

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, August 6, 1985

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9:00 a.m. Discussion - County Clerk's Salary.
10:00 a.m. Public Hearing - EDB Appeals.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

1:30 p.m. Discussion - Status of Larry Yeoman - Sewage Disposal Permit.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

DISCUSSION - COUNTY CLERK'S SALARY.

Phyllis Coole-McKeehen, Skagit County Clerk, explained the various functions of her elected position. She noted that the Clerk is required to have a bond equal to that of the Treasurer, because of the various financial transactions handled by the Clerk's Office. She felt the salaries of the Auditor, Assessor, Clerk and Treasurer should be equal because of the equal levels of responsibilities they assume. Ms. Coole-McKeehen requested the Board provide her with feedback if they saw the situation differently.

In answer to a question from Commissioner Walberg, Ms. Coole-McKeehen described in detail the various financial transactions with which her office deals (i.e., trust funds and child support).

Chairman Vaux stated that two criteria which the Board may use to determine salaries are (1) the number of employees to be supervised by the elected official, and (2) the amount of budget of the office. Chairman Vaux expressed his opinion that the offices of the Clerk and Treasurer are not similar. He felt Ms. Coole-McKeehen's current annual salary of \$33,627 was sufficient for 1985.

Ms. Coole-McKeehen pointed out that the Board determines both the number of employees to be supervised by the elected official and the size of the budget.

Chairman Vaux motioned to have the Skagit County Clerk's annual salary remain unchanged at \$33,627, for 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

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Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #38287 through #38323 in the amount of \$110,836.27. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (R-29)

PUBLIC HEARING - EDB APPEALS

As residents in the vicinity of the EDB contamination in Skagit County had not been notified by mail of this hearing, Commissioner Walberg motioned to continue this public hearing until Tuesday, August 13, 1985, at 10:00 a.m., so everyone could be properly notified. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt the resolution authorizing a revolving fund in the amount of \$33,800, for use by the Skagit County Fair Board for the conduct of the fair. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10570)

DISCUSSION - STATUS OF LARRY YEOMAN - SEWAGE DISPOSAL PERMIT.

Tom Karsh, Environmental Health Specialist III, reviewed previous events with regard to this matter. He read the conditions imposed in Commissioners' Resolution #10484 signed May 13, 1985, and informed the Board of the status of each item:

1. Mr. Yeoman did take immediate steps to prevent access of children and animals to any ponding waste water.
2. Mr. Yeoman has not connected the mobile home to a water supply yet, as requested by the Board, since the sewage system is not yet installed and approved.
3. Mr. Yeoman did sign and record with the County Auditor's Office an agreement acknowledging the violations and promising to complete the installation and obtain Health Officer approval by July 15, 1985. However, installation of the system is only partially completed.
4. As requested by the Board, a reevaluation of the soils was conducted, and a new approved design is on file with the Permit Center.

Mr. Karsh noted that at this time the pump, gravel and piping remain to be installed.

Larry Yeoman stated that he is working on the installation of the system, as money permits. He felt he was approximately \$700 away from completion of the system. He stated that waste water and sewage are presently being held in a tank, so as not to affect surrounding neighbors. Mr. Yeoman stated that he hopes to have the system completed this month.

Mrs. Barbara Bartlett read a statement expressing her dissatisfaction with the way the laws are being enforced in this instance. She felt the County was very lax in forcing Mr. Yeoman to comply with rules and regulations with which other citizens must comply.

Leila Young, a resident of the neighborhood, claimed Mrs. Bartlett's drainage runs onto her property.

Chairman Vaux stated that the only issue to be addressed today is the situation with Mr. Yeoman's sewage system installation. He concurred with Mrs. Bartlett that the laws should be enforced and not just ignored.

Mr. Yeoman stated that the problem is not hurting anyone at this time, because the sewage is contained on his property.

Commissioner Rohrer felt turning this matter over to the Prosecutor would only cost Mr. Yeoman more money and not solve the problem. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to grant Mr. Yeoman an extension until the end of August to complete the sewage system installation and have it approved.

Commissioner Walberg stated that he would not second Commissioner Rohrer's motion. Instead he felt the Board had given Mr. Yeoman sufficient time to complete the installation, and thus he favored turning the matter over to the Prosecutor.

Commissioner Rohrer's motion died for lack of a second.

Chairman Vaux motioned to turn the matter over to the Prosecutor in ten days on Friday, August 16, 1985, if the system has not been completed and approved by that date. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried with votes from Chairman Vaux and Commissioner Rohrer. Commissioner Walberg voted against the motion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following miscellaneous items were addressed:

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of two special purpose four-wheel drive vehicles to Seaside Chevrolet-Buick for their low bid of \$24,106.20, as recommended by the Public Works Department. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10571)

2. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt the resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of a 5,000 g.p.m. drainage pump and accessories to the low bidder, Borg-Warner Industrial Products, for the bid price of \$9,939.24. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10572)
3. Commissioner Walberg motioned to approve Warrant #5179 in the amount of \$700.00. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (C-38)

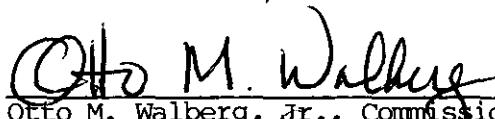
ADJOURNMENT

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

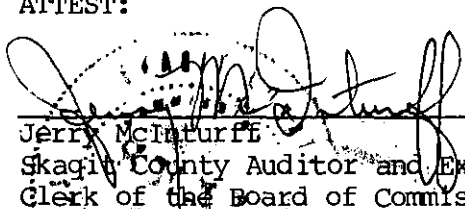


Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner



Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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