

RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS
SKAGIT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, September 3, 1985

Flag Salute

9:00 a.m. Board of Health:

1. Variance request of Bayview Methodist Church to construct an on-site sewage disposal system with a reduced vertical separation to impervious soils (Section 12.04.050(3)b of the Skagit County Code).
2. Public Hearing on revisions to Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges pertaining to immunization fees.

10:30 a.m. Public Works Department - Gene Sampley, Director:

1. Signature - C.R.P. - Pease Road.
2. Signature - Consultant Agreement - Mineral Park.
3. Miscellaneous items.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- 11:00 a.m.
1. Call for Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget - DWI Impact Grant Fund.
 2. Call for Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget - Current Expense Fund - Marijuana Eradication Program.

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1:30 p.m. Discussion - Emergency Shelter Needs - Buddy Davis, American Red Cross.

The Skagit County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 1985, with Commissioners Vaux, Walberg and Rohrer present.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

1. Variance request of Bayview Methodist Church to construct an on-site sewage disposal system with a reduced vertical separation to impervious soils (Section 12.04.050(3)b of the Skagit County Code.

Tom Karsh, Environmental Health Specialist III from the Health Department, reviewed the matter. He presented the Board with photos and copies of the staff findings.

It was recommended that the variance be denied because in the past other churches were made to comply with the rules and regulations; the building next to the church had to comply with rules and put in a mound system; so to remain consistent, the recommendation was for denial.

Mr. Hammond, a member of the church and the person who will do the work, said if they have to put in a mound system, they would have to postpone the project because it is too expensive.

Pastor Carl Landerholm stated he feels this church is quite unique. It is a very small congregation - only about 13 people in church each week and they have many elderly people who cannot provide a broad financial base. The denial of the variance may well cause the church's extinction. Their annual budget is about \$4,000.00. He feels their lack of adequate bathroom facilities plays a large in loosing the younger potential members of the community.

Commissioner Vaux read a letter from Pastor Landerholm he received which is to be part of the record.

Mr. Bruce Howard, a member of the church, stated the church is dying for lack of young people. The large expense of the recommended mound system would force them to delay the project for several years because of lack of money. He stated there would be very low usage and asked the Board to please reconsider and grant them the variance.

Mrs. John Tamman, a member of the church, stated how small the church was - maybe as big as the Commissioners' hearing room.

Christina Tamman, a member of the church, asked why they couldn't get a variance now for a modified system and have a review scheduled for the future to check out its success.

Mrs. Paulson, a member of the church, stated they do not want to loose their church. They have been working many, many years to keep the church in excellent condition. They need a bathroom to encourage new and younger membership. They struggled for fifteen years to pay for the property. They are on a steep grade which should provide good drainage.

Mr. Tom Tucker, a representative of the District Church in Marysville, added his support.

Pastor Landerholm stated the church owned three lots south of the church which could be used for part of the drainage system.

Mrs. McCallum, a member of the church, stated many young families were moving into the area and they needed something to offer them.

Pastor Landerholm stated he has applied for various grants, but has not heard anything positive as yet.

Discussion ensued regarding lack of soil depth, cost of the required mound system (\$5,000), plans submitted, the site being a historical one and remodeling.

Commissioner Vaux suggested a postponement of any decision for one week until September 9, 1985, at 9:00 a.m.

Public Hearing on revisions to Skagit County Health Department Schedule of Charges
Charges Pertaining to Immunization fees.

Carolyn Milat, Skagit County Health Department's Director of Nursing Services, reviewed the discussion with the Board held on August 12, 1985, regarding the increased charges for two vaccines administered by the Skagit County Health Department; Hemophilus Influenza Type b(HIS) and Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus.

After a brief discussion, Commissioner Rohrer motioned to increase the fee for the vaccine to \$4.00 in addition to the cost of the vaccine. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Neils stated a resolution would be prepared and presented at a later date.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing a C.R.P. for the engineering of Pease Road in the amount of \$25,000.00. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10586)
2. The Board approved for signature a consultant agreement with Sargent Engineers for the engineering of the Mineral Park Bridge.
3. Jay Ensley explained to the Board the circumstances around the title discrepancy of the right-of-way vacated on Minkler Road. Gene Sampley explained that Skagit County has no remedies against the title company because there is no problem with their title insurance and that any remedy must be pursued through Amy Butler, the cost of which would probably exceed any benefits received by the County. The Board agreed that this matter should be dispensed with and considered complete.
4. The Board signed out-of-state travel authorizations for Jay Ensley and Gordon Lund to attend a G.R.C.D.A. meeting in Vancouver, from September 18th through September 20, 1985. The Board also signed an out-of-state travel authorization for Chet Reid and Robin LaRue to attend a bridge engineers conference in Portland, Oregon, on October 8, 9, 10, 1985.
5. Gene Sampley discussed with the Board a letter received regarding an alternative solid waste disposal process which produces crude oil from solid waste. The Board asked Gene to respond to Mr. Eugene LesRoy of Good Earth Farm indicating the County is in a process that does not include consideration of alternatives at this time.

