the facility's current value. Mr. Howard noted that Dave Cleave appraised the value of the facilities at \$125,000.

Mr. Howard reviewed a number of options available. He recommended the Board sell just the fenced-in area containing the greenhouses at this time.

The Board instructed Mr. Howard to contact E.D.A. in order to further investigate the alternatives of disposal of the Gibraltar greenhouse facilities.

2. Signature - City/County Agreement - Fir Island Road.

- a. The Board approved for signature a waiver of hearing for the Fir Island Road #4020 construction project, as recommended by the Public Works Department.
- b. The Board approved for signature a letter requesting advanced funding in the amount of \$282,375 in Federal Aid Secondary (F.A.S.) money for the Fir Island Road construction project.
- c. Commissioner Walberg motioned to enter into a City/County Agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for partial funding of the Fir Island Road #4020 construction. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

4. Discussion - Minkler Road Right-of-Way.

Gene Sampley requested the Board call for a public hearing to consider the vacation of a portion of Minkler Road right-of-way, which is the current home site of Amy Butler. He explained that this was a title problem, and the property was purchased with a block of right-of-way acquired from Scott Paper Company. Mr. Sampley stated that there has been no attempt to recover any cost impact from Scott Paper.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Skagit County Auditor to issue a Call for Public Hearing regarding vacation of a portion of right-of-way adjacent to Minkler Road. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10557)

The public hearing will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, August 19, 1985.

5. Discussion - Rainbow Bridge Lighting.

Chairman Vaux and Commissioner Walberg supported the request of the La Conner Chamber of Commerce to place decorative lighting on the Rainbow Bridge during the Christmas season. However, the Board emphasized that Skagit County would have no liability whatsoever for this installation.

Gene Sampley stated that the Public Works Department had no problem with the proposal, so long as the lighting would not interfere with traffic.

It was suggested that the Chamber of Commerce coordinate the matter with the Coast Guard regarding water traffic, and ensure there is no visual effect on

the vehicular traffic over the bridge when the lights are lit during the Christmas season.

6. Discussion - Aerial Lift Bid.

Gene Sampley explained that the aerial lift acquired from Fruehauf has been rejected by the County. He stated that the second lowest bidder (and only other bidder), Sound Equipment, has offered to provide an aerial lift for the bid price plus \$500. Mr. Sampley recommended the aerial lift be purchased from Sound Equipment, subject to approval from the Prosecutor's Office.

Mr. Sampley will bring this matter back to the Board, following a recommendation from the Prosecutor's Office.

A miscellaneous Public Works Department item was addressed at this time.

9. Miscellaneous Items.

- a. Gene Sampley informed the Board that Dan Cain, Deputy Fire Marshal, and Tom Sheahan, Director of Emergency Management, are in need of special purpose four-wheel drive vehicles. He noted that the funds for such a purchase are available in their Equipment Rental Fund.

Chairman Vaux stated that he had difficulty approving such an expenditure, while faced with trying to cut \$1 million in proposed expenditures from the budget for next year.

Tom Sheahan explained that they need vehicles which will drive in snow, flood waters, rights-of-way, etc., in order to respond to emergencies.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing the Skagit County Auditor to issue a Notice of Call for Bids for two new 1985 or 1986 special purpose four-wheel drive vehicles. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (Resolution #10558)

Bids will be recieved and publicly opened at 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 5, 1985.

7. Signature - Grant Amendment - Solid Waste Plan.

The Board approved for signature a grant amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan Grant authorizing approximately an additional \$19,000 to cover the solid waste incineration feasibility study.

8. Report - Incinerator Site Visit - Pinellas County, Florida.

Gene Sampley presented the Board with a report on the incineration site visit of the Pinellas County refuse-to-energy facility.

9. Miscellaneous Items, continued.

The following miscellaneous Public Works Department item was addressed:

- b. The Board approved for signature a renewal contract with Skagit Sand and Gravel providing for \$14,000 per month payment for Inman Landfill operations until the new landfill is in operation (approximately three months).

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Bid Opening - Courthouse Roof Replacement.

Megan Cheney, on behalf of Jerry McInturff, Skagit County Auditor and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board, read the Advertisement for Bids, as published in The Skagit Argus on July 2, July 9, and July 16, 1985; and in the Daily Journal of Commerce on June 28, July 5, and July 12, 1985.