1. Call for Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget.

Mike Woodmansee, Director of Budget and Finance, explained the DWI Impact Grant Fund received additional funds to pay for costs in connection with adjudication of DWI cases.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the Skagit County Auditor to issue a Notice of Public Hearing for the purpose of determining whether a resolution shall be adopted authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$34,000.00 for the DWI Impact Grant Fund. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution #10591)

2. Call for Public Hearing - Supplemental Budget.

Mike Woodmansee, Director of Budget and Finance, explained that the Sheriff's Office received additional funds in connection with the marijuana eradication program.

Commissioner Walberg motioned to adopt a resolution authorizing the Skagit County Auditor to issue a Notice of Public Hearing for the purpose of determining whether a resolution shall be adopted authorizing a supplemental budget in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the eradication of marijuana. Commissioner Rohrer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution #10591)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

The following miscellaneous items were addressed:

1. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Monday, August 26, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
2. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Tuesday, August 27, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
3. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Wednesday, August 28, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
4. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve the Record of the Proceedings for Thursday, August 29, 1985. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
5. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #5646 through #5830 in the amount of \$439,052.86. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (C-42)

6. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #59219 through #59346 in the amount of \$208,095.56. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (PR-16)
7. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #2707 through #3094 in the amount of \$520,853.32. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (P-8)
8. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to approve Warrants #38477 through #38520 in the amount of \$114,709.75. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (R-33)
9. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt a resolution to provide an appropriation of General Fund Revenues in the amount of \$6000.00 for general maintenance supplies and special project salaries. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution #10589)
10. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt a resolution to provide an appropriation of General Fund Revenues in the amount of \$300.00 for copier supplies. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Resolution #10588)
11. Commissioner Rohrer motioned to adopt a resolution to provide an appropriation of Crime Victim Services Fund revenues to provide funds for travel expenses. Commissioner Walberg seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. (Resolution #10587)

DISCUSSION - EMERGENCY SHELTER NEEDS - BUDDY DAVIS, AMERICAN RED CROSS.

Buddy Davis from the Skagit County American Red Cross stated that the need for emergency housing has become a problem and a permanent mission or shelter would be the ideal answer.

Larry Pride from the Community Action Agency stated statistics indicated approximately 70 people a month were applying for emergency shelter and 140 to 150 people a month were applying for food.

Buddy Davis stated usually the local motels were used to house people on an emergency basis and when they were full, which is happening more and more, there was no alternative for emergency housing.

Chairman Vaux asked if Northern State had been explored as a possibility. Mr. Davis said yes, but it would present a transportation problem. Using local motels, the people in need could walk there.


Further discussion ensued regarding financial need and several possible location in the immediate area. It was decided that an inquiry to the local Salvation Army District Office should be made. The Board told Mr. Davis they

would write a letter in support of the American Red Cross to locate a permanent shelter in this area.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



W. W. Vaux, Chairman

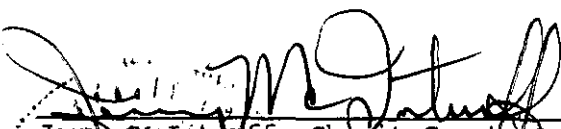


Otto M. Walberg, Jr., Commissioner

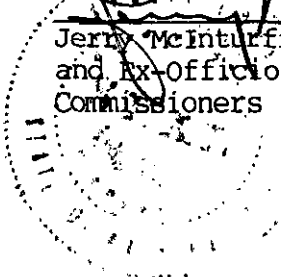


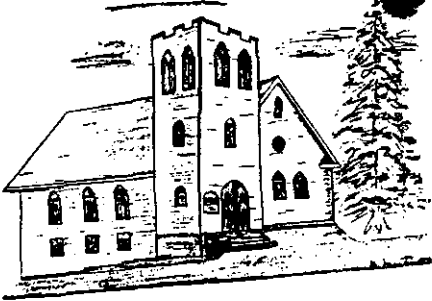
Dave Rohrer, Commissioner

ATTEST:



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





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Mr. Bill Vaux
Commissioner

Dear Mr. Vaux,

My name is Carl Landerholm. I am the United Methodist minister in Bay View. On September 3rd our congregation will be coming before the Commissioners for a variance on a proposed septic system.

I can't tell you how much this system will mean to the life of our small congregation. Presently, we have an outhouse which is both illegal and unusable. For nearly 100 years we have been without water and a bathroom. We find it nearly impossible to keep younger families in the Church without it. It is also very difficult to house community functions. We need a bathroom.

We seek a variance for this system for three reasons. First, we are one of the smallest Churches in the State and simply cannot afford a mound system. Our annual budget is around \$4,000 a year. Second, last year our average worship attendance was 13 people per Sunday. This means fifteen people could potentially use a bathroom during the one hour period, once a week. Our use is so limited we would not overflow a more limited septic system. Finally, Johnny Tamman is an active member of our congregation and can easily maintain the system.

I write to ask you to consider our position. We need your support. If you have any questions, please call! Sincerely, Carl Landerholm