The following bids were received:

- a. Pacific Rainier Roofing, Inc.  
10735 Stone Avenue North  
Seattle, WA 98133  
  
Bid Bond enclosed.  
Base Bid: \$92,500.00  
Alternate #1, Special Coating: 4,600.00  
Alternate #2, Parapet Coating: 4,200.00
  
- b. Scholten Roofing, Inc.  
7157 Guide Meridian  
Lynden, WA 98264  
  
Bid Bond enclosed.  
Base Bid: \$87,400.00  
Alternate #1, Special Coating: 16,600.00  
Alternate #2, Parapet Coating: 4,500.00

The Public Works Department will review the bids, prior to making a recommendation for award of bid to the Board.

2. Bid Opening - Taylor Road Bridge.

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 Argus on July 2, and July 9, 1985; in the Daily Journal of Commerce on June 28, July 5, and July 12, 1985; and in the Skagit Valley Herald on June 28, July 5, and July 12, 1985.

The following bids were received:

- a. One Way Construction, Inc.  
215 North Reed Street  
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284  
  
Bid Bond enclosed.  
Total Bid: \$ 77,054.70
- b. Purchase Enterprises  
P.O. Box 447  
Mukilteo, WA 98275  
  
Bid Bond enclosed.  
Total Bid: \$109,600.00
- c. Ballard Construction Company  
P.O. Box 17244  
Seattle, WA 98107  
  
Bid Bond enclosed.  
Total Bid: \$117,220.00
- d. A.R.M. Construction  
1817 130th Avenue N.E.  
Bellevue, WA 98005  
  
Bid Bond enclosed.  
Total Bid: \$139,916.00

The Public Works Department will review the bids and make a recommendation for award of bid to the Board.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve Warrants #4637 through #4812 in the amount of \$110,303.49. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The

motion was carried and so ordered. (C-34)

2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Darrell Gilhousen, 1911 24th, Anacortes, Washington 98221, in the amount of \$7.42, because the account was cancelled per the Department of Revenue. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (#500146)
3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Petition for Property Tax Refund for Nathaniel R. Purcell, 925 North 16th Street, Mount Vernon, Washington 98273, in the amount of \$258.34, because the assessed value was reduced by the Board of Equalization. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered. (#851132)

DISCUSSION - 1986 BUDGET - APPOINTED DEPARTMENT HEADS.

Chairman Vaux reminded those present that the goal will be to cut \$1 million in proposed expenditures from the 1986 budget. He pointed out that Skagit County is not in a critical stage at this point, as other counties may be, however, it is best to prevent such a critical situation now, rather than attempt to deal with it when it happens.

Commissioner Walberg requested a review of past years' budgets for each department. He emphasized that the reductions will not be easy, but are necessary.

Rich Ward, Director of District Court Probation, asked how this proposed budget cut would compare to the reduction in force which occurred several years ago.

Chairman Vaux stated that he was not aware of reductions which departments have taken in the past. He noted that the Board does not want to instigate the 1/2 cent sales tax, even though such an increase would result in approximately \$1 million in additional revenue.

JoAnn Angevine, Community Services Coordinator, asked if any planned capital projects can be delayed to offset the problem.

Chairman Vaux noted that two main capital projects are the incineration project and the proposed new fairgrounds project. Those projects are not funded from the general fund.

Chairman Vaux announced that the Board will be meeting in the Health Department Conference Room each Friday in August between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to talk with anyone who wants to bring their lunch and join them.

The Board thanked everyone for attending this discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, July 15, 1985. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, July 16, 1985. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Wednesday, July 17, 1985. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.
4. The Board approved for signature a Contract for Professional Services between the Skagit County Parks, Recreation and Senior Services Department and Skagit Umpires Association for services consisting of assistance in the form of tournament committee and directorship for the Men's "D" Duffers Softball Tournament. The contract shall be in effect July 27, through July 28, 1985, and compensation shall be \$100.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adjourn the proceedings. Chairman Vaux seconded the motion. The motion was carried and so ordered.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON

*W. W. Vaux*

W. W. Vaux, Chairman

*Otto M. Walberg Jr.*

Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner

Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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